

# Municipality of Thiva

## Thiva, Thisvi, Vagia, Plataies “The crossroads of cultures”

A place rich in ancient and religious history, unique monuments and sights, age-old tradition and customs unchanged over the years, various magnificent sceneries and beaches with turquoise crystal clear waters.

An unexplored paradise of dreamy landscapes, towns famous for their historical and mythological significance, enchanting traditional villages, unique high-quality products, and, of course, hospitable people!

A destination suitable for all seasons, waiting to be discovered...  
An ideal place to enjoy all tourism sectors and for weekend getaways.

**The Municipality of Thiva** lies north-east of Attica, extends as far as the northern shore of the Corinthian Gulf, and is only some 87km away from Athens. The seat of the municipality is **Thebes (Thiva)** in modern Greek, built right on the site of its mighty predecessor. Thebes was the birthplace of the god Dionysos, the mythical hero Hercules, the poet Pindaros, and the famous general Epaminondas. Thebes itself was the centre of many myths, prominent among them that of Oedipus who married his mother Jocasta.

### The Municipality's tourist attractions

#### For history- & culture-lovers:

- Thebes Archaeological Museum, an excellent museum containing finds from the whole region of Boeotia (Viotia)
- Archaeological sites such as Plataies (479 BC), Lefktra (371 BC) and many others
- Byzantine & post-Byzantine monasteries and churches with fine frescoes, mosaics, icons, etc.
- Several interesting folk museums
- Festivities and festivals where visitors can participate and have a lot of fun.

#### For nature- & sports-lovers:

- The mountains of Elikonas, Kitheronas and Ypato (Ptoos Oros), as well as the Moschopodi forest and Lake Yliki are ideal for walking, trekking and mountaineering.
- Corinthian Gulf is full of wonderful beaches with verdant hillsides, suitable for swimming, sunbathing and water sports
- For aerial sports there is a hang-gliding centre on Mt Kitheronas, near Plataies, open all year round.
- Thebes also provides an aerial sport centre, as well as some sports grounds for athletics, horse riding, tennis, etc.

#### For lovers of culinary delights and nightlife:

Throughout the region restaurants and tavernas serve local delicacies and fresh seafood accompanied by local wines, while bars and clubs stay open till late at night or dawn.

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Aghios Vassilios beach



Hang-gliding at Mt Kitheronas



Evangelist Luke church



Lake Yliki

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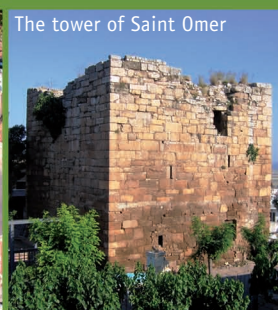
"Melina Merkouri" theatre



Epaminonda's Trophy



Aerial photo of Thiva Archaeological Museum



The tower of Saint Omer



Thebes Museum.  
Ancient exhibits



Saranti Beach

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