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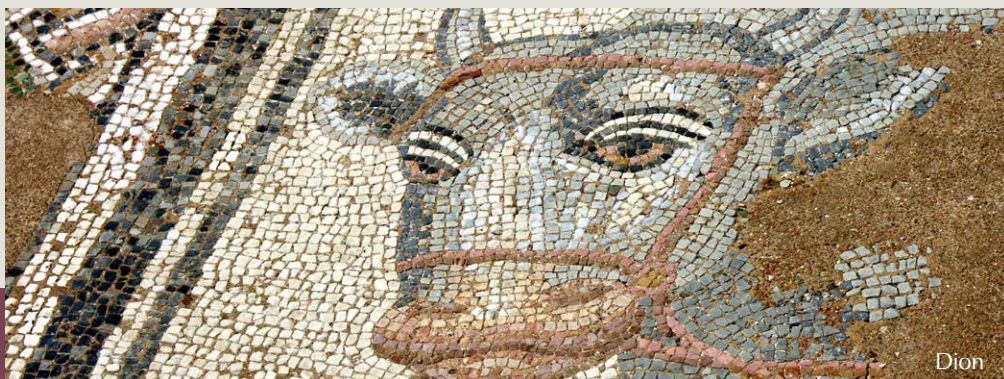
Northern GREECE

In the Footsteps of the Kings of Macedon

May 1-12, 2023 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Kathleen Lynch



Pella



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Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Kathleen Lynch is Professor and Interim Head of Classics at the University of Cincinnati and a classical archaeologist with a focus on ancient Greek ceramics.

She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, and has worked on archaeological projects at sites in Greece (Athenian Agora, Olynthos, Corinth, Pylos), Turkey (Gordion, Troy), Italy (Morgantina), and Albania (Apollonia). Kathleen's research considers what ancient ceramics can tell us about their use and users. Athenian figure decorated pottery from Athens is her specialty, and her book, *The Symposium in Context* (2011 ASCSA Publications), won the AIA's 2013 James R. Wiseman Award for best publication in archaeology. It explores the kitchen cupboards of an Archaic Athenian house.

At Cincinnati, Kathleen teaches mythology, Greek and Roman archaeology, and graduate seminars on topics such as Pausanias, the 2nd century A.D. traveler; Greek iconography; and ancient art and art history. She will be the AIA Norton Lecturer in 2023, has served as an AIA Academic Trustee, and serves as the Treasurer for the AIA's local Cincinnati Society. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting. Kathleen has lectured to excellent reviews on six previous AIA-sponsored cruises and a 2021 land tour of Greece. For a taste of her lecture style, look for her 2021 "Archaeology Abridged" videos on the [AIA's ArchaeologyTV YouTube channel](#).



Pella Museum

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- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ Flights

Join our engaging and fascinating AIA lecturer, Kathleen Lynch, on this unique itinerary in the footsteps of legendary rulers such as Philip II and his son, Alexander the Great. Discover several UNESCO World Heritage Sites and four cities along the ancient Via Egnatia, which linked Europe with Asia. Explore outstanding museums and admire lovely landscapes between the sea and the mountains. Stay at least two nights each at three luxurious hotels: Thessaloniki's 5-star *Electra Palace*, located in the city center just steps away from the seaside promenade; the 5-star *Cavo Olympo Luxury Resort & Spa* at the foot of Mt. Olympus; and the *Imaret*, a historic boutique hotel, founded originally by Mohamed Ali Pasha in 1813 as an Islamic school and charitable center.

Highlights include:

- **Thessaloniki's** imposing Byzantine City Walls, Churches of Agios Dimitrios and Agia Sofia, Rotunda of St. George, Roman Arch of Galerius, and Roman Agora
- **Mieza's** ancient theater and "shrine of the Nymphs," where Aristotle taught Alexander the Great
- The archaeological site and museum at **Pella**, capital of ancient Macedonia and birthplace of Philip II and his son, Alexander
- Aigai, also known as **Vergina**, the first capital of Macedon, where we find the tombs of several Macedonian kings and the museum that houses their glorious frescoes, gold artifacts, and other treasures
- The museum and site of **Dion**, where Philip II and Alexander made sacrifices to Zeus at the foot of Mt. Olympus
- **Olynthos**, an ancient site on the Chalkidiki Peninsula
- The ancient theater and basilica at **Philippi**, founded in 356 B.C. by Philip II, followed by a visit to a winery.
- **Kavala's** old city, including the Archaeology Museum, Aqueduct, Castle, and the former home of Mohamed Ali Pasha, the *de facto* ruler of Egypt from 1805 to 1848.

"Kathleen Lynch, our accompanying archaeologist, patiently answered countless questions, which added such an incredible depth for me. Her lectures were excellent."

- Susan, CA

ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)= Reception, (D)= Dinner

Monday, May 1, 2023: Depart home

Tuesday, May 2: Arrive Thessaloniki, Greece | Promenade walk | Welcome reception

Upon arrival at Thessaloniki Airport "Makedonia" (SKG), you will be met and transferred privately to our luxurious hotel on Aristotelous Square, next to the Thermaikos Gulf, with a striking view of Mount Olympus in the distance. Later in the afternoon, meet our AIA lecturer, tour manager, local guide, and fellow participants to take a walk along the splendid promenade. This evening we gather for a welcome reception at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Electra Palace Thessaloniki](#) for three nights.* (R)

Wednesday, May 3: Thessaloniki city tour | Welcome dinner

Founded in 315 B.C., the provincial capital and seaport of Thessalonika was one of the first bases for the spread of Christianity, and today it is Greece's second largest city. Our guided city tour includes the imposing Byzantine City Walls, the Churches of Agios Dimitrios and Agia Sofia, the Rotunda of St. George, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Roman Agora. Gather for our first lecture by Kathleen Lynch, followed by a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 4: Mieza | Pella | Thessaloniki

This morning we drive a little over an hour to Mieza, "shrine of the Nymphs," a town where Aristotle taught a young Alexander the Great. Both the shrine and the school complex consist of two natural caves, and we will see the ancient theater and, if they are open, the Macedonian tombs. Continue on to Pella, capital of ancient Macedonia and birthplace of Philip II and Alexander. Highlights of the site include its exquisite pebble mosaic floors and museum. Return to Thessaloniki for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Friday, May 5: Vergina | Dion | Litochoro

This morning we drive to Vergina, the site of ancient Aigai, the first capital of Macedon. In 336 B.C., Philip II was assassinated in Aigai's theater and his son, Alexander the Great, was proclaimed king. In 1977 the burial sites of several kings of Macedon were found, and the site museum displays their glorious frescoes, gold, and other treasures. We drive south to Dion, the Macedonians' sacred city, where Philip II and Alexander



Golden larnax and crown, Vergina Museum
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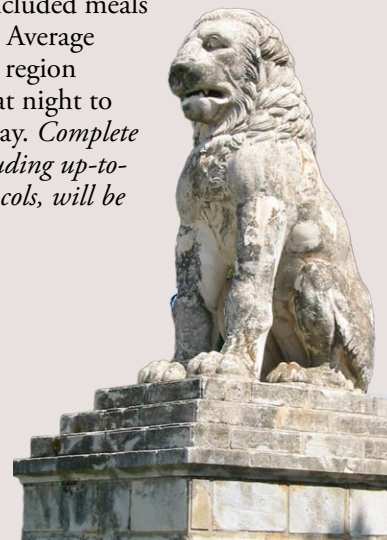


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Macedonian tombs, Mieza

What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested, and additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. Average May temperatures in this region range from the high 50s at night to the mid-70s during the day. *Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.*



Amphipolis Lion © Kkonstan



made sacrifices to Zeus at the foot of Mount Olympus. We will explore the site and visit the museum. A short drive takes us to the town of Litochoro, located at the base of Mount Olympus, on the western shore of the Thermaic Gulf. Check-in to our hotel and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Cavo Olympo Luxury Resort & Spa](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 6: At leisure OR optional hike in Mt. Olympus National Park | Litochoro

Today you may choose to relax and enjoy the amenities of our luxurious resort/spa OR join us for a guided hike in Mount Olympus National Park. Depending on the group's overall levels of fitness and energy, our guide will determine the best hiking option, but we plan to walk some portion of the Litochoro–Prionia route, through the beautiful, black pine tree forest with waterfalls and the old (16th-century) Monastery of Agios Dionysios. (B,L)

Sunday, May 7: Olynthos | Archaeological Museum of Polygyros | Kavala

We drive two hours to the Chalkidiki Peninsula, where we visit the ruins of Ancient Olynthos which was built on two hills – the city on the southern hill was founded in the seventh century B.C. and destroyed by the Persians in 479 B.C., when its inhabitants built a new city on the northern hill. This prosperous and powerful new city was then destroyed by Philip II's forces in 348 B.C. The archaeological site gives us insight into ancient town planning, and its residential quarters give us insight into ancient domestic life. Continue on to the newly-renovated Archaeological Museum of Polygyros, which houses collections from sites in the Chalkidiki region dating from the Bronze Age to the Roman period, including artifacts from Olynthos. We continue driving east for two hours, along the shores of the Aegean, to Kavala where we check-in to a historic and refurbished boutique hotel that was originally a Koranic school and charitable center founded by Mohamed Ali (see May 9th description) in 1813. *Overnight at the 5-star [Imaret Hotel](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Monday, May 8: Philippi | Winery visit | Kavala

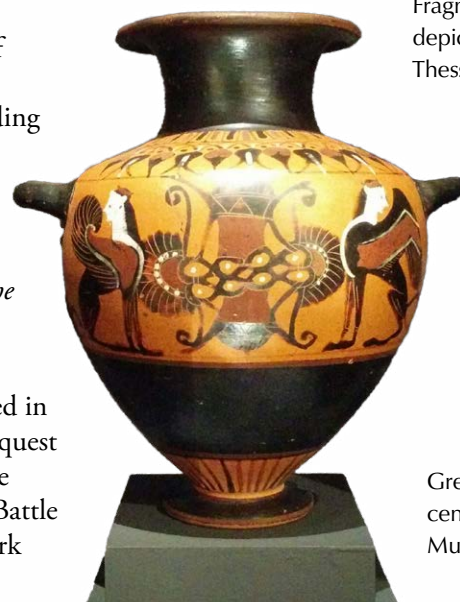
This morning we visit the archaeological site of Philippi, founded in 356 B.C. by Philip II. It was abandoned after the Ottoman conquest in the 14th century. It lies along the ancient route linking Europe and Asia, the Via Egnatia. Just west of the city was the historic Battle of Philippi in 42 B.C., the final battle between the forces of Mark



Kavala aqueduct



Fragments of a marble sarcophagus depicting the Caledonian boar hunt, Thessaloniki Archaeological Museum



Greek red figure pottery, 4th century B.C., Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki © Gts-tg



Antony and Octavian (future Augustus) and the leaders of Julius Caesar's assassination, Brutus and Cassius. This battle presaged the end of the Roman Republic and the dawn of the Roman Empire. The city became a center of the Christian faith following the Apostle Paul's visit in A.D. 49-50. The site of Philippi has characteristic monuments of the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Christian periods, including an ancient theater and basilica. We then enjoy a visit to a winery before returning to our luxury hotel in Kavala. (B,L)

Tuesday, May 9: Kavala: Archaeology Museum, Aqueduct, Castle, Institute Mohamed Ali

Today is devoted to exploring Kavala, beginning with a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Archaeology Museum, Aqueduct, and Castle. After lunch, we walk to the Institute Mohamed Ali, former home of Mohamed Ali Pasha, who was born in 1769 in Kavala, then part of the Ottoman Empire. He was Khedive of Egypt and Sudan, and is regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. (B,L)

"The amount of historical sites we were able to see and the added feature of having Dr. Lynch as our own private archaeologist was just amazing."

- Cassandra, TX

Wednesday, May 10: Amphipolis | Thessaloniki

This morning we drive west to Amphipolis, where excavations in and around the city have revealed important buildings, ancient walls, and tombs, and the finds are displayed at the archaeological museum. Excavations of a royal Macedonian tomb (the Kasta Tomb) are in progress, and we are seeking permission to enter (TBD). It is the largest ancient *tumulus* (burial mound) ever discovered in Greece, and dwarfs the one at Vergina. We continue driving west and check-in again to our hotel in Thessaloniki. Enjoy some time to relax and explore the lively promenade area, packed with shops and restaurants. Dinner is on your own. *Overnight at the 5-star [Electra Palace Thessaloniki](#) for two nights.* (B,L)

Thursday, May 11: Thessaloniki: Archaeological Museum, Byzantine Museum | Farewell dinner

We will end our trip with visits to two splendid Thessaloniki museums, one focusing on archaeological material and the other on masterpieces of Byzantine art. This evening we enjoy a festive farewell dinner hosted by Kathleen Lynch. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 12: Fly home

Take a private transfer to Thessaloniki Airport "Makedonia" (SKG) in time for independent flights homeward. (B)



Amphipolis © Juergen Weidner

*“Terrific guides, perfect trip planning, great accommodations,
good (small) size group with interesting participants.”*

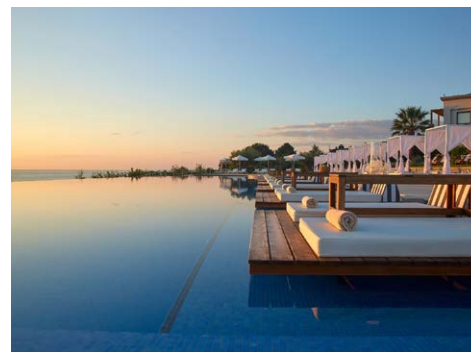
- Richard, Florida



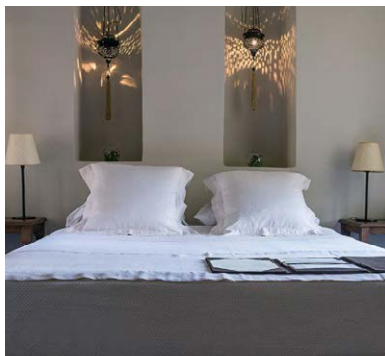
Accommodations



Thessaloniki: Five nights total at the 5-star [*Electra Palace Thessaloniki*](#)



Litochoro: Two nights at the 5-star [*Cavo Olympo Luxury Resort & Spa*](#)



Kavala: Three nights at the 5-star [*Imaret Hotel*](#)

Spend five nights total at the *Electra Palace Thessaloniki*. Enjoy being next to the waters of the Thermaikos Gulf with views of legendary Mount Olympus in the distance.

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Tour Prices Per Person (10 nights)

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Double Occupancy (11-13 participants)	\$8,745
Single Supplement.....	\$1,895

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).
With fewer than 11 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Kathleen Lynch**, plus a professional **tour manager** and an **expert local guide**
- **Ten nights at luxury 5-star hotels:** five nights total in Thessaloniki, two nights in Litochoro, and three nights in Kavala
- **Delicious meals:** breakfast daily; 9 lunches and 4 dinners including a farewell dinner, plus a welcome reception. Bottled water or soft drinks as well as coffee/tea are included with all meals, plus wine with included dinners
- **Excursions** and sightseeing as per itinerary, including a special **winery visit** and an **optional guided hike in Mount Olympus National Park**
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*"Our lecturer, Kathleen Lynch,
made the trip. She is knowledgeable,
approachable and was like having
a best friend guiding us. We would
definitely go on another trip if she is
the leader."*

- Everett, MO



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Mount Olympus from Litochoro

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