



FINAL CONFERENCE
4-6 NOVEMBER 2024
DRAMA, GREECE



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Φορέας Διαχείρισης
ΔΕΛΤΑ ΝΕΣΤΟΥ -

ΒΙΕΤΗΝΙΑΣ-ΙΣΜΑΡΙΑΣ & ΘΑΞΟΥ
Delta Nestos, Lakes Vistonida-Ismarida
& Thassos Island Management Body



THE CITY

Welcome to Drama

a city nestled in the heart of northern Greece, known for its stunning natural landscapes, historical significance, and vibrant cultural life.



Surrounded by the lush forests of the Rodopi Mountains and near the Nestos River, Drama offers an inspiring setting for the **LIFE PRIMED Final Conference**, taking place from **November 4-6, 2024**.

The conference will bring together leading experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss various aspects of ecological restoration in the Mediterranean region, with a focus on the restoration of priority habitats.

We are proud to guide you in exploring both the beauty of Drama and the critical outcomes of the **LIFE PRIMED** project



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Drama

holds great significance for environmental conservation, being close to the Nestos Delta, a vital National Park and Natura 2000 site.

The Delta is a biodiversity hotspot, home to numerous species and important ecosystems that are the focus of targeted restoration efforts.

Through the **LIFE PRIMED** project, we have worked to restore and manage Mediterranean coastal habitats, ensuring their resilience in the face of human pressures and climate change.



This conference will highlight the importance of Drama and the Nestos Delta in this mission, showcasing how these local actions contribute to broader European restoration goals.



HISTORY

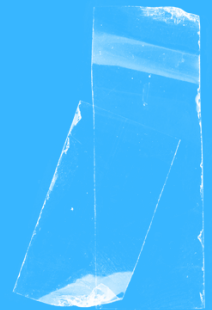
Mount Falacro

has watched over Drama since the late 5th millennium BC.

Nested at its foot, Drama flourished thanks to abundant water and a fertile plain. Originally settled by Thracians, this charming spot became a bustling hub of trade with the Greek colonies along the Thracian and Macedonian coasts.



By the mid-4th century BC, Philip II of Macedon couldn't resist the allure of Drama and brought it into his vast kingdom.



The Romans soon took over, making Drama a satellite of Philippi, and the Byzantine era brought transformation as the town grew from a modest fortification to a key commercial hub known as "Darma." It had a colorful history, passing briefly into the hands of Latin Crusaders, then the Serbs, and eventually the Ottomans.



In the 18th century, Drama struck gold—the green gold of tobacco, to be precise. The tobacco boom brought wealth, the proof of which still stands today in the grand old mansions and warehouses dotting the city. During the Macedonian Struggle, Archbishop Chrysostomos led Drama's resistance against Bulgarian pressure, safeguarding Greek education and culture.



HISTORY

Drama's role during the Macedonian Struggle was no less dramatic, led by Archbishop Chrysostomos, who fiercely defended Greek culture against Bulgarian influence. The city wasn't so lucky in the 20th century, enduring Bulgarian occupations during both World Wars—suffering brutal attacks in 1941 and losing much of its Jewish population.

But Drama's spirit persevered! Nestled at the foot of Mount Falakro, surrounded by springs and lush greenery, Drama today is a place of cultural pride. Every year, it celebrates its liberation with the vibrant “Eleftheria” festival, and cinephiles from around the world gather for its International Short Film Festival.



CULTURE



KEY ATTRACTIONS



Hagia Varvara
Park



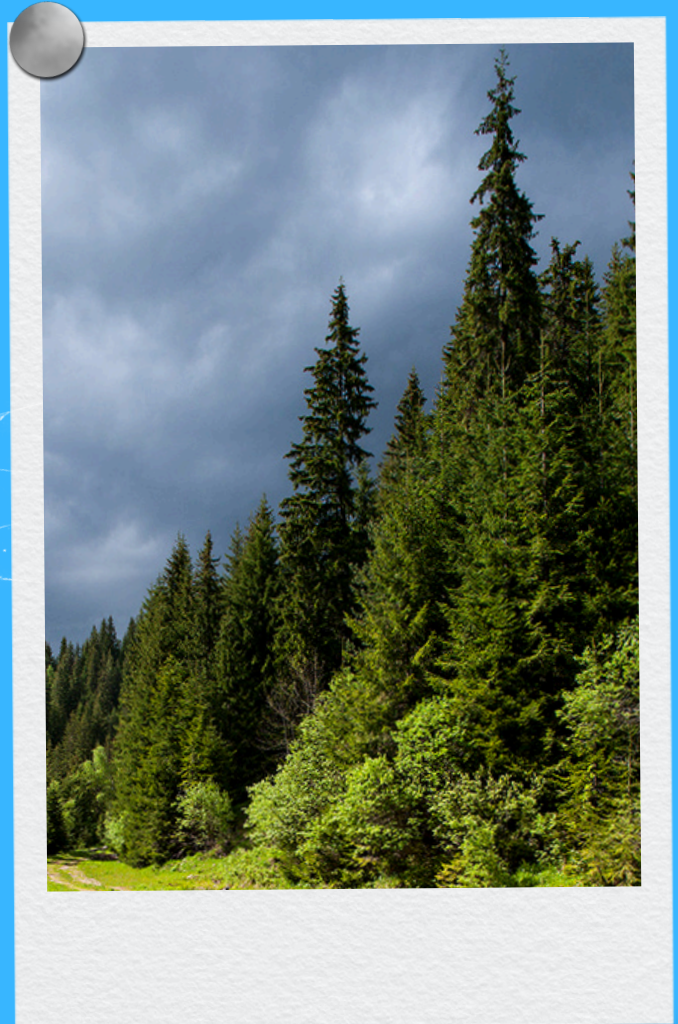
Archaeological
Museum



Philippi
Archaeological Site



Wine Tours



Rodopi
Mountains



Frakto
Mountain



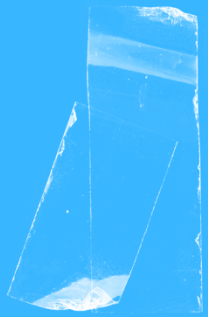
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The Cave is located just 23 kilometers northwest of Drama and is the only river cave in Greece that has been developed for exploration. A highlight of the visit is the "Hall of the Wheel," named after the impressive 8-meter-wide hydraulic wheel found inside.

Cave of Aggitis River

DAY TRIPS



Located along the Greek-Bulgarian border, 72 km away from Drama this area features vast green landscapes. Discover the tranquil Forest Village of Elatia, situated within this expansive woodland.



Elatia Forest



To Tavernaki tou
Damianou

Aminia 4, Drama 661 00

Rodóstamo

Agias Varvars 13, Drama 661 31

Pastourmas

Vasiliou Voulgaroktonou 99, Drama 661 00

LOCAL CUISINE

Giouras Tavern

Efxinou Pontou Drama 661 00

Fileto Meat Restaurant

Papadiamanti 9, Drama 661 00

La Griglia da Routsis

Kavda 39, Drama 661 00



Spierer Conference Hall

Hydrama Hotel



THE VENUE

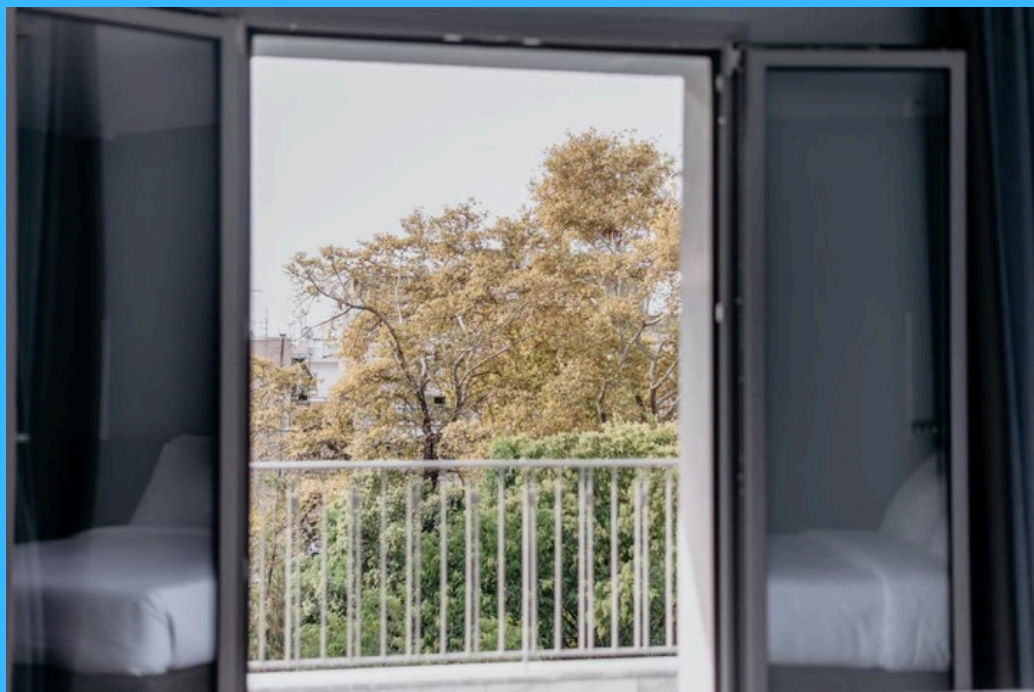
Agias Varvaras 11, Drama

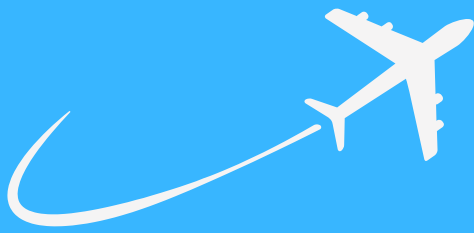




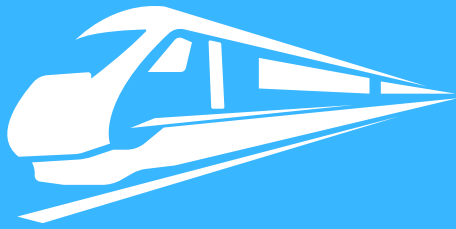
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GRAND HOTEL

ACCOMMODATION

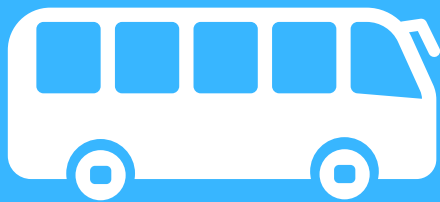




Kavala "Alexander the Great"
Airport - 67 km away from Drama
Thessaloniki "Macedonia"
Airport - 164 km away from
Drama



Trains from Athens and
Thessaloniki



Intercity buses from
Athens and Thessaloniki



Easy access through the
national A2 motorway
"Egnatia Odos"



Kavala port - 37 km away
from Drama

TRANSPORTATION



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Police - 100

Medical Emergency - 166

Fire Service - 199

Forest Service - 191

European Emergency and Civil Protection - 112

National Child Protection - 1056

European Hotline for Missing Children - 116000

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