

GIESCO THESSALONIKI 2019

June 27 Full day tour to Vergina and Veria (up to 7 hours) guided in English

Depart at 10:00 from the hotel and within an hour driving arrive at Vergina village. Vergina, identified with ancient Aigai, listed as a Unesco World Heritage site, was the first capital of ancient Macedonia, where Phillip II, father of Alexander the Great was assassinated and Alexander was proclaimed king. The today small village became world known due to the discovery of the Royal Tombs and especially that of Philip II, as there, was supposed to be the burial place of the Macedonian Kings.

The underground museum exhibiting Phillip's grave and its contents, truly fit for a king, is one of the most remarkable archaeological displays in Europe. Feast your eyes on the marvelous treasures; all masterpieces of ancient Greek art dated back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C., such as golden wreaths, silver vessels, miniature sculpture, paintings and many more.

Continue to Veria city.

Standing on the ancient road from Thessaloniki to Thessaly and 'Upper Macedonia', in the eastern foothills of mount Vermion, and on a protected, strategic site, Veria was the second most important city after Thessaloniki and always played an important role both in its immediate vital area and in the rest of Northern Greece. The Jewish presence dates back to the Roman era. In late 50 A.D. Apostle Paul preached in the Jewish synagogue there. Visit the Barbouta area, the Jewish neighborhood near to Tripotamos River, the monument commemorating the arrival of Apostle Paul, enjoy local cuisine in a restaurant at the old city and drive back to Thessaloniki.



