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Igoumenitsa, Greece

Port information

Currency

The currency in Igoumenitsa is the Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception on Deck 4. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafés and restaurants.

Language

The language in Igoumenitsa is Greek

Getting around

Distance to town centre

From the port it's around 15-20 minute walk to the centre of

Main highlights

Taxis

Taxis will be available outside the port area. We recommend agreeing a fare before taking your journey.

Local buses

Public buses are not that frequent or reliable and mainly run to destinations further afield. Please check with the Tourist Information for more details.

Main highlights

Meteora - around 180km from the port approximately 1 hour 30 minute drive, the amazingly imposing rocks of Meteora were formed about 60 million years ago and evidence dates human presence there as far back as 50,000 years. Each monastery would include a church, cloistered living quarters or cells, a refectory a library and in some cases, a treasury. Of the six monasteries still active today, Great Meteoron and Varlaam are the two largest and most visited.

They're not any historical or major highlights in Igoumenitsa, this is a gateway to the surrounding sights.

Parga - The colorful and historic seaside village of Parga has long been popular for its steep streets and rocky promontories. The Parga Castle was destroyed by the pirate Barbarrosa, and later by the Ottomans, before the present structure was built by the Venetians. When the city was captured by the Ottoman ruler Ali Pasha, he renovated the Castle to include baths and a harem. The favorite activity in Parga is sitting at a romantic seaside taverna, eating local seafood and drinking the local spirits. This is a great place to relax. Not far to the southeast of Parga is the Oracle of the Dead, a temple of Hades, where ancient Greeks came to ask questions of the dead. The drive to Parga is approximately 35 minute drive from the port.

The region of Thesprotia combines history with rustic seaside villages that have the same appeal is Ionian islands but with a more unspoiled culture. The Monastery of Giromeri in the town of Filiates was built in the 14th century and features frescoes and woodcuts of later eras. The yacht harbor of Syvota, very near the border with Albania, has long been popular with regional boaters for its waterfront tavernas and cafes and the nearby beaches. You can reach Thesprotia in around a 25 minute drive and is located 22km from the port.

Essential information

Tourist information

Located in the centre of Igoumenitsa.

Internet access

Wi-Fi is available in most bars and cafes and sometimes free internet access is available from the terminal

Nearest beaches

Drepano Beach is located 5km from Igoumenitsa town. This beach stretches over 7km along Drepano peninsula with white fine sand, shallow clear waters and eucalyptus bushes that grow along the side. It also has camping grounds, tavernas, cafes and water sports facilities.

Den Katalaveno

Useful phrases

Yes Ochi No Hello Gia Pos Ise? How are you? Mia hara Fine Thank you Efcharisto Please Parakalo Good morning Kalimera Good day Kalimera Good evening Kalispera Goodbye Good Night Kalinihta Where is the toilet? Pou Einaih I Toualeta

I don't understand

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, always ensure you keep a close eye on your valuables

Within the town there are a selection of local shops in selling a range of souvenirs and handmade produces. The shops will close local time at 13:00 until 17:00.

Just to let you know... We will be staying on ship's time for our call to Igoumenitsa, therefore there's no need to adjust your watches.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Igoumenitsa

There can be last minute changes. Please check Cruise News for the latest information before you go ashore.