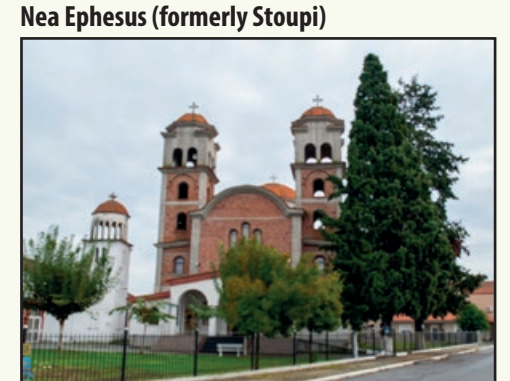
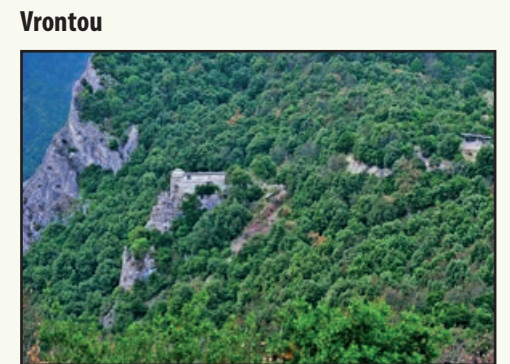




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Nea Ephesus (formerly Stoupi)  
Mainly an agricultural settlement, famous for its lead in the kiwi production, with relevant farming cooperative functioning. The former name was the Spi, originating from the Byzantine surname of royalty Spingi). On the hill of the village stands the St John the Baptist Church, a restored post - Byzantine church with frescoes of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. The festivities of the village, with events at the central square and the courtyard of the church, take place on August 29th (the John Baptist's Decapitation day). Other events of special interest are the soccer games in the field of the Pierian Soccer Team's Union, which attract the talents of the Pieria prefecture.



Vrontou  
This village is the template of farming and agriculture. It is recently built in a magnificent location on the foothill of Mt Olympus. The residents are mainly engaged with the cultivation of vineyards, pomegranates and tobacco. Several taverns offer local meat delights and fresh salads. Destinations of interest are: the Agia Kori chapel (Holy Virgin) within a gorge stream, the frescoed Byzantine small Agia Triada Monastery (Holy Trinity), the ruins of the old village (Palia Vrontou) surrounding St Nicholas Church (1871 ). On the way to Mt Olympus stands the "Krevatia" refuge, which is a starting point for excursions to the summits. The homecoming of Vrontou inhabitants from all around the world, takes place on Tuesday after Easter in the old village, on the church alley, recalling local dances and songs, and enjoying traditional bean - goat soup and wine.



Litochoro  
It is the main gate to Mt Olympus, a spectacular ascent to the mountain's summit and to the refuges. The route entrances are at the positions Prionia and Gortsia. In this town high quality accommodation, shopping, restaurants and entertainment are offered. Above this area, on Mt Olympus, St Dionysius, during the 1<sup>st</sup> 6th century, dedicated his life to prayer and contemplation. On the way to the summits the St Trinity Patriarchal Monastery was founded by him, which was destroyed by the Nazis during the WW2. The monks then had to settle the Monastery at a lower area called Metochi, next to Litochoro. The recent restoration of the old Monastery is funded by European Financial Instruments. The famous painter Vassilios Ithakisios spent most of his life in one of the caves in Mt Olympus, where he created art - works, depicting uniquely the magnificence of the twelve Gods' residence. Under the leadership of Evangelos Korovagos, the Macedonian Liberation upraised in Litochoro in 1878. In this Revolt, forty one villages participated, nine of which belong to this Municipality. The most important events in Litochoro are: the Olympian St Dionysius Feast Day on January 23<sup>rd</sup>; the "Sigma" ceremony (families' coats of arms) on January 6<sup>th</sup>; the famous mountaineering race "Olympus Marathon" on June's last weekend and the burning of cedar trees in various neighborhoods, the night before Clean Monday. Litochoro houses a Maritime Museum, with exhibits from the naval tradition, and a Natural History Museum. At the coast of Litochoro, lay Variko, Gritsa and Plaka beaches, joined with accommodation, camping sites, restaurants and entertainment.



Platamonas  
It's a cosmopolitan village, a fairly new - settled in 1925 - seaside resort with joyful accommodation, shopping, dining, night-life, daily excursions, well organized beaches and a port with docks for yachts. To the north of Platamonas hangs the Byzantine "Castle of Platamonas", which used to be the Acropolis of the ancient Macedonian city Heraklia and the key passage from Macedonia to Thessaly. In this castle special Olympus Festival performances take place every summer. In the beginning of August a lot of cultural events are promoted, dedicated to the local's church celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6th).



Kountouriotissa (Kontariotissa):  
It's the capital of the former Dion Municipality, purely an agricultural region, where the High School of the Municipal Unit is located. From this area, where ancient Pierida was based, derives the name of the Pieria prefecture. On the hill of the village lies the Sacred Temple of the Assumption of Madonna (Panagia), a valuable Byzantine monument, erected in the mid - 8th century A.D., thus rebuilt in the 15th century. On this hill rises the newly - built Convent of St Ephraim. The "Madonna's Dormition" is celebrated on the 15th of August, with various cultural events. The activities of the Pieria Air Club are running there.



Karitsa  
It is an agricultural village with vivid life, attracting visitors in order to taste the local menu in the traditional taverns and the sweets in the confectioneries. Most of the inhabitants are engaged in the tobacco and kiwi production. The "Farmer's Fair" is the local significant September event, which takes place in the football stadium, marking the end of the farming season. Agricultural products, tools and machinery are exhibited in this fair, while local cultural associations organize various events and shows. Locals from all around, arrive on July 7<sup>th</sup> to Karitsa for the weekend festival of Agia Kyriaki. In the mid - August they visit their hometown, the old village Fleri, for Madonna's celebration. LOCAL COMMUNITIES (population below 2.000 residents)



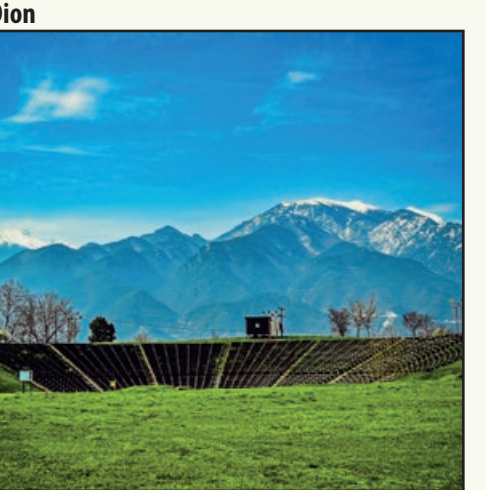
Leptokaria  
This is a tourist seaside resort that serves accommodation, shopping, dining, entertainment, sports and organized beaches. The abandoned village Palia (Old) Leptokaria is located to the west, where stands the Holy Trinity Church and the ruined St Nicholas Church. The ancient Acropolis of Levetra town, located close to Leptokaria and on the northern riverside of Ziliana River, is the place where Orpheus was buried. The "Kanalon" Monastery and the refuge "Koromilia" are located on the root to southern Mt Olympus. On the other side of Ziliana river is Skotina village. Leptokaria town is the second most populated settlement of the Municipality. Special local events are: the carnival, having its high time on the "Carnival Sunday", when the parade of the floats takes place, as well as the murdering of Orpheus by the Maenads.



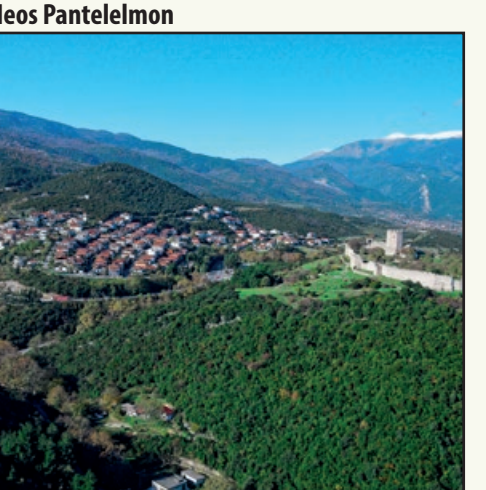
Skotina  
A picturesque village, with the residents mainly engaged in the farming of chestnuts and olives, is also offering dining and entertainment. Tracking a twenty minute mountainous route amid ancient towering firs, beaches and plane trees, the Traditional Settlement of Ano (Upper) Skotina, is reached. Renovated buildings, offering traditional accommodation, surround the Virgin Mary (Panagia) temple (1862), which celebrates Her Assumption on August 15<sup>th</sup> - Due to religious tradition, at this day the Holy Icon followed by the priest and the pilgrims, is carried from the new settlement towards the old. In order to satisfy the visitors' vacation desires, in the searfront of Skotina beach qualified camping sites, dining, entertainment venues and accommodation are held. This is the birthplace of Patriarch Kallinikos of Alexandria (1800 to 1889). The splendid event of autumn is the "Kastanogiort" (Chestnut celebration)



Agios Spiridon  
It is a farming area, with mountainous pens producing free - range meat and dairy products. A fully equipped Sports Hall is located in this village and also the private soccer academy "Stergios Giot-sas". The event that attracts the all - around Sarakatsanos (Greek nomad race) is organized every September in the courtyard of the newly built St George church. Traditional Greek songs and dances raise the participants' animus.



Dion  
It is the Historical Capital of the Municipality. Following the tracks of Alexander the Great, archaeologists pointed ancient Dion. Under the supervision of the Aristotle Thessaloniki University professors, Dr. Demetrios Pandermalis and his academic associates, discovered the ruins of this ancient Macedonian town. It used to be the sacred city and the cultural beacon of Macedonia, since the reign of the King Archelaus of Macedonia, from the 5th century B.C. until the end of the 5th century A.D. The Archaeological Site is open to visitors and contains many important articles and temples: the statue of Zeus Hypsistos, the villa of Dionysus with its mosaics, the Sanctuary of Demetra, the Temple of Isis with statues of Isis and Hypolympidia Aphrodite, the Great Baths and the Hellenistic Theatre in which, during the Olympus Festival, the ancient Greek tragedy is revived, along with other performances. The student ancient drama act, called "the Olympia in Dion", take place in the Theatre on September every year. School groups from all over the world participate. The Archaeological Museum is located in Dion. The masterpieces from the excavations of the ancient city are there exhibited. Over one hundred of these were carried to New York and exhibited in the Onassis Foundation Museum, Olympic Tower, in New York, from March until June 2016, under the fund support of the Foundation and the direction of Dr. Pandermalis. A unique Mosaics' Technique School runs also in this village. The locals are mainly engaged in agriculture and husbandry. Other interesting destinations in Dion are: the refuge "Koromilia" in Mt Olympus and, along the same route, the Ouria - ancient Helicon waterfalls, where the orgiastic Maenads which massacred Orpheus washed their hands. MUNICIPAL COMMUNITIES (population over 2.000 residents)



Neos Panteleimon  
This village was founded 50 years ago, opposite the Byzantine Castle, amphitheatrically located, viewing over the Thermaikos Gulf all the coastal towns of the Cassandra Peninsula of Halkidiki. It offers accommodation and traditional taverns. Further on, following a fascinating route into the forest, lays the Traditional Settlement of Palios Panteleimon, since the 14th century, with cobble streets without vehicles, surrounded by taverns and stone - built houses. Ornament of the settlement is the temple of St Panteleimon, which celebrates every year on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Events with local dancing groups follow the ceremony. At the foot of the Castle, northern of the old railway's tunnel, lies the Seafront of Panteleimonas (Paralia). Camping sites, hotels, beach bars, entertainment and restaurants are ready to serve and accommodate visitors. In the magnificent plane tree seaside forest. Traditional products: chestnuts and raki liqueur of cranberries (tisporou).



Nei Pori  
A tourist seaside resort, built in the late '70s offering accommodation, shopping, dining, entertainment, funfair and beach services. It is the southern boundary of Macedonia with Thessaly. The beaches are very attractive, due to their width, the top quality of the sand, the clearness of the Aegean Sea, and the background image of the Castle. To the west, close to the highway, lays the Traditional Settlement of Palei Pori, with picturesque hotels, guesthouses and taverns admiring the panorama of the Thermaikos Gulf.

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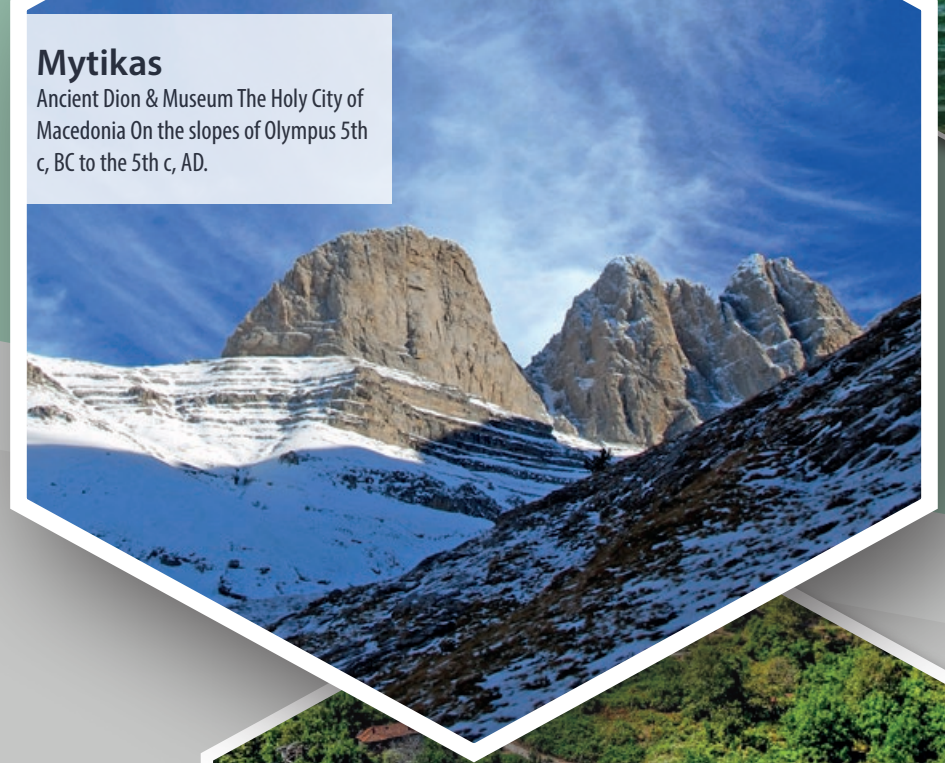


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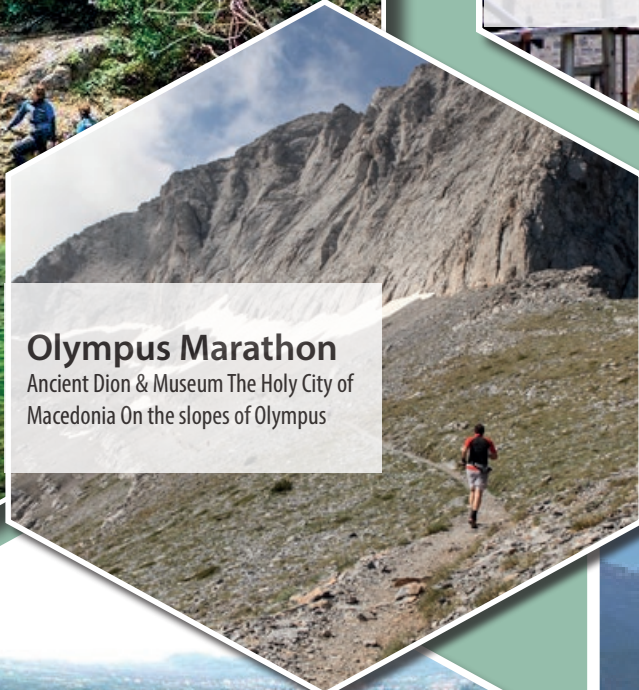
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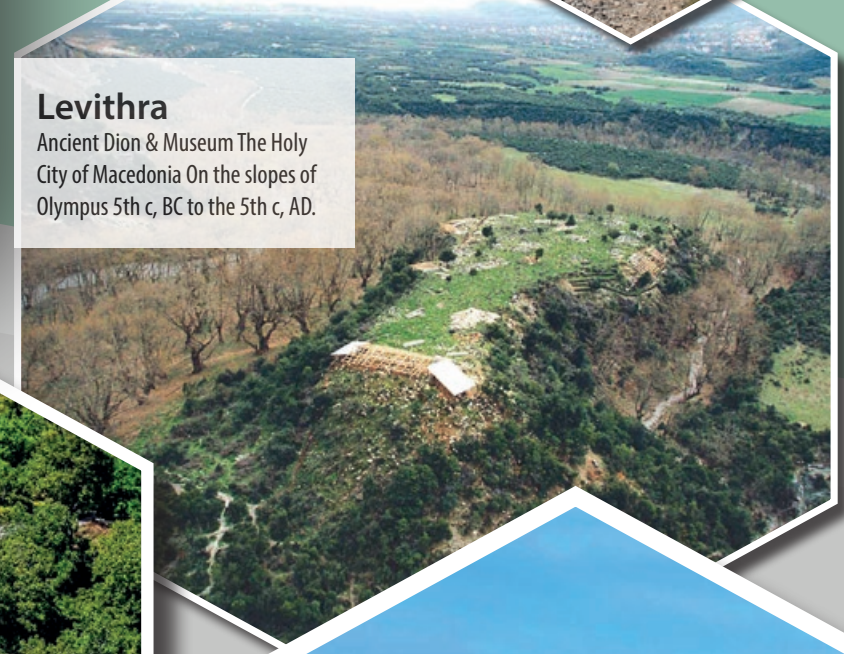
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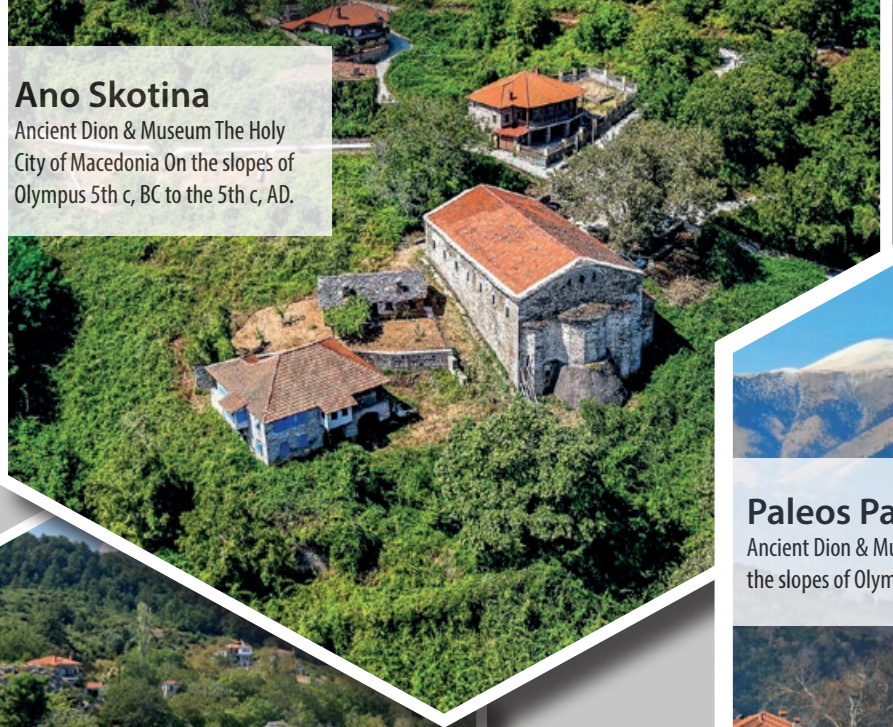
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