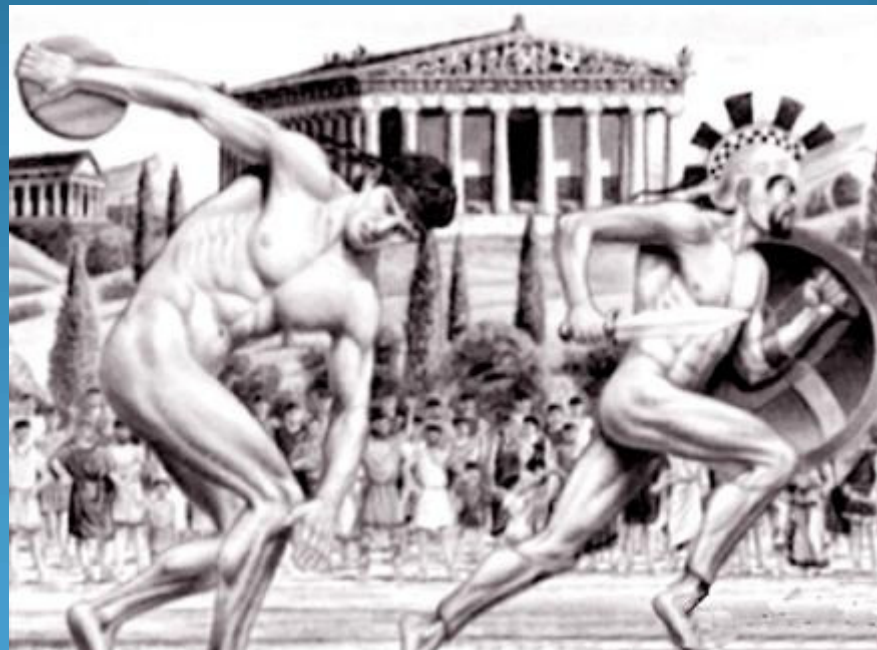


# Tourism in HELLAS

The reality in pictures...



*1st Partner's Meeting HARRYDA, SVERIGE February 2014*

# Culture

My name means  
**VICTORY**  
and i am  
**GREEK**

I AM GREEK  
AND I WANT TO GO  
HOME

Independent Voluntary Movement for the Repatriation of the abducted Greek Antiquities



**Theatre**  
**Choirs**  
**Classic Athletics**  
**Music**  
**Art**



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# VACATION

In Hellas, you are standing at a crossroads of cultures, colours and civilisations, you feel the strength of history.

A country that despite being rich in history has a population that moves towards the future.

Walk through the olive groves. Move to clusters of sparsely inhabited islands. Roam from the beaches to rocky mountains and explore breathtaking scenery.

Explore your senses in Hellas.





# Attractions



Hellas has an abundance of resources that tourists with ecological and cultural interests will find attractive. These resources are marked by their wide variety, rareness and distinctiveness and are found in areas many of which have already been placed under special protection.

# Accomodation

Hotels (ordinary hotels, traditional guesthouses)

Rooms to let

Apartments to let

Self-catering units (tourist residences and villas)

Campsites

Youth hostels



# Events

Hellas is a country with a vast wealth of cultural tradition and folklore. Visitors have many opportunities to enrich their travels by attending the various cultural or sports events.





# TRANSPORTATION

Hellas 's transportation cover in total (mainland and islands) the country

**Road connections**

**Sea travel**

**Air connections**

**Car and motorbike rental**

**Railway Network**





# Tourism in Hellas

Archaeological tourism

Ecotourism

Geotourism

Cultural tourism

Congress tourism

Therapeutic tourism

Adventure tourism



# Archaeological tourism



The cradle of European Civilization.

Boasting a history stretching back almost 4,000 years, Hellas is the Land of History, which offers a unique opportunity for a historical adventure through the centuries, a chance to mentally relive myth, history and culture, from classical times to our day.

# Ecotourism

Despite its relatively small area, Hellas has an exceptionally rich nature; it presents a wide spectrum of natural beauty & unusual animal life with 10 National Parks & other protected areas like:

Aesthetic Forests

Protected Monuments of Nature

Game Reserves and Hunting Reserves

Marine Parks





# Geotourism

Caves

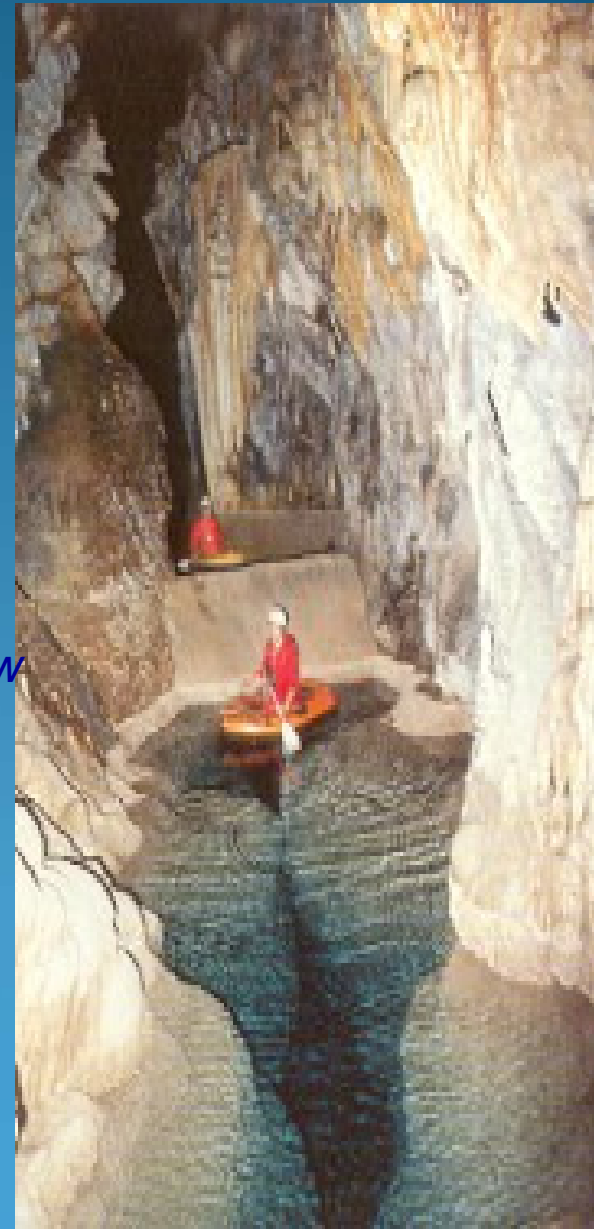
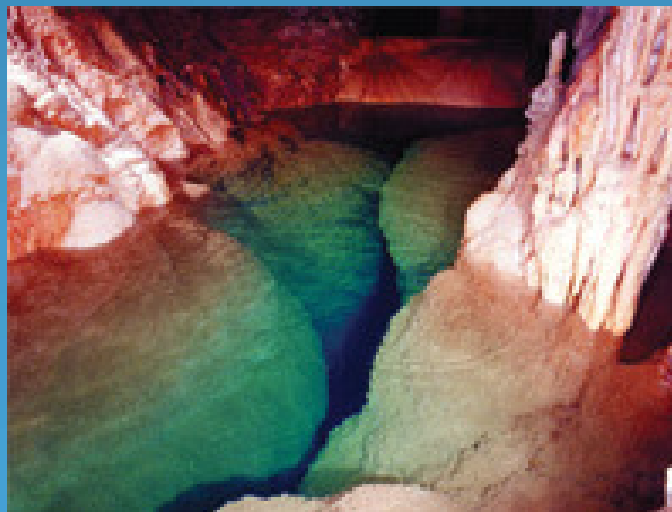
Gorges

Waterfalls

Volcanoes

Petrified Forest

fossilized areas *to mention just a few*



# Cultural tourism

*Available courses  
during holidays*

landscape painting

raku pottery

icon painting

photography

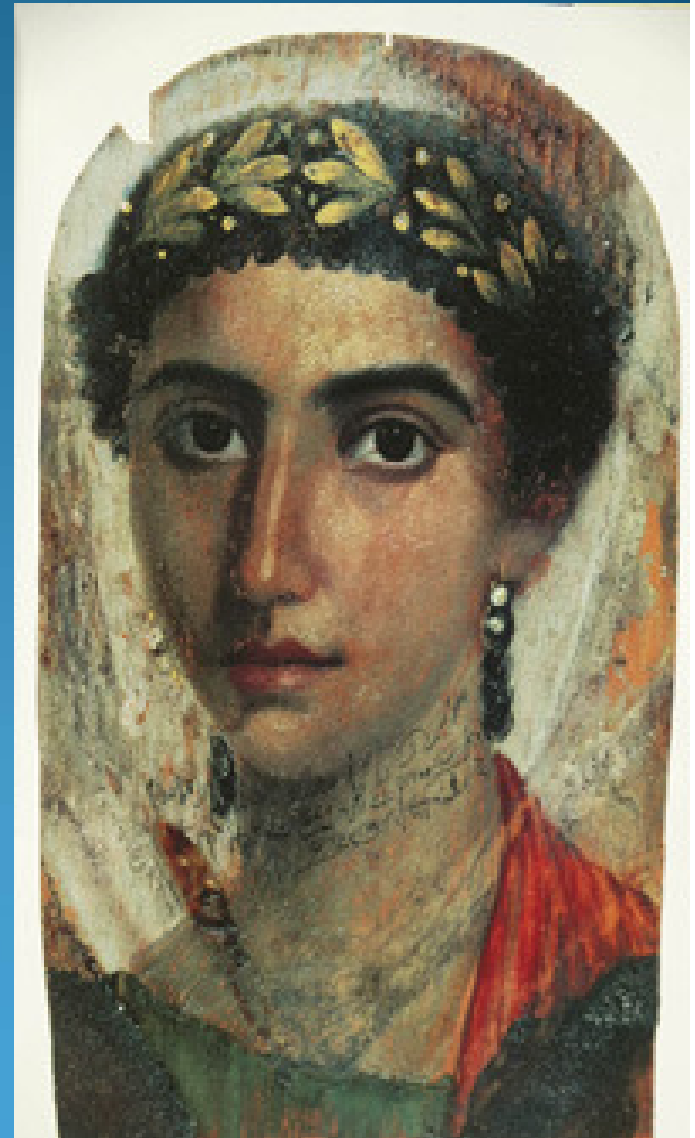
mosaic making

marble sculpting

jewellery making

script writing yoga

*for people of all ages & backgrounds*



# Congress tourism

*The concept of the congresses was born in Ancient Hellas with the Delphic Amphyctionies.*



Nowadays, Hellas aims the establishment of large conference and exhibition centres, as well as numerous luxurious hotel units featuring conference facilities staffed with experienced professionals.



# Therapeutic tourism

Hellas has innumerable natural thermal springs.

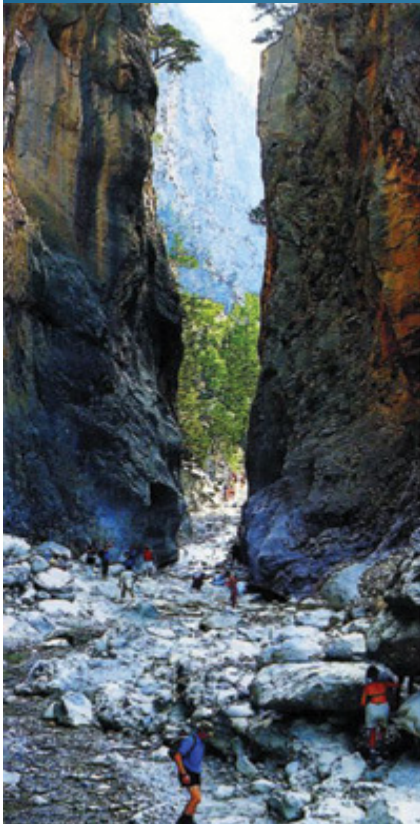
**NATURAL SPRINGS** are the thermal, hypo-thermal and cool waters containing active ingredients indicated for the cure of various illnesses.



# Adventure tourism

4 Season Activities all over the country

Trekking



Climbing



Riding





...except playgrounds of golf, tennis, football etc.

Rafting-kayaking



sailing - windsurf - cruises

jeep safari



skiing



diving





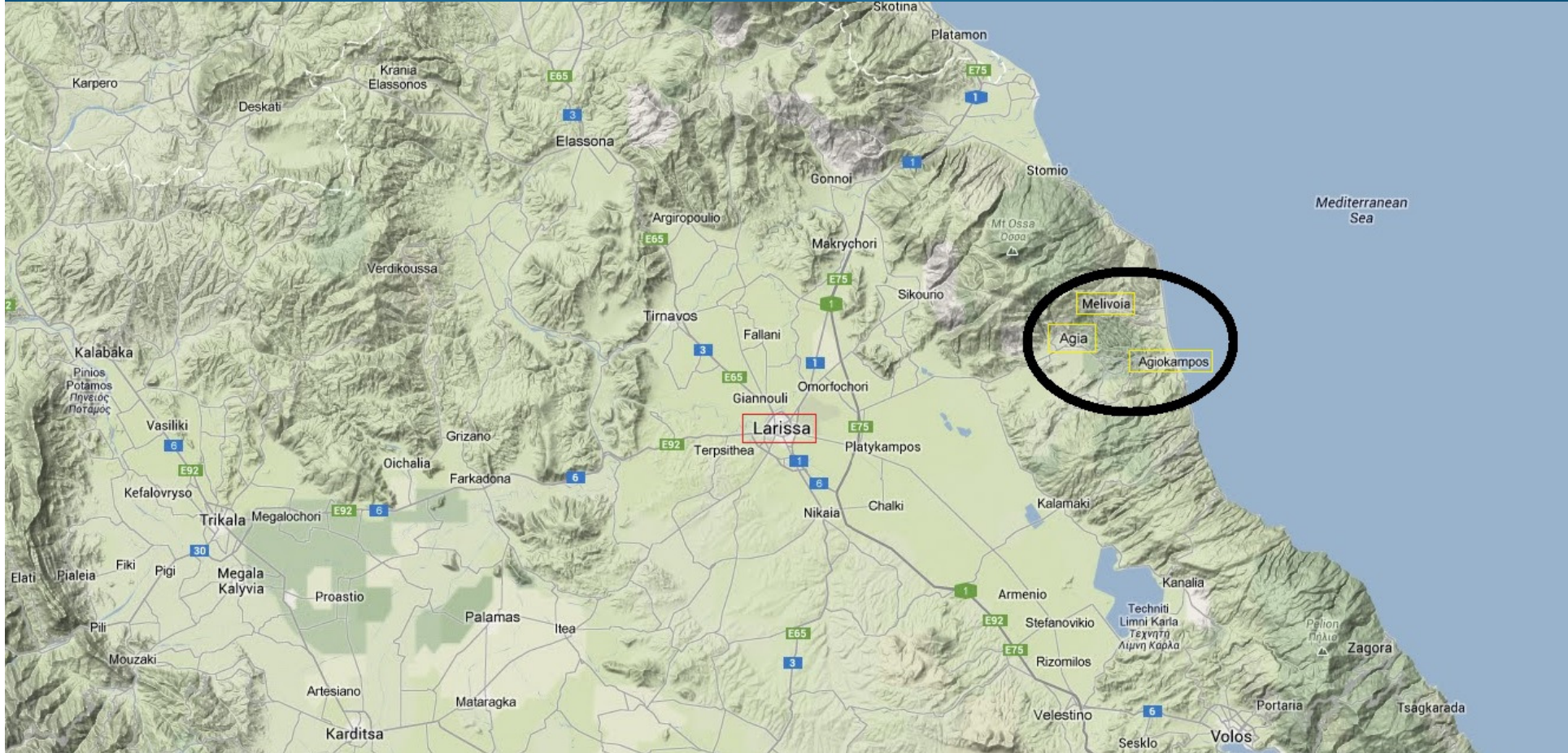
# Municipality of Agia

*A place worth living...*

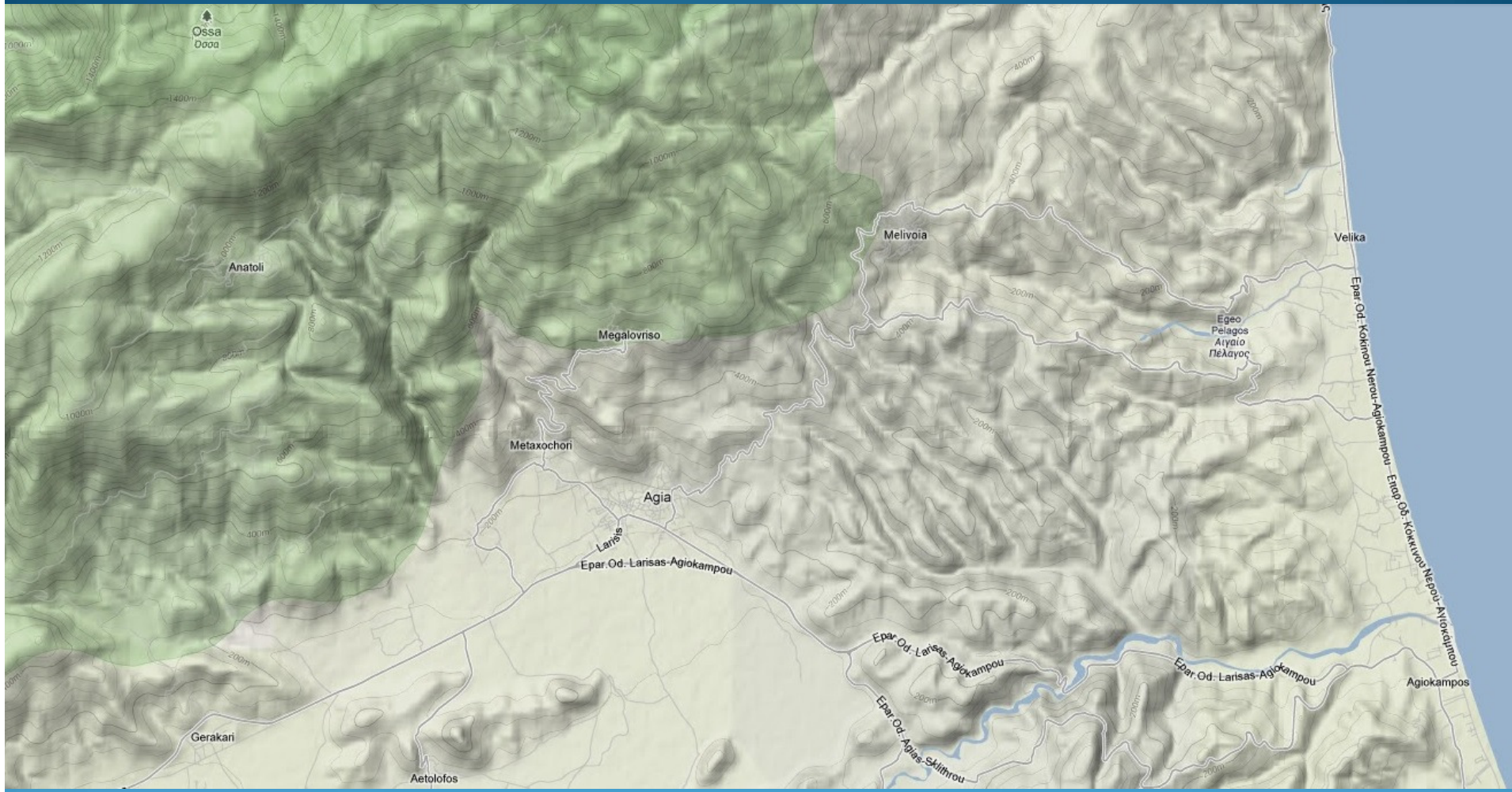












# The municipality of Agia

encompasses the below mentioned municipal units

Agia

Melibia

Lakereia

Evrimenes



# Some data...

- Population : 11,47 thousand inh.
- Total area :668.26 square kilometers
- Coastline :60 km
- Climate: mild winders, hot summers
- Flora & Fauna: apples and chestnuts (20% of the total ), cherries, olives, almonds, kiwi, corn, cotton, cereals. It is also the habitat of rare species of eagles (golden eagles, snakes), hawks and raptors in general, wild boars, deer, hares, pheasants, partridges and wolves





# Agia (city)

Agia is the seat of the municipality comprising a total of 22 villages. The altitude of these villages ranges from 960 to 5m above sea level. The city of Agia, is 37 km from the city of Larissa.

The city is crossed by the torrent Amyros that emanates from the foothills of Kissavos mt. The topography and the fertility of the soil stood the causes of early-from the prehistoric times - habitation of the area of Agia.

# The municipality of Agia in the past

The prehistoric settlement of Agia dates from the early and middle Bronze Ages. It is situated in the Kostari area, about 1 km east of Agia, 300 m northwest of the chapel of St. Athanasius. It is a prominent hill with good access from the south and north and east of the stream of Pigeon.

References from Trojan War, indicate that the King of Melibia (Filoktitis) sailed with 7 ships and 350 men to Troy.



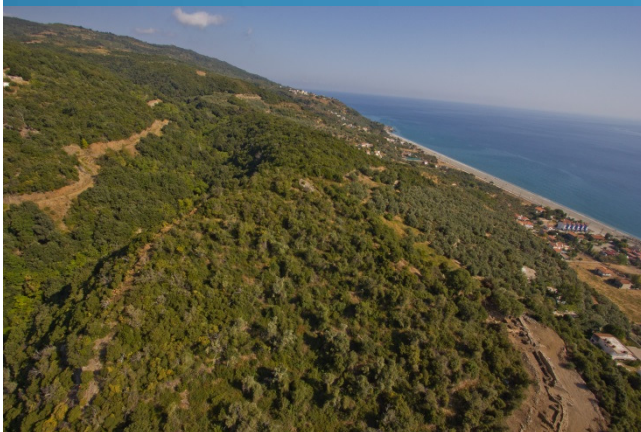
# Agia in the present

The name Agia derived from the word Αγιά (= road), and it was formerly associated with Apollo Agyiati. Other authors have argued that the place name should be concluded with the arabic-turkish word ajan meaning town, seat of the elders, while others etymology the name out of the adjective holy by omission of the noun that follows. During the Ottoman occupation it was reported by a Swedish browser around 1779 and I. Finance as Genitze.

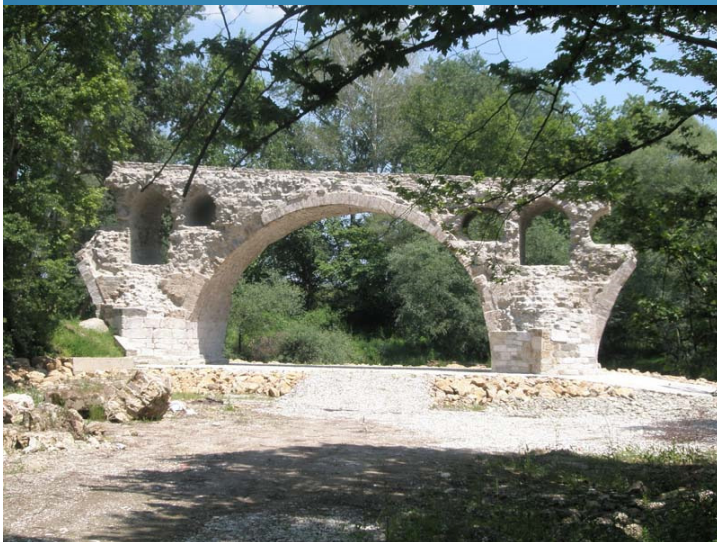


# Places worth visiting

- a. Prehistoric monuments
- b. Delta of Pinios river
- c. Byzantine churches
- d. Ancient marble mines



The wetland of Delta Pinios river: with an opening of 13 kilometers, is featured as a Landscape of Outstanding Natural Beauty, (TIFK) it belongs to the list of habitats CORINE, (1988) it's an area of "special protection" in accordance with Directive 79/409/EEC, protected by the Convention CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora), one of the areas Natura 2000 (GR1420002) and internationally in Important Areas for Birds)





Kissavos: Is designated as a special Protection Area for Birds - SPA GR 142007.

The Aesthetic Forest Ossa - GR 142003 protected from the European Network Nature 2000\_ Natura 2000 is one of the 19 aesthetic forests of Greece. Growing evergreen broadleaf as oaks, judas, arbutus, heather and abundant herbaceous (thyme, oregano), oak, chestnut, dogwood, maple, clogged lime and black pine.





Maurovouni : It is protected from the European Network Nature 2000\_Natura 2000: Carla Montenegro - GR 142004, is designated as a Special Protection Area for Birds - SPA\_Oros Maurovouni - GR 142006. The surrounding area is included in the protection of wild fauna (LIFE). Part of the area is covered by a Wildlife Refuge ( K226 , K230 , K231 ) . Here are surviving rare species of eagles (golden eagle, short-toed ) , falcons and raptors in general, wild boars, deer, hares, pheasants, partridges, wolves, Falco naumanni (Kestrel) - hawk nests with pigeons etc.

## OTHER PLACES WORTH MENTIONED

Red Hot springs - Water Font

Kalypso gorge

Polidentri forest



A scenic sunset over a coastal town and the sea, with mountains in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The town is visible on the left, nestled in a valley. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky.

Thank you!!!

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