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## WALKING PRACTICES WALKING ART WALKING BODIES

Prespes, Greece. July 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Getting to PRESPA

The closest city to Prespa is Florina where there is reliable public (bus and train) transport everyday from Athens and Thessaloniki. There is no bus connection or any other form of public transportation from Florina to Prespes.

The organization will schedule busses that will cover the distance from Florina to Prespes and opposite. The cost for that is 8 euros both ways. The busses will be departing from Florina to Prespes on Sunday, June 30th, and Wednesday, July 7th at 8:00 in the morning and at 4:00 in the afternoon. The return itinerary will be scheduled according to the needs of the group.

#### Airports

**Makedonia airport** in Thessaloniki is the nearest international airport and is approximately 3 hours drive east to Prespa. Athens is approximately 7 hours. There is public transportation connecting Thessaloniki to Florina (see below). One has to consider the approx. 45min that are needed to cover the distance from Makedonia Airport to the Train and Bus stations that are located in the opposite (west) part of Thessaloniki. There is an express bus (01N, 01X) line that connects the two areas.  
<http://oasth.gr/#en/routeinfo/list/61/12/73>

**Ioannina National Airport** is located also three hours from Prespes but there is no public transportation connecting Ioannina to Florina.

There are two other local airports (**Kozani and Kastoria, approx. 2 and 1 hrs respectively from Prespes**) with limited number of flights per week.

*In sum if someone decides to travel from Ioannina, Kozani or Kastoria to Prespes it is preferable to rent a car for the travel from these cities to Prespes.*

**By Bus from Thessaloniki and Athens:** There are daily services from Athens and Thessaloniki to Florina, approximately 8 from Athens and 2½ hours respectively. There is no bus connection or any other form of public transportation from Florina to Prespes.

For schedules, see [www.ktel.org](http://www.ktel.org).

**By Train from Thessaloniki and Florina:** There are daily services from Athens and Thessaloniki to Florina, approximately 7 hours from Athens (with a change in Plati Station) and 2½ hours respectively. There is no bus connection or any other form of public transportation from Florina to Prespes.

For schedules, see <http://www.trainose.gr/>.

**By Car From Florina:** Take the road sign-posted for Prespa from the main roundabout upon entering Florina. The right turn into Prespa is a further 35 km after crossing the pass at Vigla and passing the villages of Pisoderi and Andartiko.

#### By Car From Thessaloniki:

1. Take the National Road 'Thessaloniki-Athens' until the exit for 'Veroia – Kozani', Egnatia Highway E90. ~20km.
2. Stay on the E90 highway, traveling west towards Kozani. ~82km.
3. Take the exit for Kastoria and follow the E86 Egnatia highway, North towards Kastoria. ~30km.
4. Outside Kastoria, you will see signs for the Greek-Albanian border station at Krystallopigi. ~75km.
5. Stay on the E86 highway past the turn off for Krystallopigi and at the sign for Prespes, turn left. ~10km.
6. Follow this road winding through the hills until it ends at the 'Vrontero – Agios Germanos' road. ~15km.

#### By Car From Athens:

1. Take the National Road 'Athens-Thessaloniki' until the exit for 'Veroia – Kozani'. ~406km.
- Follow the Directions 2 – 7 Above. ~214km.

#### Useful Links

[www.visitwestmacedonia.gr/el/](http://www.visitwestmacedonia.gr/el/)  
[www.prespes.gr/prespa/index.php/2015-05-03-15-45-20](http://www.prespes.gr/prespa/index.php/2015-05-03-15-45-20)  
<http://visualmarch.eetf.uowm.gr/>  
[www.cityoflorina.gr/index.php/visitus](http://www.cityoflorina.gr/index.php/visitus)  
[www.spp.gr/](http://www.spp.gr/)