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Unveiling the Enchanting Tapestry of Greece

Beyond the iconic landmarks of Athens, Greece holds a treasure trove of hidden gems waiting to be discovered. Among these are the captivating city of Thessaloniki and the sacred mountain of Mount Athos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join us on an extraordinary journey as we delve into the rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes that make these destinations truly exceptional.

Thessaloniki: A City of Layers and Legends



Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city, is a vibrant metropolis with a fascinating past. Founded in 315 BC by Cassander, it served as the capital of the ancient kingdom of Macedon and later became a major center of the Byzantine Empire. The city's rich history has left behind a captivating tapestry of architectural wonders, from ancient ruins to stunning Byzantine churches.

Among the must-visit attractions in Thessaloniki is the iconic White Tower, a 15th-century fortress that dominates the city's skyline. The Galerius Palace and Rotunda, dating back to the 4th century AD, showcase the grandeur of Roman architecture. For a glimpse into Thessaloniki's Byzantine heritage, explore the Hagia Sophia, adorned with exquisite mosaics, and the Church of Saint Demetrios, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Mount Athos: A Sacred Sanctuary



Rising majestically from the Aegean Sea, Mount Athos is an autonomous monastic republic home to 20 Eastern Orthodox monasteries. This sacred mountain has been a center of spiritual pilgrimage for centuries and is considered one of the most important religious sites in the world.

The monasteries of Mount Athos are renowned for their architectural beauty and priceless collections of Byzantine art. Visitors are permitted to visit select monasteries, where they can experience the unique monastic lifestyle and witness the timeless traditions that have been preserved for centuries.

Planning Your Journey to Thessaloniki and Mount Athos

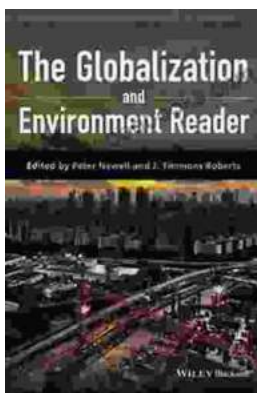
To fully immerse yourself in the wonders of Thessaloniki and Mount Athos, plan your trip carefully. Thessaloniki is easily accessible by air, train, or bus from major cities in Europe. To reach Mount Athos, you will need to obtain a special permit, known as a "diam



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