



7-Day selanik Vacation for Family

From: istanbul | Budget: mid-range | Type: family | Interests: History, Food, Shopping, Beach, Culture

Thessaloniki Family Holiday Itinerary (10-17 April 2026)

I've prepared a 7-night mid-budget family holiday plan from Istanbul to Thessaloniki, focused on food, shopping, beaches, and culture. The itinerary includes family-friendly activities, child-appropriate venues, and practical tips. For transportation, I recommend bus/train or flight (approximately 6-8 hours by road).

Day 1: Arrival and White Tower (10 April)

- Morning departure from Istanbul by plane or bus to Thessaloniki. Take the airport bus to the city centre (40 min, €2).
- Visit the White Tower (entry €4, panoramic views), followed by a stroll around Aristotelous Square.
- In the evening, enjoy family-style mezes and seafood in Ladadika (Recommendation: To Tsai Te Sxoli, approx. €20 per person).
- Tip: Early April is mild (15-20°C); bring a light jacket. The flat streets are ideal for pushchairs.

Day 2: Historic Centre and Upper Town (11 April)

- Explore Ano Poli (Upper Town): Byzantine walls and Vlatadon Monastery (free entry, spectacular views).
- Visit the Rotunda and the Archaeological Museum (€8, perfect for history enthusiasts).
- Lunch: Local bougatsa and cured meats (Recommendation: Bougatsa Giannis, €10).
- Tip: Go early in the morning to avoid crowds. Use the OASTH public buses (€1 per ticket).

Day 3: Beach Day - Asprovalta or Epanomi (12 April)

- Head to Asprovalta Beach (30-40 minutes from the city), a family-friendly beach with shallow waters. Rent sun loungers (€5).
- Have a picnic or eat at a beach restaurant – Greek salad and grilled fish (approx. €15 per person).
- On the way back, do some quick shopping on Tsimiski Street for souvenirs (olive oil, spices).
- Tip: Sunscreen and hats are essential. Travel by public bus or taxi (€20 round trip).

Day 4: Culture and Food Tour (13 April)

- Visit Atatürk's House (free entry, culturally significant) and the nearby Byzantine Museum (€6).
- Explore Modiano Market for fresh produce and street food (try souvlaki, €5 per portion).
- Evening family dinner at a taverna with live music (Recommendation: Palati, €25 per person).
- Tip: The market gets crowded; visit early with children. Carry a water bottle.

Day 5: Shopping and Seaside Leisure (14 April)

- Shopping on Tsimiski and Mitropoleos streets: boutiques, H&M, and local ceramics (mid-budget €50-100).
- In the afternoon, take a walk along the Thermaikos Gulf or join a short boat tour (€10 per person, 1 hour).
- Light evening meal: ice cream and bougatsa (Recommendation: Iordanidis, €8).
- Tip: Weekday shopping often has discounts. Wear comfortable shoes.

Day 6: Museum and Relaxation (15 April)

- In-depth visit to the Thessaloniki Archaeological Museum (family ticket €15, impressive ancient treasures).
- Stroll around the Galerius Palace ruins, followed by a café break nearby.
- Free time at the beach or a children's playground (Nea Krini area).
- Tip: Museums are best visited between 09:00-15:00. Easy access by bus.

Day 7: Free Day and Departure Preparation (16 April)

- Morning at leisure: revisit a favourite beach or café and finish any remaining shopping.
- Optional short trip towards Halkidiki in the afternoon (bus tour approx. €20).
- Farewell dinner with sea views (Recommendation: Marea, €20 per person).
- Tip: Pack lightly for the return journey. Arrive at the airport 2 hours before departure.

Booking Tips

- Flights: <https://www.flystayride.com/flights/>
 - Hotels: <https://www.flystayride.com/hotels/>
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