

## WALKING TOUR – MODERN CITY “WATERFRONT”

Saturday, November 30, 10:30 a.m. | Meeting point: Archaeological Museum of Volos



This relaxed walking tour along the city's esplanade, conducted by a professional local guide, will condense Volos history and culture in a snapshot. A typical Neo-classical building of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century - namely the Archaeological Museum - will be the initial point for unraveling the city's long history. Shelter to important Neolithic artefacts but also, witness of the decision making concerning the city's planning in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is one of the oldest archaeological museums of Greece.

The Park Promenade, with free-standing statues in the Anavros neighbourhood in front of the Museum, will give us food for thought in terms of how the embellishment of the city after a severe earthquake in the 1950's included new place-making, taking into consideration recreation in public spaces, accessible to all. Other artistic and religious landmarks are to be shown, such as the Church of Holy Trinity, decorated with religious paintings by a famous secular painter, G. Gounaropoulos, the Xenia Hotel, a fine example of post-war architecture, as well as the Park of Saint Constantine and the University of Thessaly Central Building, only to finish our walk where it all began: The 'Argo', replica of the ship of the Argonauts, which according to myth, put off from Volos to retrieve the Golden Fleece.



The tour could conclude in a seafront “tsipouradiko” tavern serving the traditional “tsipouro” drink accompanied by fresh seafood, a typically Volos gastronomy experience.

**Duration:** ~ 2 hours 45 min. **Price:** €5,00 - lunch not included. Payment will be made at the Conference Venue

