



## Amvracian Gulf – Tzoumerka Mountains

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# AMVRACIAN GULF

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*The Amvracian gulf is one of the seventeen national parks of Greece. It was named after ancient Amvracia, a city built on the river Arachthos, where the modern town of Arta is now situated.*

It was created 10,000 years ago and forms an enclosed sea communicating with the Ionian Sea through a narrow strait. The explanation for the diversity of the biotopes in the Amvracian Gulf comes in the form of its two rivers, Louros and Arachthos, which flow into it, creating lagoons, marshes and rushes of unique beauty.



An ideal spot for bird watching, these waters are the home and breeding ground for flamingoes, dolphins and turtles, creating an enchanting wetland. Almost three hundred species of birds have been recorded at the Amvracian Gulf with a total population of approximately 100,000 birds. Of these, 1/3 represents rare or endangered species. A standout case is the Dalmatian pelican, with a wingspan exceeding 3 meters!



More than 30 species of fish have also been recorded here, some being well known throughout the world. The Amvracian shrimp is the favorite delicacy of the James Bond, as well as of many state leaders, while the sardines fished in the area contain over 1,000 proteins.

In the afternoon, the Amvracian Gulf takes on an idyllic atmosphere, perfect for a romantic stroll. Combining a lovely sunset with the tranquil sea, it conjures up images from a Hollywood movie set, and serves up a truly wonderful experience to its visitors.



*The stone lighthouse in Koprena*



*Traditional reed construction of fishing in Amvrakikos*



*Silver pelican, one of the rarest inhabitants of the wetland*



*At the boundary of the lagoon and swamp*



*Highlights - Amvracian Gulf*







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# TZOYMERKA

*The mountainous Arta*

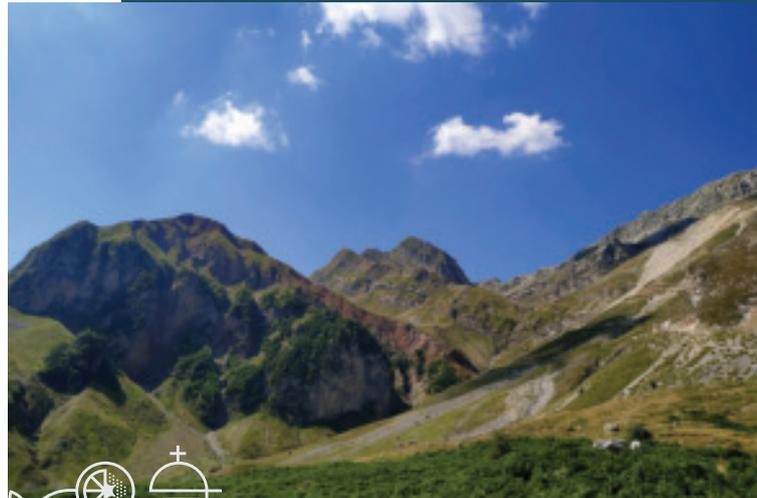


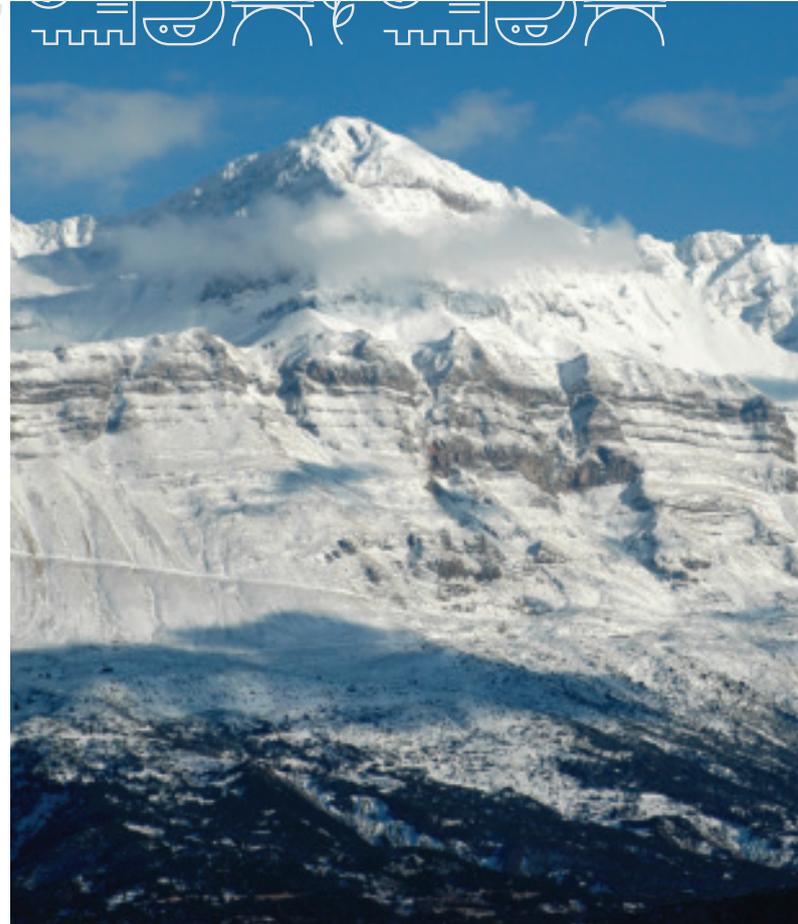
# TZOUMERKA

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*The mountainous area of Arta is dominated by Tzoumerka, the southern part of the Pindos mountain range, with a group of villages and settlements known as Tzoumerkochoria (the villages of Tzoumerka).*

The largest part of Tzoumerka (around 70%) extends over the prefecture of Arta. Tzoumerka is heaven on earth and its visitor can enjoy all sorts of activities: hiking, off-road running, rafting and kayaking at the Arachthos river, horse riding, biking, climbing, trekking, skiing, river trekking, and so much more. Some of the villages 'hanging' from the slopes of Tzoumerka are Agnanda, Athamania, Vourgareli, Theodoriana, Katarraktis, Koukoulia, Ktistades, Kypseli, Melissourgoi, Ramia. They are waiting to offer their visitors a sense of authenticity, a journey through time. Here you can actually see Greece of a different era.





*Tzoumerka: ideal destination, 365 days a year ...*

Apart from extreme sports, Tzoumerka is filled with many more sites: bridges and monasteries whose history is lost in the depths of time, watermills and mansions from the time when the picturesque villages were filled with life. The natural scenery will enchant you, as the entire region is bursting with rivers, impressive waterfalls, gorges and caves.

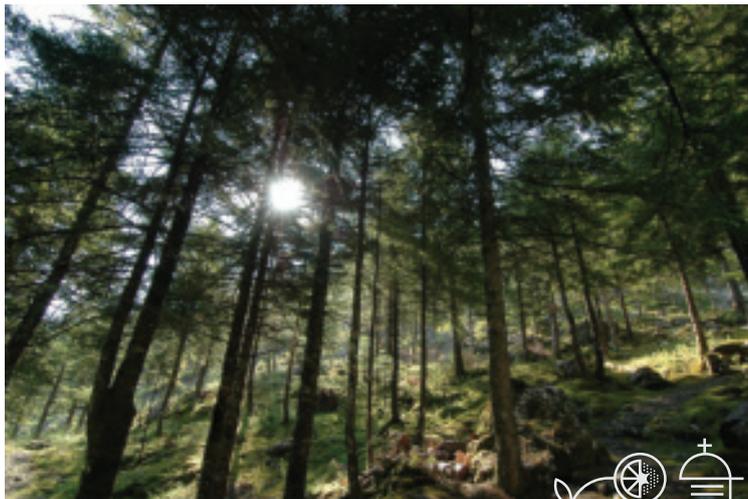
But what really makes Tzoumerka stand out the most is its people: always welcoming, they give you a sense of all this natural beauty and a good reason to visit Tzoumerka over and over again.



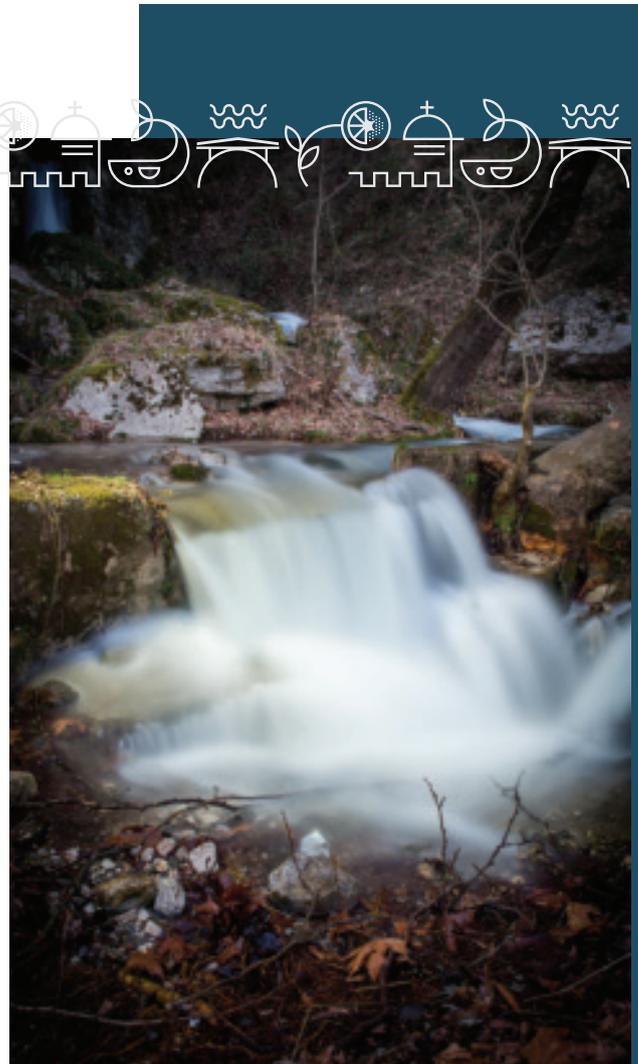
*Tzoumerka Villages: places carved in stone ...*



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*Games with light...*



*... and water*





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