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CURRENCY

The official currency in Greece is the Euro, as in 19 of the 27 EU countries. The euro comes in coins and notes. There are coins of 1 euro and 2 euro and 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 cent ones for coins. There are notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 euros for notes. There are currency exchange offices in Thessaloniki airport, in the City Center and at banks in Drama.

COVID-19

From 15 March 2022 onwards, travelers visiting Greece are no longer required to fill out the Passenger Locator Form (PLF). Additionally, as of Sunday 01.05.2022 and for as long as the epidemiological data allow so, all travelers arriving in Greece, regardless of their country of origin, are no longer required to display a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or evidence of a negative test result from SARS-CoV-2 infection (PCR or Rapid Antigen test). Finally, there is no quarantine measures for the travelers.

WATER

Tap water is drinkable. 0.5L Bottle costs 0.50 euro.

ELECTRICITY

For Greece there are two associated plug types C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Greece operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

TRANSPORTATION

Closest international airport is Thessaloniki's Airport "Makedonia" (SKG) and Kavala's Airport "Alexander the Great" (KVA). The best way to reach Drama is by the Bus, frequently travelling from Thessaloniki (€15 for a single ticket), the bus station in Drama is about 3 minutes from the center of the city near "plateia elefterias" (freedom square) the main square. You can take the KTEL (Greek national bus service) from Thessaloniki (around 2 hours, ≈ €15) or Kavala.

You can also travel to Kavala international airport and then catch a bus to Drama. You can also travel there by train but the train station is about a 10-minute walk from the center of the city. You can get the train from either Thessaloniki or Athens. Cost is cheaper than the bus.

City of Drama does not any transportation, you will be in the city center - able to visit every corner by foot. During the workshop, transportation to IHU facilities is made by public buses from the city center (regular fee = 1.20€). The bus line starts every hour (08:00 to 18:00).

ACCOMMODATION

Hydrama Grand Hotel, AYA Hotel, Diamond City Living, Marianna Hotel, Xenia Hotel and KOUROS Hotel. You can also find rooms to stay via online platforms (e.g., booking, trivago, Airbnb).

EXPECTED WEATHER

May, the last month of the spring in Drama, is a pleasant month, with temperature in the range of an average high of 22° and an average low of 10.8°C. In May, the average relative humidity is 69%. In Drama, it is raining for 17.9 days, with typically 52mm of accumulated precipitation. May is without snowfall in Drama. The average length of the day in Drama is 14h and 30min. In May, the average sunshine in Drama is 11.1h. The average daily maximum UV index in May in Drama is 5. A UV Index estimate of 3 to 5 represents a medium vulnerability from exposure to the Sun's UV radiation for the ordinary person.

Recommendations for a UV index of 5: Protection against skin and eye damage is obliged, especially during midday hours. Sun-protective clothing, a long-sleeved shirt and pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and UVA and UVB-blocking sunglasses are particularly helpful in blocking UV radiation's harmful effects.

P.S. Do not forget your id card/passport!
Waiting to see you in Drama!

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