

MANTINEA- ORCHOMENOS

Mantineia is one of the oldest towns of Arcadia, mentioned even by Homer as the “terpni hora” – pleasant country.

In accordance with the legend, the city took its name by the hero Mantineia, son of Lykæon, who is mentioned to be the first king of Arcadia.

The ruins of ancient Mantineia are spread on the valley around Tripoli, today under the name Palaiopoli (old city).

The ancient theater of Mantineia is one of the few of Greece’s mainland built in completely flat soil. Its construction started after 371 B.C.



