

## **ANCIENT GORTYN**

Ancient Gortyna was an important city of Arcadia in ancient times. Even today, its ruins, combined with the natural beauty and tranquility, still attract the interest and the admiration of visitors. According to mythology, the city was built by Gortys, son of Stymfilos and great grandson of King Arcadia. From the founder, the city took its name. So did also the river Loussios which, from ancient Gortyna up to its confluence with Alpheus River, is called Gortinios

The city had a temple in honor of Asclepius and large spas, where, the legend says, Zeus was bathed. The spa was directly connected with the cult of Asclepius.





