

METEORA

Spectacularly perched atop rocky pinnacles in Thessaly, the Meteora monasteries are among the most striking sights, not only in Greece. The Greek word meteora, means “suspended in the air” and it perfectly describes the six remarkable Greek Orthodox monasteries.

The sandstone peaks were first inhabited by Byzantine hermits in the 11th century, who clambered up the rocks to be alone with God. The present monasteries, were built during a time of instability and revival of the hermit ideal in the 14th – 15th centuries. The first, the impressive “Great Meteoron”, was built around 1340 and by 1500 there were 24 monasteries on site. They flourished until the 17th century. Today only six survive, out of which four still host monastic communities.

Important Notice: Please note that a strict dress code is enforced. Shoulders must be covered, men must wear long trousers and women long skirts. If you do not have, they can lend you one at the entrance.



