

Travel from Thessaloniki to Glossa

At Thessaloniki airport, you need to find the number 78 bus, which will take you to the Macedonia Bus Terminal. The ticket is 50 cents; you buy the ticket at the kiosk where the buses leave, you don't need to say where you're going as all tickets cost the same. When you get on to the bus you need to validate the ticket by putting it in the little machine on the bus. Journey time is 40 – 50 minutes depending on traffic. The Macedonia Bus Terminal is a big building with a round mushroom-shaped roof.

It really isn't worth getting a taxi as buses are frequent, it would cost about €30 and not save much time.

KTEL, the long distance bus company, operates 8 scheduled services per day from the Macedonia Bus Terminal to Volos (see timetable below). When you go in to the main entrance look to your half-left; there is a counter with only two or three places (there are lots of others all round the main hall). The number is either 17 or 18 and you are looking for ΒΟΛΟΣ in the list of destinations. Fare is about 16 euros.

When you have your ticket, go out of the main entrance and turn right, into a large garage where the long-distance buses come and go. When the bus for Volos is ready to load usually a man will come round shouting 'Volos' but it will also be on the front of the bus. They take your luggage and load it in the side of the bus before you get on. Tickets / seats are numbered, starting at the front left from 1 to front right 4 and so on towards the back. The numbers are a bit difficult to see, on the metal frame of the chair part of the seat. Journey time to Volos is 2 ½ hours.

When you get to Volos it is 5 minutes by taxi to the port and ferry ticket office. Buy a ticket for Glossa (not Skopelos town). It costs about 34 euros. If you have already made a ferry booking over the internet, you still need to take your email confirmation in to the Hellenic Seaways office opposite the harbour entrance where they will exchange it for the tickets. Journey time to Glossa is 1 hour 50 minutes. You can book ferries in advance at Hellenic Seaways.

http://www.hellenicseaways.gr/index.asp?a_id=209 Usually they don't put up the timetable on the website until a couple of months beforehand. Normally the last ferry to Glossa in the winter is 14.30 and in the summer 19.30. **Prices below need updating: correct in 2010.**

Summary

From	To	Transport	Fare €	Journey Time
Thessaloniki Airport	Macedonia Bus Terminal	Number 78 bus	0.50	40 – 50 minutes
Macedonia Bus Terminal	Volos	KTEL long distance bus	16.50	2 ½ hours
Volos bus station	Port	Taxi	5.00	5 minutes
Volos Port	Glossa	Hydrofoil / ferry	34.50	2 hours
Glossa	Destination	Taxi	10.00	5 – 10 minutes

Long-Distance Bus Timetable Volos – Athens and Volos - Thessaloniki

Volos to Athens (4 hrs express)	Athens to Volos	Volos to Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki to Volos (2½ hours)
05.00 express **	06.30 express	04.30 **	07.00 **
07.00	08.00	06.00	09.00
09.00 express	09.30 express	08.00	11.00
10.30	11.00	10.00	13.00
12.00 express	12.00 express	12.15	15.15
13.30 *	13.30 *	14.00	17.00
15.00 express	15.00 express	16.15	19.15
16.00	16.00	18.15	21.15
17.00 express	17.00 express	20.30	23.00
18.30	18.30		
21.00	20.00 express		
01.00 express	22.00		

**** Sundays and bank holidays**

***Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**

Overnight

If you need to stay overnight in Volos, there are plenty of hotels along the harbour front. The Jason is basic but cheap, clean and adequate, and is right opposite the port entrance. http://www.tripadvisor.ca/ShowUserReviews-g189507-d284073-r5187660-Hotel_Jason-Volos_Thessaly.html. Cost about 40 euros per night.

The Kipseli Hotel is a bit more upmarket, also overlooks the harbour, and has internet access and a nice rooftop bar. <http://www.hotelkipseli.gr/en/index.html>. Cost about 75 euros per night.

If you need to stay overnight in Thessaloniki, there are many hotels to choose from. It is worth checking that it is close to the bus route to the airport. You can buy a ticket for the bus in advance from any of the street kiosks selling newspapers and sweets; ask at the hotel where is the nearest.

Queries / Disclaimer

This information is accurate to the best of our knowledge but obviously things change and we cannot guarantee it. If in doubt check with the travel provider, or you are very welcome to contact us with any specific queries and we will do our best to help.

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