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Kalamata

Messinia's capital is about 55 minutes north of the villa and the city most guests pass through on arrival. Kalamata pairs a medieval castle and a characterful old town with a big central market, long seafront and every shop a group might need. Make a morning of it, or stop on the way to or from the airport.

From the villa

About 55 minutes; the airport lies beyond the city.

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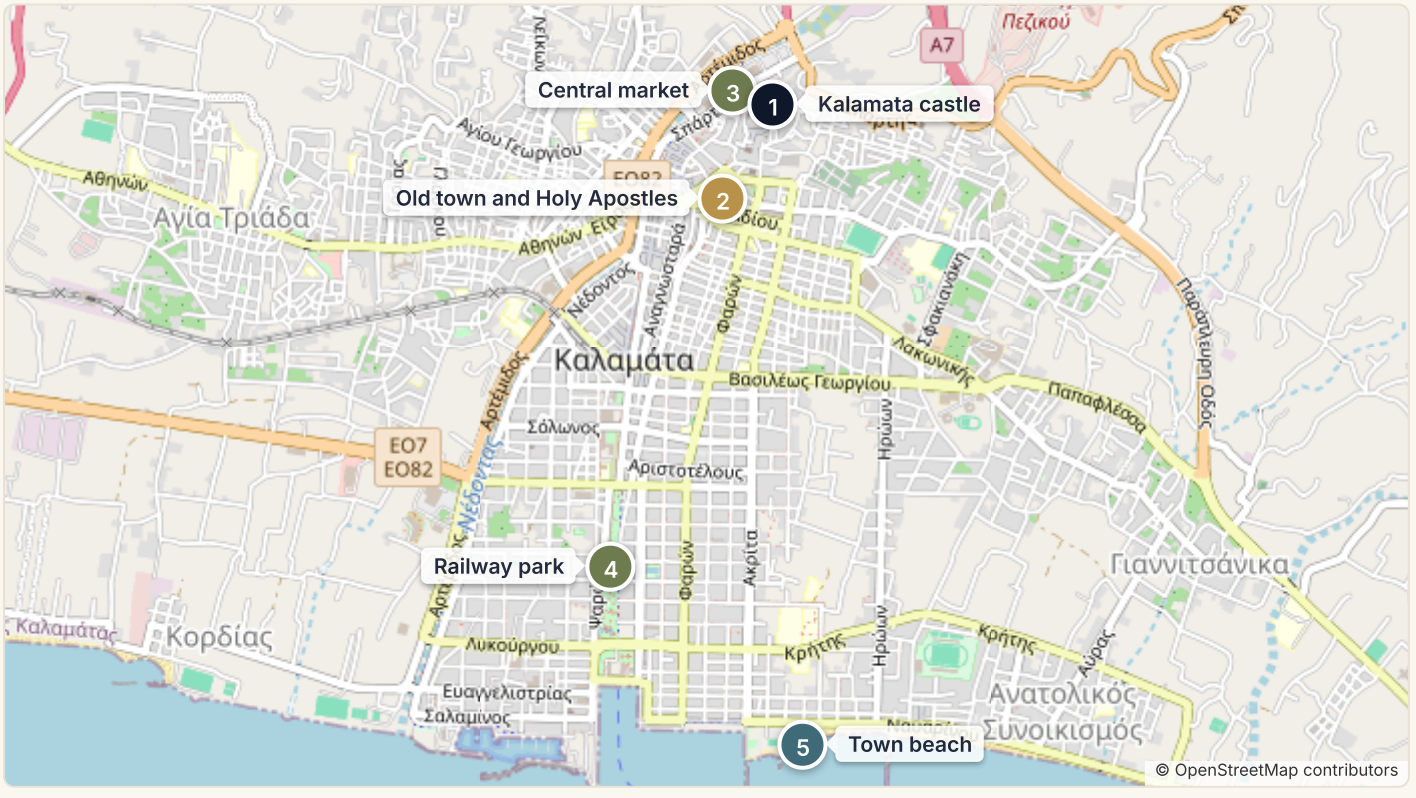
Market shopping, the old town, a city lunch.

Beach

A long town beach backed by a seafront promenade.

Daily needs

Big supermarkets, pharmacies, hospital, every kind of shop.



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Sightseeing

- **Castle.** Built by the Frankish Villehardouins in the 13th century, with city and gulf views. Usually shut on Tuesdays.
- **Old town.** The 12th century church of the Holy Apostles, where Kalamata declared the 1821 revolution, and the Ypapanti cathedral nearby.
- **Railway park.** Steam engines and carriages in a shady park; children love it.

Shopping and food

- **Central market:** olives, oil, honey, cheese and figs; busiest Wednesday and Saturday mornings.
- **Aristomenous Street:** the main shopping street, old town to sea.
- **Seafront:** fish tavernas and cafés.

By the sea

- **Town beach:** kilometres of pebbles and sand along Navarinou Avenue, with showers and cafés.
- **Heading back:** Almyros, Santova and Kitries are on the way south; see our beaches map.

Through the year

- **July:** the Kalamata Dance Festival.
- **Autumn:** new-season oil and olives fill the market.
- **Winter:** a working city, so most shops and restaurants stay open.

Tips

- The airport is on the far side; leave time for traffic on your last day.
- Park near the market or along the seafront.
- Michael, our local manager, is on the phone if you need a recommendation during your stay.



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