

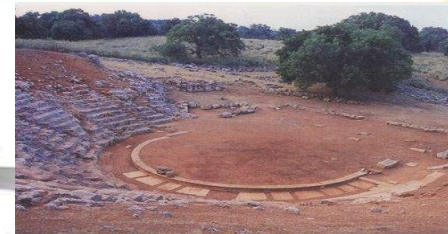
Ancient Theatres of Aetoloakarnania

Drama, which sprang from the religious rituals of ancient Greek people, originates from the dithyramb, a hymn sung around the altar of Dionysus. The first major theatrical era in the history of civilization was in Greece in the fifth century BC, a century that gave birth to texts and places destined for performances. Today, centuries later, we watch drama performances in order to become wiser because as an art form the theatre enables us to connect with each other, to be moved, to feel a common truth while "... experiencing our purgation from our own personal mistakes, faults or inhibitions". (Kostas Georgousopoulos)

In the prefecture of Aetoloakarnania, 6 ancient Greek theatres have been preserved to this day.

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The theatre at Oiniades



THE THEATRE at Oiniades, built near the ancient Agora of the city, has stunning views over the surrounding plains, the old bed of the river Acheloos and nearby coastal areas. The first excavation took place in 1900, while work continued in 1991-1993 and 2002-2006. The orchestra of the theatre is in excellent condition, but not so the scene. The theatre had very good acoustics and could accommodate an estimated 4,600 people.

The theatre at Kalydona

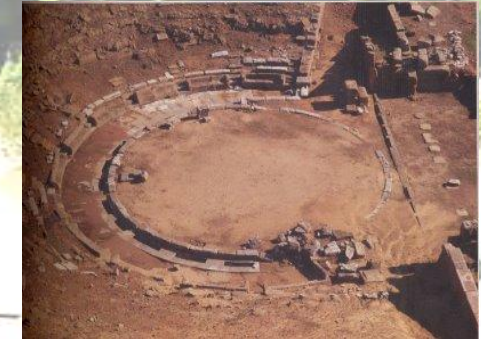


THE THEATRE at Kalydona was discovered in the 1960s on the hill at Lafrio the hill during the construction of the highway Antirrio - Ioannina.

The theatre at Makyneia



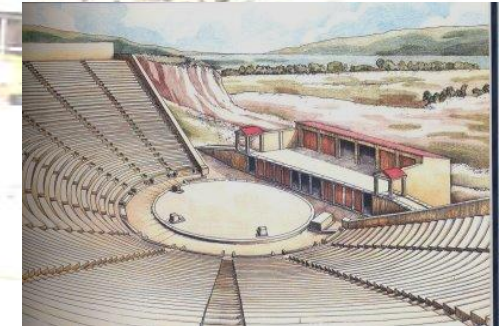
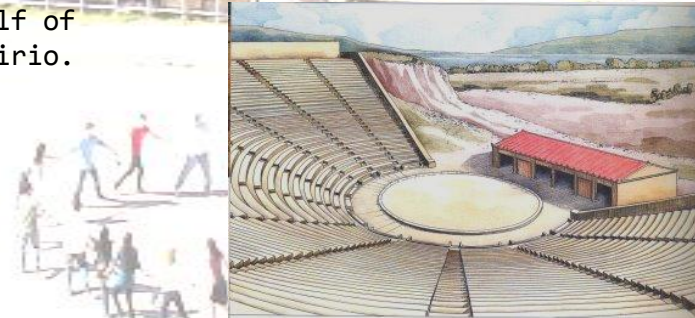
THE THEATRE at Makyneia overlooks the sea of the Gulf of Patras and the narrow sea passage between Rio - Antirio.



The theatre at Plevrona



The THEATRE at Plevrona is adjacent to the walls of New Plevrona (235 BC), one of the largest cities of Aetolia which has impressively well preserved walls. With excellent views of the lagoon of Messolonghi, it is considered as one of the most interesting theatres in the region.



The theatre at Amphilocho Argos



THE THEATRE at Stratos is located within the ancient city walls overlooking the river Acheloos. It is the largest in the county and parts of it are in good condition. It could sit an estimated 6,000 spectators.

THE THEATRE at Amphilocho Argos is located in an area with olive trees 12 km off the town of Amfilochia. The place was first discovered in 1916, but has remained since unexplored.

The theatre at Stratos