

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 80 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. Or there is a ticket machine on the bus, but you need the correct change. When you get on to the bus you need to validate the ticket by putting it in the little machine. 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, every half an hour, it would cost about €30 and not save much time.

KTEL, <http://ktelvolou.gr/en/home/> 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 19.00 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. Look for bay number 18. 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, either on the metal frame of the chair part of the seat or on the luggage rack above 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). Tickets are 40 euros per single trip or if well in advance, sometimes a super-economy ticket of 22 euros is available. 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 2 hours. 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 there is a daily Flying Cat to Glossa at 12.00 and an early car ferry 07.45 Monday to Saturday. It is also worth looking at ANES Ferries <http://www.anes.gr/index.php> which runs a service from Volos to the Sporades, and tickets for Volos to Glossa are 20 euros.

Summary

From	To	Transport	Fare €	Journey Time
Thessaloniki Airport	Macedonia Bus Terminal	Number 78 bus	0.80	40 – 50 minutes
Macedonia Bus Terminal	Volos	KTEL long distance bus	19.00	2 ½ hours
Volos bus station	Port	Taxi	5.00	5 minutes
Volos Port	Glossa	Hydrofoil / ferry	40.00	2 hours
Glossa	Destination	Taxi	10.00	5 – 10 minutes

Bus Timetable Volos – Athens and Volos – Thessaloniki Valid to 22 Dec 2013

Volos to Athens daily ***		Athens to Volos daily ***		Volos to Thessaloniki daily (nonstop)		Thessaloniki to Volos daily (nonstop)	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
04.45 *	08.45			05.45	08.15		
07.00	11.30	07.00	11.30	08.00	10.30	08.15	10.45
09.00 *	13.00	09.00*	13.00	10.00**	12.20	11.00	13.30
10.30	15.00	10.30	15.00	10.15	12.45	13.15	15.45
12.00 *	16.00	12.00*	16.00	12.15	14.45	17.15	19.45
13.30	18.00	13.30	18.00	16.15	18.45	19.15	21.45
15.00 *	19.00	15.00*	19.00	18.15	20.45	21.15	23.45
16.30	21.00	16.30	21.30	20.30	23.00	23.00	01.30
18.00 *	22.00	18.00	22.00	* Express			
19.00	23.30	20.00	00.30	** Saturday and Sunday only			
21.00	01.30	22.00	02.30	*** one rest stop 20 minutes			

Overnight

If you need to stay overnight in Volos, there are plenty of hotels along the harbour front. The Jason is about 40 euros a night, and right opposite the port entrance. http://www.tripadvisor.ca/ShowUserReviews-g189507-d284073-r5187660-Hotel_Jason-Volos_Thessaly.html. The Kipseli Hotel is a bit more upmarket, and also overlooks the harbour.. <http://www.hotelkipseli.gr/en/index.html>. Cost about 75 euros per night. Both have internet access

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

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