

Crossroads of Kassandreia Eastern end

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Remnants of the wall are visible along almost the entire length of the Potidaea canal, on the Chalkidiki side and within the modern village. As shown in photos, part of it on the western side lies within the sea.

At the site of ancient Potidaea, a Corinthian colony on the narrow isthmus of the Kassandra Peninsula, Cassander founded a new city, Cassandreia, in 316 BC, following the destruction of Potidaea by Philip in 357 BC. Hellenistic Cassandreia developed into one of the most significant cities in Macedonia and flourished greatly during the Roman period and the early Christian centuries.

In 540 AD, the city was destroyed by the Huns, and Emperor Justinian I undertook its reconstruction. According to the historian Procopius, Justinian fortified the cross-wall that stretched along the narrow part of the peninsula, from the Thermaic Gulf to the Toroneos Gulf, to protect the city and the entire peninsula from barbarian raids: “he made the cross-wall at the entrance clearly impassable and unassailable to those wishing to attack.”

Overview

Purpose: Excursion	Type: Castle	Country: Greece
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Greek Map