## **Useful Information**

**Time difference**: Greece operates two hours ahead of Greenwich Meantime (GMT+2) but keep in mind that is among the countries involved in the Daylight Saving Time system (DSM), thus GMT+3 is applied from spring to autumn.

Telephone Country Code: +30

**Currency:** Greece's monetary unit is the **Euro** (€). No other currency is accepted. You can exchange money at a bank or at an official exchange shop. The exchange rates at the banks are almost the same throughout the country.

**Banking:** Banks are open from 08:00 am until 2:30 pm and Fridays from 08:00 am until 2:00 pm. They remain closed during the weekends. Cash withdrawal is available through ATM machines 24hours/7days.

**Electricity supply**: The electricity supply is 220-230v/50 Hz, using the European continental two prong style (types C and F). Adapter plugs are available at shops with electrical equipment.

**Climate:**\_Thessaloniki has a Mediterranean climate that borders on a semi-arid climate. The city enjoys many days of sunshine throughout the year.

**Shopping hours:** Although opening hours are officially unregulated from Monday to Saturday (on Sundays all shops are closed except pastry shops, wine and spirits shops, flower shops and emergency pharmacies), most shops (with the exception of large department stores) adhere to the following opening hours:

Mon, Wed, Sat: 09:00-15:00

Tue, Thu, Fri: 09:00-14:30 & 17:00-20:30