

OLYMPUS



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##### April 1 - October 1

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THE CITY OF CHIMERA FIRE



Olympos in Antalya is the best choice for those who prefer a quiet vacation instead of crowded beaches and all-in hotels. Besides its beautiful beach, unspoiled nature, peaceful atmosphere, and ruins of the ancient city, the never-ending Chimera Fire is another good reason which makes Olympos a very popular destination. It is a must for any vacationer to spend at least one night nearby the fire which has been guiding sailors for thousands of years. It is this fire that caused the development of the belief in the smith god Hephaistos, who is believed to be associated with the mythical creature Chimera that breathes fire.



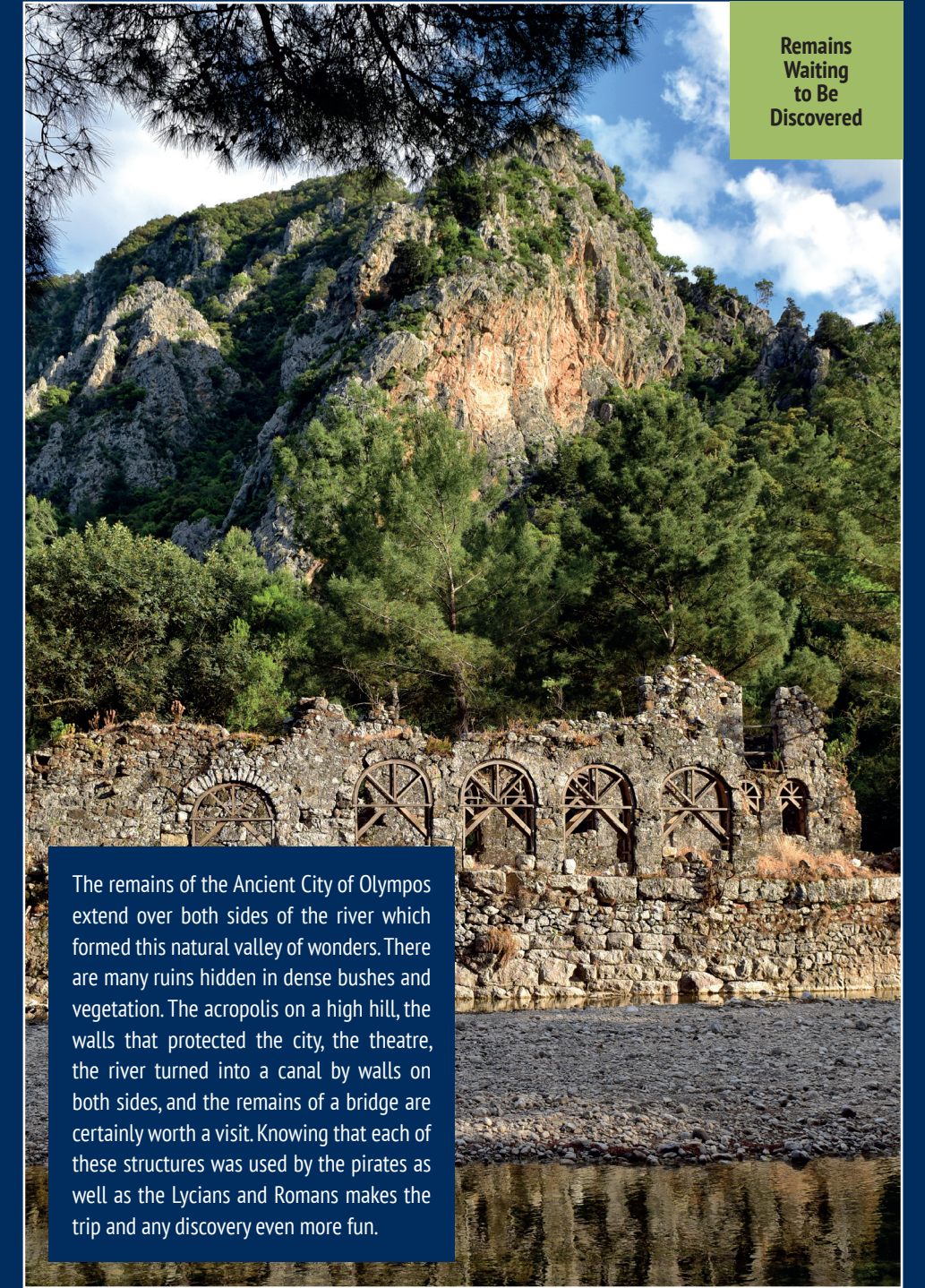
Pirates' Refuge

Olympos, founded in 3rd century BC, was a densely populated and economically strong settlement, as evidenced by the fact that it had 3 votes in the Lycian League Council. In the 1st century BC, it became a stronghold of pirates due to its sheltered location. It was used as a base by the leader of the pirates, Zeniketes, who spread fear among the people of the Mediterranean for a long time and, it was called "City of Pirates". This lasted until 78 BC when captured by the famous Roman commander Servilius Isauricus.



Hidden Paradise

Besides its historical importance, Olympos is also home to natural wonders; a place that is both an archaeological and natural site. The beach, one of the most beautiful in the Mediterranean, is also the natural spawning ground of the Caretta Caretta turtles. The sea, frequented by boats from Blue Cruise, is always clear and attractive. Visitors staying in a tent or in tree houses can easily get rid of the fatigue of the whole year in a peaceful and quiet environment.



Remains Waiting to Be Discovered

The remains of the Ancient City of Olympos extend over both sides of the river which formed this natural valley of wonders. There are many ruins hidden in dense bushes and vegetation. The acropolis on a high hill, the walls that protected the city, the theatre, the river turned into a canal by walls on both sides, and the remains of a bridge are certainly worth a visit. Knowing that each of these structures was used by the pirates as well as the Lycians and Romans makes the trip and any discovery even more fun.