

Visiting Hours

April 1-October 1 Opening Time: 08:00 Closing Time: 19:00 Ticket Office Closing Time: 18:30 October 1-April 1 Opening Time: 08:00 Closing Time: 17:00 Ticket Office Closing Time: 16:30

Open everyday.

Address: Goncalı Mahallesi Yanı Pamukkale/Denizli

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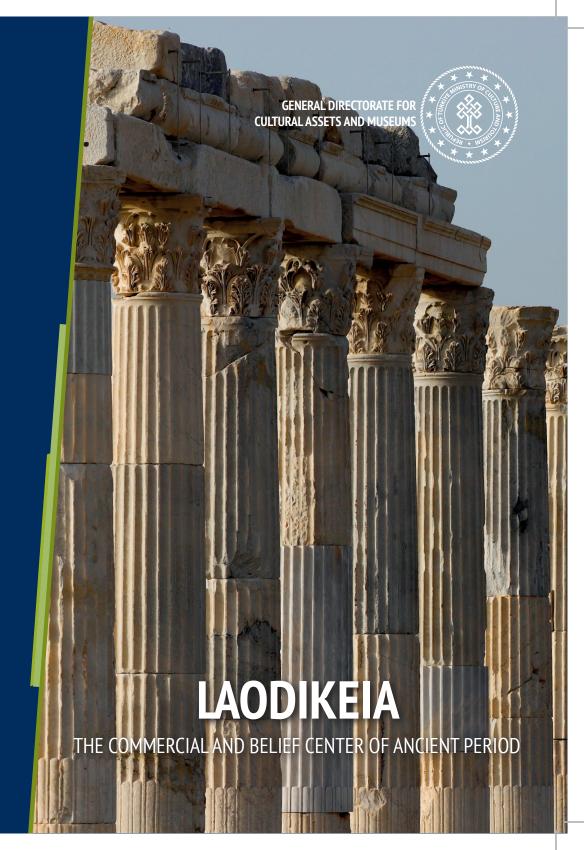








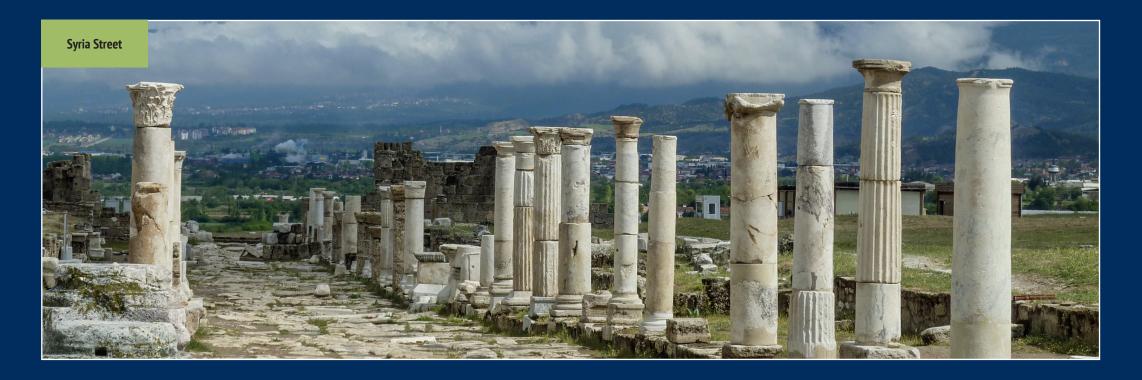






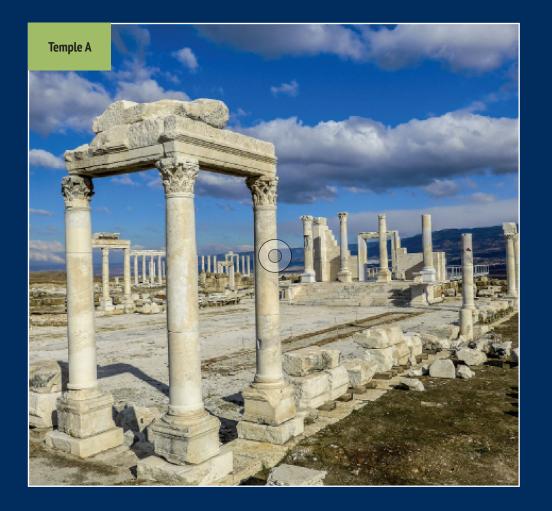
The Northern (Sacred) Agora, located between the Western and Northern Theaters on the north of Syria Street, surrounded by porticoes, was built during the Augustus Period and measures approximately 296x128 m and has a rectangular plan. This area was used as a temenos during the Imperial Period and as an agora since the 4th century AD. The Agora is entered from Syria Street through three monumental gates, the central, eastern and western propylons. Of these, the East and West propylons provide access to the porticos, and the Central Propylon to the courtyard. In addition, there are side entrances that provide transitions to the West Theater and North Theaters on the rear walls of the portico, which borders the east and west of the Agora. Originally, the upper part of the porticos surrounded by columnar galleries in dipteral and Ionic order was covered with hipped roofs.

There are two pools, each 166 m long, placed in front of the west portico and the east portico in the north-south direction within the Agora. In the courtyard bordered by the pools, there were two temples and altars, one in the Corinthian Order dedicated to Athena, the goddess of the city, and the other in the lonic Order dedicated to Zeus, the founding god of the city. With the Christianization of the city, these temples were dismantled during the construction activities of Emperor Constantine the Great and afterwards, the columned gallery of the East Portico was reorganized with the architectural blocks of the Temple of Athena in the Corinthian Order. The West Portico was also rearranged with architectural blocks of the Temple of Zeus in Ionic Order and spolia architectural blocks with Ionic capitals. At the northern end of the West Portico, a geometrically designed mosaic floor, thought to be a church and built in the 4th century AD, was unearthed.



The main street, which stretches from the city center to the east of the Syrian Gate, is 900 m long in total. The 400 m section from the Emperor Caracalla (211-217 AD) Fountain on the western corner of the street to the East Byzantine Gate was excavated and resurrected. During the excavations, the last usage stages of the street, which was planned for the first time in the Hellenistic Period, until the earthquake of 494 AD and the abandonment of the city at the beginning of the 7th century AD were revealed. There is a sewer system in the middle of the street, porticos on either side of which are raised by one or two steps, and the rows of shops behind it.





The building is located at the northern end of the rectangular courtyard (58x42.33 m, with 54 Corinthian capitals) surrounded by porticoes on the northern side of Syria Street. The temple (27.75x13.60 m) with a prostyle (4 spiral fluted columns) plan in Corinthian order was made of travertine blocks with a high podium and covered with marble. It is dedicated to the Goddess Artemis, the God Apollo and the Imperial Cult. The temple, which was built during the Antonine Period (2nd century AD), underwent major repairs during the Emperor Diocletian's Period (284-305). The temple was used as the religious archive of the Laodikeia Church next to it with the liberation of Christianity in the 4th century AD (306-337 AD during the time of the Great Constantine), and it was destroyed with the earthquake of 494 AD, which affected the entire ancient city. The upper part of the vaulted space of Temple A under the naos (sacred chamber) is covered with steel construction and unbreakable glass. This area also has the feature of being an observation terrace with a magnificent view over Pamukkale and Lykos (Çürüksu) Plain.