

# OLD TOWN MARKET

## Story

In 1869, Rasim Pasha (the governor of the city) ordered to burn down the poor market area. About 1000 stores and 800 houses were burned down and the buildings as we see them now were built. The main street of the area, Aneksartias or Independence street, used to host many shops, at the beginning mostly owned by the Jewish community and it used to be a very successful and important regional trading area.

Now, after nearly a century of success, the market is suffering and most shops are getting closed for good. If you walk around this area in the morning, you will discover the socio-economic difference of this neighbourhood compared with the rest of Ioannina, get some taste of the neighbourhood as what it used to be, and meet local stakeholders of metal handcraft studio, cafeterias and bars, herbal store owner and vegetable market sellers who are still fond of this neighbourhood and have their pockets full of stories. On the other hand, in the late afternoons and evenings, you will find this neighbourhood lively and full of people of all generations coming to enjoy the many coffee shops, bars and snack restaurants that fill the streets of the old town.



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## Discovery

Short description: ideal for groups of 3-6 people, newcomers to Ioannina city. The walk will be 1-2 hours long, it's advised to start around 10am or 6pm. Carry with you a couple of A4 sheets of paper and some markers.

The Old Town Market neighborhood is a place that has always welcomed young and old, locals and guests. The history of this neighborhood can be seen and felt in these streets. Enjoy this journey and discover the streets of the Old Market (Palia Agora - Παλιά Αγορά).

**!** **1 You are one the starting point of Aneksartisias street** - the main street of the Old Market area (Palia Agora or Παλιά Αγορά in Greek). Talk to local people and ask them if they know the story of Rasim Pasha burning down this area - why did he burn down the old market area? And what traditional shops still exist in the area?



**2 The famous Inn of Vrosgos** (Το χανί του Βρόσγου in Greek) was one of the seven inns in the area and is located inside a gallery of Anexartisias Street. On the ground floor there were shops, a restaurant, stables, etc. Look around to find a local food place and enjoy cheap local food if you wish! As well, ask about the inner yard of the Vrosgos inn, to what purpose did it use to serve? What other businesses can you spot nearby?

**!** **3 Find the Glass Coffee store** (Yiali Kafene or Γυαλί Καφενέ in Greek). In 1971, Anastasios Papaggelis travelled from Athens to Ioannina and stayed at an inn near the Glass Coffee store. Later on, he wrote a story about this place – find a local person to translate these lines of his story for you:

**<<Με ξύπνησαν όμως πρωί-πρωί οι φωνές της πλατείας του Γυαλί Καφενέ. Η ζωή της μέρας που άρχιζε, τα Γιάννινα που ξυπνούσαν. Καθαρό Γιαννιώτικο χρώμα απ' το Γυαλί Καφενέ.>>**

Try to write down a few lines about the place as you experience it right now.



**4 Look for a herbalist's shop.** Ask them about their business and plants of the region that have been in the traditional life of the local people for centuries.

**5 In 1975, the gallery Louli** (stoa Louli or στοά Λούλη in Greek) was built and first, it used to function as an inn for people from surrounding villages. Gradually, the inn became a hub, where people from all over Epirus gathered to start their long journey to Athens. The constant movement of so many people resulted in the conversion of the gallery into a shopping center of the time. Find out what kind of shops there used to be and what the place functions as nowadays?



**!** **6 Look for a snail** (**saligaros** or **σαλίγκαρος** in Greek) - ask about the history of its home and Alieos gallery (stoa allieos or στοά Αλιεώς in Greek). Take a photo of the gallery now, from the same angle as this old photo.

**7 Find the still operating part of the Old Market which is a vegetable market** (Laiki or λαϊκή in Greek) and talk to the local sellers, if the market is open. What do the local people buy at the market and since when this marketplace operates? Ask the local sellers or other local people to write on your piece of paper and teach you a word or a phrase in Greek that resembles the feeling of the old market for them.



**8 Labei gallery** (stoa Labei or στοά Λάμπη) is one of the few renovated galleries of the old market area and brings an addition to the nightlife of the neighbourhood. Ask local people what function the gallery had in older times, what products people could buy there?



**! 9 Telis (ΤΕΛΗΣ in Greek) is a workshop** that has a long handcraft tradition, since 1933. Visit the shop and ask about their traditional craft and its founder who became famous his some excellent handmade items.

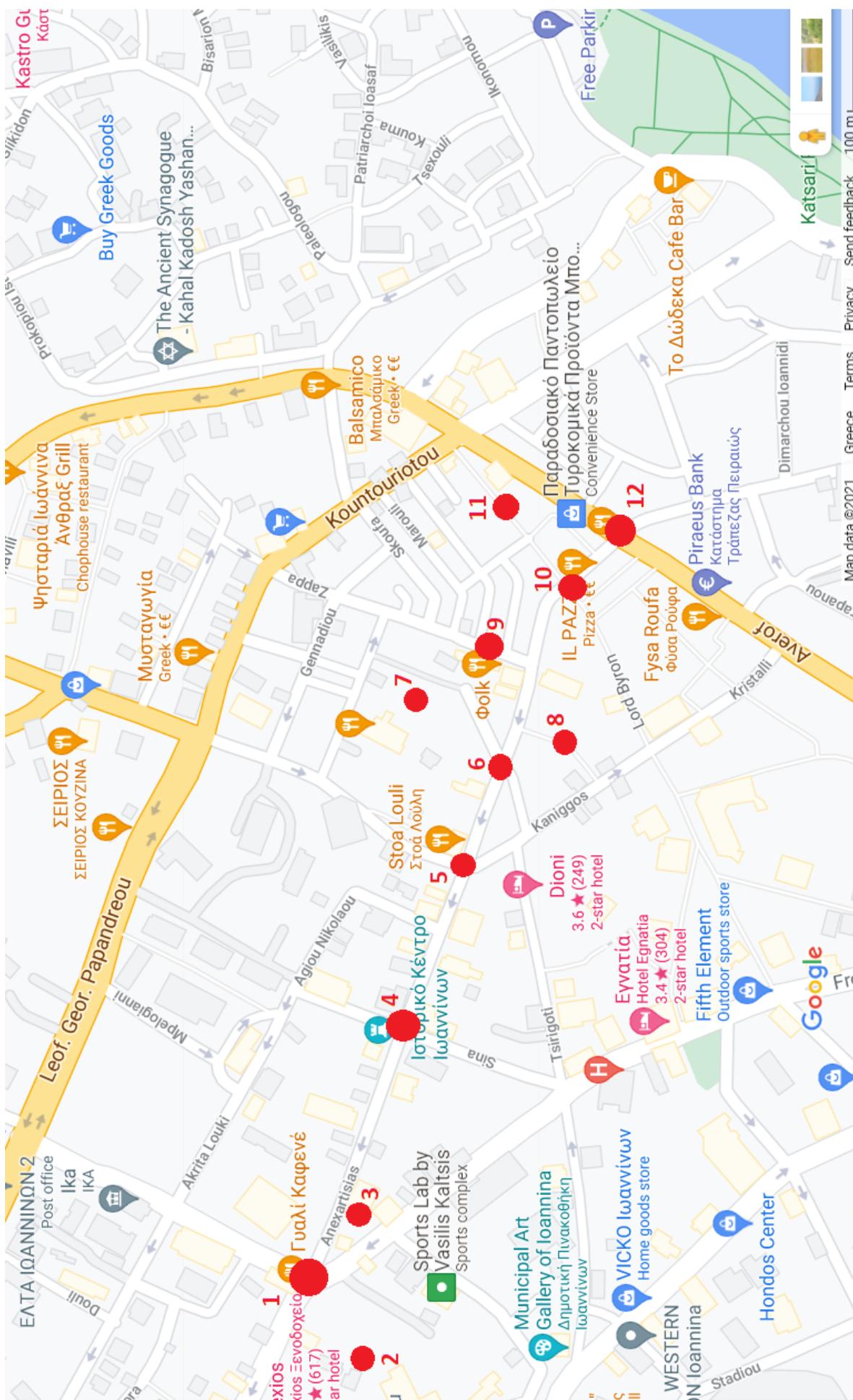
**10 The Bairakli Mosque**, which was the second largest Muslim community building in the city, used to supply the old market with water from its fountain. Take a look and see if there are any visible remains of this historic place and ask locals whether they know thy the mosque was demolished in 1931. What types of businesses do you see around? Can you find a coffee place called the Old Market (Palia Agora or Παλιά Αγορά in Greek)?



**11 Kallari street** (Καλλάρη in Greek) is one of the old market area spots where some traditional shops still remain, as well as this place is very popular among young people enjoying bars in the evening. Talk to locals and find out which is the oldest traditional shop on the street.

**! 12 Sotirios Voulgaris was the creator of Bulgari**, one of the world's most famous jewelry brands today. He was born nearby Ioannina and gained the talent of silversmithing from his grandfather. Walk on the Averof street and appreciate the handmade silver jewelry. Can you count how many silver jewelry shops are the on Averof street nowadays? Take a group photo or video as if recreating the Old Market trading spirit of a century ago!





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