

# Priene

The Fascinating Finds of Priene City  
from the Hellenistic Period  
Miletus Museum

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## Priene Archaeological Site Visiting Hours

1 April-31 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00

31 October-1 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30

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## The Pompei of Anatolia







# Athena Sanctuary

The sanctuary is entered through the monumental gate called propylon dating back to Gregorian years. A rectangular structure left empty is reached through numerous pillars and entablature pieces. This is an altar dating to the 2nd century BC. The altar was once adorned with figured reliefs. The temple is located to its west. The remains of the pedestal of Athena's cult statue at the back to the west have been preserved. Pytheos has opened a new era in temple architecture by providing all plan elements with measurements based on a single module. Between the temple and the altar is an architrave with Greek inscription.



# Theater

It is the only example in Western Anatolia that has been preserved without many additions belonging to the Roman Period. At first games were played at the bottom in honour of the god Dionysus, later they started to be played on Proskenion which was covered with wooden flooring. The altar of Dionysus is still standing at the edge round of the orchestra at the back.



## Bouleuterion

Prytaneion was the official workplace of the city's executive committee. Foreign diplomats were also accepted here and Hestia's holy fire burned day and night. It has undergone many changes over time. 500 councilors at least could find a place here. In the middle of the structure is a restored altar with god busts.



## East Gate

The East Gate was once Priene's the most magnificent gate. The way going to neighbouring Magnesia city was starting from here and passing through grave sites in front of the city walls.



## Basilica

The basilica, the church of the Episcopal, was built in the 5th to 6th centuries AD, with reused material, some of which were structural elements of the southern gallery of the Sanctuary of Athena. The priest's lectern (ambon) is in the middle of the church. To the east is the half-round apse of the church.