

Temple of Apollo Smintheion, the Lord of Mice

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Troy Archaeological Site Visiting Hours

1 April-31 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
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
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

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Troy: An Epic War Story





From Mythology to Reality

The 9 layers seen in Troy show more than 3000 years without interruption and allow us to follow the civilizations settled in this unique geography where Anatolia, Aegean and Balkans meet. The earliest settlement level in Troy is dated to 3000-2500 BC and the Early Bronze Age. Troy, which was continuously settled thereafter, was inhabited as a Byzantine settlement until the 13th century after the settlement of the Roman Period and then lost its importance.



Cybele Cult of Troy

Food remains and animal bones as well as swan-patterned potsherds were found in the sanctuary, and numerous votive female statuettes were found in the altars within the sanctuary. Furthermore, figurines of Cybele, goddess of fertility, each of which is depicted sitting with a Polos (crown) on head, a Tympanon (tambourine) in one hand, a Phiale (bowl) in the other hand, and lion in her lap, were found.



Cultural Layers

In the light of archaeological data, it was understood that the city was inhabited continuously from 3000 BC to 500 AC. Adobe was generally used as building material. Therefore, as a result of the long settlement sequence, an artificial hill with overlapping urban layers was formed in the area. As a result of the excavations, more than 50 building phases were identified in 10 different city layers.



The Wind Brought Wealth to Troy

As a port city, Troy had developed rapidly due to its role in maritime trade and had become a strategic settlement that controls the transition from the Aegean Sea to the Black Sea. Troy has been declared as a National Park with its surrounding in 1996 due to its mythological, historical and archaeological importance and in 1998 the site was inscribed on the World Heritage List.