

Slide 1: Title Slide

- **Title:** The Rotonda of Thessaloniki
 - **Subtitle:** A Journey Through History, Architecture, and Religion
 - **Presenter's Name**
 - **Image:** A prominent image of the Rotonda exterior or interior.
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Slide 2: Introduction to the Rotonda

- **Bullet Points:**
 - Located in Thessaloniki, Greece
 - Built in the early 4th century AD
 - Originally connected to the Roman Emperor Galerius' palace complex
 - **Notes:**
 - The Rotonda is one of Thessaloniki's most iconic landmarks.
 - Its purpose is somewhat mysterious, possibly a temple or a mausoleum.
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Slide 3: Unique Structure & Design

- **Bullet Points:**
 - Circular design, almost 30 meters high and 24.5 meters in diameter
 - Similar to Rome's Pantheon—often called its "twin"
 - Walls are 6.3 meters thick with 8 rectangular niches inside
 - **Notes:**
 - The Rotonda's circular structure makes it a unique piece of Greek architecture.
 - Its resemblance to the Pantheon shows the Roman influence on the structure.
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Slide 4: The Rotonda's Purpose and Mysteries

- **Bullet Points:**
 - Exact purpose is unknown
 - Possibly a temple for the Olympian gods or a mausoleum for Emperor Galerius
 - **Notes:**
 - Historians have theories about the building's purpose, but no definitive answers.
 - Adds an element of mystery to the building's history.
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Slide 5: Rotonda's Religious Transformations

- **Bullet Points:**

- Used as a Christian church, then a mosque, then a church again
- Minaret from Ottoman era still stands—the only one left in Thessaloniki
- Final re-dedication to Christianity after Thessaloniki's liberation

- **Notes:**

- The Rotonda has served different religions over the centuries.
 - The building reflects Thessaloniki's diverse cultural and religious history.
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Slide 6: Modern Restoration and Use

- **Bullet Points:**

- Extensive restoration completed in 2015
- Now functions as a cultural monument and museum
- Houses mosaics, hagiographies, and unique architectural features

- **Notes:**

- The restoration preserved its historical and architectural value.
 - Visitors can appreciate ancient art and the building's complex history.
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Slide 7: Why Visit the Rotonda?

- **Bullet Points:**

- See ancient mosaics and religious art
- Experience a mix of Greek, Roman, and Ottoman influences
- Discover the "twin" of the Roman Pantheon in Greece

- **Notes:**

- The Rotonda is a must-see for history enthusiasts and architecture lovers.
 - It's a symbol of Thessaloniki's vibrant past and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
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Slide 8: Conclusion

- **Bullet Points:**

- The Rotonda is a testament to Thessaloniki's rich history and cultural diversity.
- Its transformations reflect centuries of religious and cultural shifts.
- A unique destination blending ancient history with modern restoration.

- **Notes:**

- Wrap up by emphasizing the Rotonda's historical importance and its role as a cultural monument today.

Slide 9: Q&A

- **Title:** Any Questions?
 - **Image:** Additional images of the Rotonda or its interior details.
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