



## **Dimitsana**

Dimitsana is built on a mountain slope at an elevation of 950 meters. From its southern side a marvelous view of [Megalopolis](#) plain and [Taygetus](#) is provided. Dimitsana is located 31 km northwest of [Tripoli](#).

At the site of present-day Dimitsana there was, in ancient times, the ancient Arcadian town [Teuthis](#) that had participated in the [Trojan War](#), but also in the colonization of [Megalopolis](#).

In 963 Philosophou Monastery was founded 2,5 km from Dimitsana. The name of the town is first recorded in 967 in a [Patriarchate](#)'s document related to Philosophou Monastery. The first gunpowder mills of the town were built under the guise of home industry in the middle of the 18th century by Bishop Ananias Lakedaimonias, who paved a revolt against the Turks. In 1764 the movement was revealed and Ananias and his partners were killed. In the same year Agapios, a wise monk, built a library, where he moved the books of the monastery. The library was growing up constantly until 1821, as the Patriarchate offered new books and there was operating a seminary, known as *Φροντιστήριο Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων* (Tuitin Centre of Greek Literature). A lot of bishops and scholars graduated from it, among them [Patriarch Gregory V of Constantinople](#) and [Germanos III of Old Patras](#) whose houses have survived in the town.

