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**April 1-October 31**

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Closing Time: 19:00  
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Closing Time: 17:30  
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# ASCLEPEION

THE MOST FAMOUS TREATMENT CENTER  
OF ANTIQUITY



Sacred Area where Water is Blended with



It was a treatment center established in the name of Asclepius, the god of medicine. The surviving remains of Asclepeion date back to the arrangements made by the Roman Emperor Hadrian in the 2nd century CE.

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The Story of the Serpent Column

When the patient who came to the Pergamon Asclepeion during the time of Galenos could not be treated, it was instructed that he should be taken to the entrance of the temple and taken to his relatives. Then the patient saw two snakes vomiting into a bowl of milk, from which both of them drank. The snakes spread their venom in the milk as they fought right next to the bowl. The desperate patient approached the bowl of milk and drank it. When the patient fell asleep after drinking the poisoned milk and recovered after a while, Galen erected a column as a votive offering dedicated to Asclepius (God of Medicine) on which the scene described above is depicted.



A votive plaque from the Roman Period discovered in the Asclepeion excavations

There is a relief of ear depiction on a bronze plate. The ear depiction is covered with gold. There are three rows of inscriptions at the bottom. The inscription reads, "Phabia Sekounda dedicated (this votive plaque) to the Savior Asclepius".



The Hospital Where Death Cannot Enter



Diseases were tried to be treated with various methods, such as lucid dreaming in sleeping rooms, water sounds, mud healing, healing water, hijama, fasting and limotherapy, therapy and musicotherapy. It was also the home of Physician Galen, known as the father of pharmacy. Pergamon, one of the most important health cities of the ancient world, is also the hometown of Physician Galenos, known as the father of pharmacy.

The Place Where Pharmacy Was Founded



The Asclepeion sanctuary has become an important place among other contemporary treatment centers in Epidaurus and Kos in terms of the treatment methods applied against diseases in the Roman Period, the physicians serving here, and the healing methods developed by Galenos of Pergamon, who was among these physicians.