

Egnatian Way at Thessalonica

The Romans were superb road builders. Major routes were graded and paved, making travel and commerce easier than ever before. The Egnatian Way, or *Via Egnatia*, extended from the Adriatic Sea on the western shore of Greece to the straits at Byzantium (later called Constantinople or Istanbul) to the east. The road was a major link between Italy and Asia. In Macedonia, the route passed through Thessalonica and Philippi among other cities.

