## ANCIENT ODEON

In the upper town, west of the ancient agora is situated the largely restored Roman Odeon of Patras. Pausanias, the ancient traveller, visited Patras in the 17O AD and wrote: "it has the most beautiful decoration that Ι have ever seen except, of course, that of Athens".

After its restoration, the theatre has a seating capacity of 2.300 people and it is the main venue for the International Festival of Patras which takes place every summer. Around the Odeon there are 'sarcophagi', 'mosaics' and other ancient findings from excavations in Patras.

**APOLLO” THEATRE (a replica of 'La Scala' in Milan)**

It was built in 1872 at the King George I square with the financial support of Patras merchants. It is a characteristic work of the German architect Ernst Ziller with three rows of boxes and seats dressed with red velvet. Ever since it was opened to the public several performances of 'melodrama', opera and operetta have been put on this theater. Today the Municipal Theatre Apollo is the venue for performances of the Municipal and Regional Theatre of Patras. It is also used for musical performances as well as for carnival balls, known as the "Bourboulia".

### Apollo theatre