

GSE Trip To Greece A Big Success

GSE Team Leader Lisa Leonard here, happy to report that our month in Greece went very well! Neither volcano nor economic crisis prevented us from having a wonderful experience with Rotarians in District 2470.

Travelling across the southern part of the country via plane, ferry, bus and car, we had the opportunity to see a varied landscape and breathtaking views of bright blue sea water.

Our hosts showed us historic sites like the Acropolis and Knossos Palace. We saw olive groves and visited a winery. Our vocational visits took us to courthouses, radio stations, yoga studios, schools, non-profit organizations, and the office of a high-ranking government official.

When we were not at hotels, we were with warm and welcoming host-families. Now we understand why Greeks are known for their hospitality.

We were very well fed. Perhaps TOO well-fed! The long-lasting meals gave us plenty of opportunity to try all the delicious appetizers, salads, cheeses, and hearty main courses that the Greeks prepare so well. Conversation over the dinner table was always interesting and lively.

One of our highlights was attending the District Conference in Crete. This is where we got to meet professionals from different islands and cities, learn about their Rotary projects, and be reminded that although we speak different languages, Rotarians are all committed to Service Above Self.

My first GSE experience in South Korea was a great way for me to learn about Rotary and ultimately inspired me to become a member. I was happy to see the team members in Greece showing a real interest in learning about Rotary as well. Don't be surprised if they apply for membership down the road! Until then, rest assured, they represented Rotary and our district extremely well on this Group Study Exchange.

Interested in seeing photos and hearing more about this year's trip to Greece? Please contact me to schedule a GSE presentation at your club's meeting:

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