

A Wonderful Sunday Trip to the Peloponnese

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, we went on a fantastic trip to the Peloponnese, organized by our teacher from UNIPI, Nikos Kakavelakis. It was a day full of history, beautiful places, and great company. Nikos made the trip even more special by sharing interesting stories about every place we visited. His passion for history and his friendly attitude created a great atmosphere, making the experience even more enjoyable.

Our first stop was the Corinth Canal (Isthmos), an amazing waterway that connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas. Standing on the edge and looking down at the deep, narrow canal was truly impressive.

Next, we traveled back in time at Mycenae, the ancient kingdom of Agamemnon. We entered through the famous Lion Gate and explored the site, imagining what life was like thousands of years ago. The highlight was the Treasury of Atreus (Tholos Tomb), an enormous beehive-shaped tomb that left us speechless. At the Museum of Mycenae, we saw fascinating artifacts that helped us understand more about this ancient civilization.

Then, we headed to Palamidi Castle, a grand fortress overlooking Nafplion. Fortunately we didn't have to climb up the stone steps, but the way down let us see breathtaking views from the top.. Inside, we visited the prison of Kolokotronis, where one of Greece's national heroes was once kept.

After that, we took a boat trip to Bourtzi Castle, a small but beautiful fortress on an island in Nafplion's bay. The short ride on the water and the stunning view of the town from the sea made this part of the trip very special.

Back in Nafplion, we explored its rich history. We visited two old mosques, which are reminders of the town's Ottoman past, as well as two beautiful churches—one inside the castle and another in the town center.

Walking through Nafplion's old town was like stepping into the past. The narrow streets, charming Venetian-style buildings, and lively squares made it a wonderful place to explore.

To end the day in the best way, we enjoyed a delicious meal at «Η γωνιά του Καβαλάρη», a traditional Greek restaurant. The food was amazing, and the warm atmosphere made our last moments of the trip even more special.

This Sunday trip was more than just sightseeing—it was an experience full of history, beauty, and fun. Thanks to Nikos, who made the trip both interesting and enjoyable, we had a truly unforgettable day!