

Saturday, 1st April 2017

Our adventure started when we arrived in the airport of Athens, from there we grabbed a taxi that took us to our hotel in the central part of Athens. We went to eat in a local restaurant where we ate souvlaki, a traditional meat dish, in pita bread. We then toured the wonderful capital of Greece with our teachers and after we went to our hotel to call it a day.

Sunday, 2nd April 2017

We woke up for a delicious breakfast waiting for us in the hotel. We then went onto our bus where we met the other students participating in Project FIND like the ones from Greece, Poland, Norway, Italy, and the United Kingdom. We set off to our tour of the Acropolis and the Parthenon, on the hill above Athens. Up there one could see the breath-taking views of all of Athens in a magnificent and different way. On the Acropolis there was a lot of architectural beauty displayed. We went to the Acropolis Museum where there were thousands of objects which were collected from the Acropolis. We also went to the National Archeological Museum where there were a lot of statues and paintings. In the 3 hour long journey from Athens to Patras one could not notice the mountainous view where I admired the natural and untouched by mankind view.

When we came to the Patras school we were all welcomed by the Greeks with a warm and very friendly welcome. They performed traditional folk dances. They fed us with delicious and tasty food. We then did the introduction of ourselves and of our country. We then went into our hotel in the evening.



Acropolis

Monday, 3rd April 2017

When we woke up. We went to the school of Patras and the teachers of there did a presentation on robotics and then we were divided into groups and we had to build a working lego robot and then we had to program it we then did a tour of Patras and saw all of its wonderful highlights and landmarks. We then went to a local pizzeria and ate a delicious pizza and went touring the city on our own. We then went back to the hotel.

Tuesday, 4th April 2017

When we woke up we went to the operating center of a bridge that connects the south of Greece to the north of Greece. In there, there was an exhibition different types of bridges and we also saw the engineering that took to build the bridge. Then we went to a highway which was still being constructed and the engineer that was accompanying us explained the process of how to build a highway. At noon we went to the school where we had a timpana. We then continued our robotics lesson where we finished building the robot and we started programming the robot so that it can do the mission requested. In the evening we went to a nearby beach and there was a reataurant there, unfortunately we didn't go swimming because we felt that the water was still cold. We ate souvlaki and chips which were offered and payed by the parents of greek students who attend the school and they were very generous and kind for this very friendly gesture. We then went back to the hotel.



Rion-Antirion Bridge

Wednesday, 5th April 2017

We woke up and went for breakfast and after we went to Olympia. There we went into the International Olympic Academy where we saw a short documentary about the history of the Olympics and then we went and saw a museum on the things that were needed and used for the Olympics in Athens in 2004 like torches, medals and much more. We went to have lunch and after we then went to the ruins of ancient Olympia where we saw the remains of the Olympic Stadium and temples as well. We then went to the museum of ancient Olympia and later on we went on the bus and went back to Patras and then we went to a to have dinner in a restaurant and while we felt an earthquake that was measured to be 4.6 on the Richter Scale. It was a new experience for me because I had never experienced one before. After we ate we went back to the hotel.

Olympia temple



Olympic Medals
from Athens 2004



Thursday, 6th April 2017

We woke up and went for breakfast. We went to a scientific center where there were a lot of games where you had to brainstorm to find a solution for the problem, one of them was where you had a small, old train wagon and you had to fill it up with the given wooden pieces I got to solve it. We then were divided into 3 groups and we had to find the right tactics to solve a game which they chose for us. The game was called "Race to 20". We also did a presentation of the robot that we built and we showed what it was supposed to do. We then had a small break. We then presented the game we did and then we left and did some shopping in Patras. At 9 we went to a local restaurant for dinner.

Friday, 7th April 2017

We woke up and we went and had a light breakfast and then we went to the minibus. We were dropped off in a train station where we saw breath-taking views of the countryside. Then we went to an enormous cave and we saw all of the stalagmites and stalagmites and many other characteristics of the cave. Afterwards we went to a place where the Nazis had killed all the men in Kalavrita and later on we went to the old school where they killed all of the women and children of Kalavrita. We then went to a restaurant where we ate lunch and then we went to a monastery where we saw beautiful artwork. We also went into a small church and saw all of its beauty. We then went shopping in Patras and in the evening we went for dinner.

Cave Lakes



Monument at the
Museum of Kalavriyta



Saturday, 8th April 2017

We woke up and then we went for breakfast and then we headed off to Athens to the airport we stopped at a bridge to see the place where they built a small canal so that ships won't have to go around Greece but they go through it from this canal. We then went to the airport and at 2:25 we took off and at 3:15, Maltese time, we landed safely. It was the end to a beautiful experience which I will never forget throughout my life because we were an amazing group and because I learned a lot of new things as well.