

Our Erasmus Trip to Crete

We began our wonderful Cretan adventure from October 7th 2019 –October 13th 2019

*The first day we visited the **Castello del Molo (Koules) in Heraklion** which is the fortress dominating the entrance to the Venetian harbor and has been also been referred to as the Castello del Molo, the Rocca a Mare and the Koules.*

*Our next visit was to the **Technological University of Crete** where the students were given lectures on different courses offered and occupational possibilities. This also included a tour of the university, meetings with various professors and visiting the botanical garden of the Environmental Science Department.*

The students also had the chance to visit Plastika Kritis, an international company producing master batches and agricultural films. This also included a tour of the factory where students had the opportunity to see how products were made using plastic pellets.

Our trip could not have excluded the **magnificent Palace of Knossos** which is an unbelievable historical jewel. Knossos is the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete and has been called Europe's oldest city.



Our journey around the island took us to various places such as, **Thrapsano** where the teachers and students had the pleasure of learning how Minoan pottery is made. Also, the **Melidoni cave** which is a chamber with huge dripstones hanging from the top of the cave.

Our programme included the fascinating city of **Réthymnon** which lies along the north coast, having to the east one of the largest sandy beaches in Crete. The city's main income is from tourism, many new facilities having been built in the past 20 years. Agriculture is also notable, especially for olive oil and other Mediterranean products.

Finally a visit to the **local TV Station (KRITI TV)** included a guided tour in the television and radio studios as well as in the local newspaper offices. The students got a first look at all the occupations that a TV station could offer.

Our last stop had to include the **attractive CretAquarium'**, which is one of the largest and most modern aquariums in Europe, part of 'THALASSOKOSMOS', the largest center for marine science and promotion of the Mediterranean sea world.

