

## GREECE STUDENT EXCHANGE November 2018

Thessaloniki is a Greek port city on the Thermaic Gulf of the Aegean. Especially in the area of the upper town (Ano Poli), numerous testimonies from the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman periods are preserved. Among the ruins of the palace of the Roman emperor Galerius from the 4th Century is the rotunda, which was used as a church and as a mosque. Much of the city centre was destroyed in 1917 by a major fire. In the following years of the 20th century. The city was rebuilt to a modern European urban model.



And there we were with our school group, twelve students and three adults. We visited the sights there, such as the White Tower.

There are a lot of students in Thessaloniki because you do not earn so much as an apprentice there. But even after graduation, not much is earned either, especially because the country is not very rich.

### **Sunday, 4.11.2018:**

In the morning we went on a graffiti tour. And then we went to the Atatürk Museum and after that we went eating.

### **Monday, 5.11.2018:**

On this sunny day, we went to a primary school tournament (basketball, football, etc.) After that, at 4:00 pm, we went to meet some youths at the Balkan Heart - a youth centre for creativity and personal expression in Thessaloniki's historical centre.



### **Tuesday the 6.11.2018:**

We went to the Cultural Neighborhood Workshop, where we did some pottery and jewelry. After that we went for a workshop in a garden and stuff.

### **Wednesday 7.11.2018:**

We went on a trip to the Kerkini lake. There, we were allowed to drive the boat and saw over 3000 birds. Then we went out to eat. After all of this action, we went home and cooked and ate our own food.

### **Thursday, 8.11.2018:**

We went shopping and were at the General Secretariat for Youth Office which was a lot of fun.

### **Friday, 9.11.2018:**

On that day we unfortunately had to fly home to Berlin again. We would have liked to stay there, because the country and the people were really nice. And the food delicious.

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