

ERASMUS + in Athens

A story by Gabriel, Jörn & Nils

About us



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“The german Trio”



How in all worlds did we end up here?



- Individually interested in doing an ERASMUS
- By coincidence – all of us chose Athens
- Applied in February 2022
- Nominated quite fast
- Step by step LA and formalities via mobility.fau.de
- Sending documents to NTUA
- Planning of accommodation and trip in November 2022
- Starting at 31.01.23 from Nuremberg
- Arrived 05.02.23 in Athens
- Final confirmation that we are allowed to stay: mid of February (more to that later)

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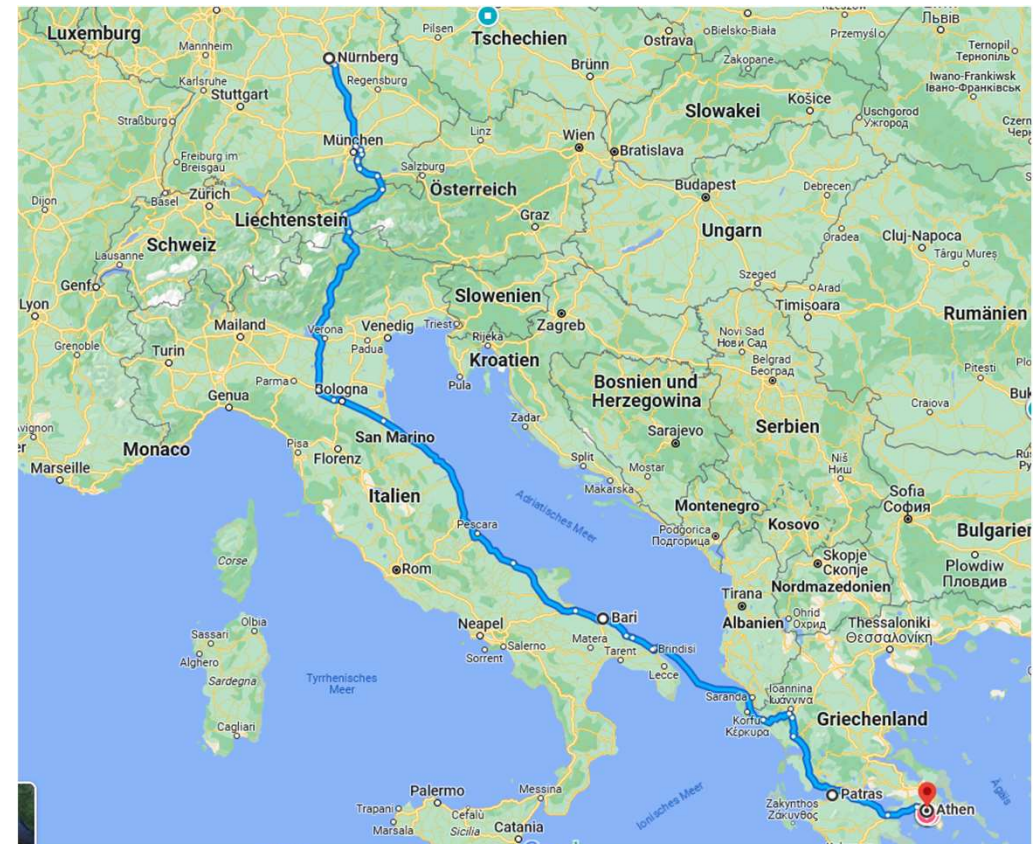
Five day trip?!

- Nuremberg ZOB – München ZOB
- München ZPB – Bari bus station (drive trough the night)
- Sightseeing Bari
- Taking the ferry: Bari – Patras (over night)
- Sightseeing Patras
- Bus to Athens

It started as what the whole thing was supposed to be:

an adventure

Price (including the Green Travel bonus) similar to plane



Athens, 06.02.2023

Is that...snow?



Pack a hoodie, short pants season starts from March

- NTUA very renommed uni in Greece
- Hard to enter for Greek student – privilege as ERASMUS
- People – as everywhere in Greece – nice and friendly; willing to help!!!
- Nevertheless: Greek motto – **χαλαρά** – take it easy
- They will take care about everything, it might take some time
- Important to learn how to combine the german urge of efficiency and havin their documents with the greek lifestyle
- In the end, it all will work out!!!

Courses: (Jörn)

- Most of courses are taught in Greek (info on website not always correct, depends on teacher)
- Different exercises such as writing an essay about a specific topic possible to attend course

Labs: (Gabriel)

- Labs in (bio)chemistry fields – very interesting, e.g. silver nanoparticle synthesis with use of green tea extract
- Lab report in teams or alone

Thesis: (Nils)

- International bachelor thesis in the field of biomass combustion simulation
- Possible with EU cooperation of EVT chair and NTUA

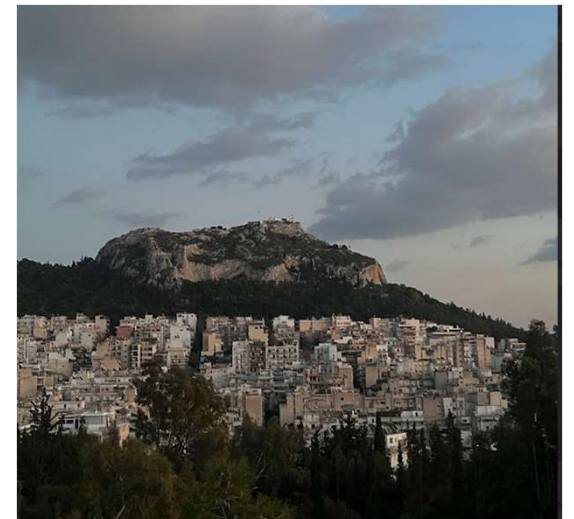
Lots of offers for students:

- Library with sockets and WLAN, not too much
- Lecture halls modern
- Lots of cafeterias over the (huge) campus – perfect place to drink your Fredo Capuccino
- In the “Mensa”: Three warm meals per day **for free**
- Sports center **for free**, with gym, but also a wide range of sports with trainer (basketball, volleyball, tennis,...)

PRO TIP: for studying not at the campus (as it is quite far away) – Goethe Institute of Athens

The City of Athens

- 5 Million inhabitants (half of the population of Greece)
- Full, noisy, smelly
- Also many calm areas, you just have to know where to go
- Public transport is very efficient, wide range of busses – google maps knows where and when u have to go
- In some areas – watch out – for you own safety (as in every big city)
- Normal rules are sufficient:
 - Don't go alone by night in dark streets
 - Watch your stuff
 - Don't search for stress



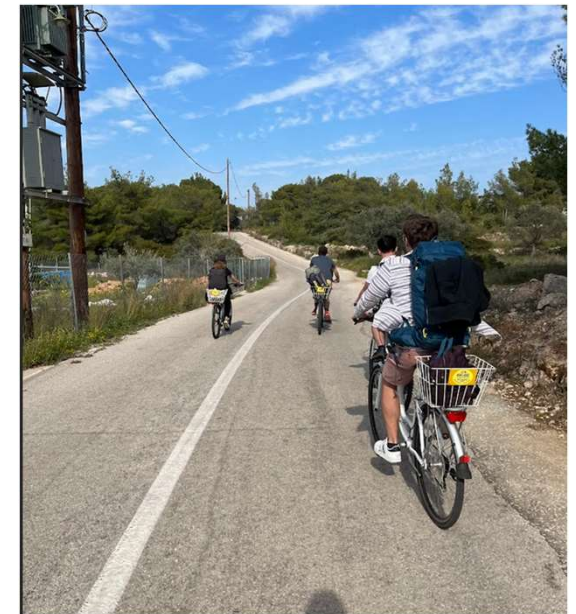
The City of Athens

- One of the most famous cities in Europe, the birthplace of democracy,...
- This vibe is still there – you just have to know where to go
- Old town & many magnificent museums to get to know a glimpse about what happened
- Might not be enough time – why?
 - > Athens is also famous for bar scene, (techno) parties
- Beach, mountains and a looooot of trips



Speaking about Trips

- ESN - European Student Network
- Voluntary students to help you having a time you never forget
- Not only parties, but many trips to historical places, cities and islands
- Help you to build up a network between ERASMUS students
- Also good to know: you all are in the same position – you will find many that have the same problem and you will find a way out together



- Χαλαρά
- Fredo Espresso/Capuccino
- “Just because most of the time it is hot in Greece, doesnt mean we are handling it well” ~ Kostas
- Islands to escape the heat is a win win: Escape the heat & being on an island
- Street market
- FOOD – from Spinacco Pita over Eggplant salad, Kalamari, Lamb, fish in all possible ways to **Gyros Pita**
- Greek dances & Music





Use your possibilities!