

Youth Perspective on Ancient History



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Aydın / TURKEY

ABOUT PROJECT

The advantage of both the geographical position and the availability of the climate and the fertile soil of Aydın has made the land available for settlement for thousands of years, Aydın has hosted many civilizations throughout the history. In the western part of the Territory, the Ion sovereignty has been effective for many years, while the eastern and southern parts

have demonstrated the effects of Karya civilization. Aydın is one of the richest archaeological sites in our country, with 21 ancient cities and ruins today. 10 of these 21 archaeological sites are being excavated every year and 8 of them serve domestic and foreign tourism.

The first places that come to mind when it comes to the ancient cities that are very popular in Aydın today are Didyma, Miletus, Aphrodisias, and Prien. Nysa, Magnesia, Tralles, Alinda, and Alabanda increase the number of visitors every day. Apart from these, there are many archeological sites that are waiting to come to light such as, Myus, Gerga, Harpasa, Mastaura, Anriorchia, Amyzon, Pygela, Achara, Orthasia, Pigi, Panionion. Also, it is important to state that Aydın has hosted Ionian and Karya Civilizations throughout the history. The famous cities of the ancient era, Aphrodisias, Miletus, Didyma, Nysa, Priene, and Magnesia are the most important ruins in this region.

The most important reason why Aydın hosts so many archeological sites is that it was founded on the ' Kings Road ', the busiest commercial way in the classical period. The famous ' Kings Road ' has gone down in history, 2,000 years later, as ' Silk Road '. Tralles, the olive reservoir of The Byzantine Empire, and its environs have become the center of the Seigniorship of Aydınogulları in the 12th century, which is why the area has been named "Aydın" since the 14th century. There are 13 ancient cities around Aydın, there is not a single region in the world that has that many ancient cities around it.

In this context, our project aims to increase the quality tourism of both Aydın and Turkey, the development of cultural tourism and the introduction of these ancient cities to the world via cultural envoy youngsters.

In this context, our goals are:

- To contribute the study of the European Cultural Heritage Year,
- To convey the cultural heritage of the city of Aydın to future generations,
- Digitalization of the cultural heritage, so to make it accessible to everyone on the internet,
- To provide the cultural heritage spread in social media and other media today
- To learn about the cultural heritage of different countries
- To provide intercultural learning
- Ensure the spread of Erasmus+ projects



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PARTICIPANT

Total 47 participants (5 organizations / 9 participants for each partner)

Coordinator: Antik Gençler
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ACTIVITIES

Ice Breaking Games
Group Building Activity
Brainstorming
International Culture Nights
Extraordinary, Fun Workshops
Free Times
City Tour
Outdoor Activities
Ancient Excavation Studies
Non-Formal Education Games
Experience Sharing
Workshop Presentations and in Group Interaction Opportunities

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About Aydın

Aydın Presentation Film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvnVOwf5rWQ>

Aydın City Information:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayd%C4%B1n>



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The fastest and recommended way of traveling to Aydın is taking a bus from İzmir. To check the best prices for your flights (to İzmir or Istanbul), you

can visit these sites:

www.turkishairlines.com/en-gb/index.html

www.flypgs.com/en

www.skyscanner.com

However, there are buses operating between İzmir and Aydın as well. You can check:

www.pamukkale.com.tr

www.kamilkoc.com.tr

BUDGET

Accommodation, food, activity costs will be covered by the program. Most importantly, travel costs will be reimbursed following the submission of all the original travel documents. Reimbursements will be done through bank transfer so as to assure the travel documents like boarding passes, bus and train tickets. The maximum travel budget is;

According to country distance 170 to 360 Euros



COMMUNICATION

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