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PRESS RELEASE

The 10th Yperia which took place from 19 to 22 April 2012, was extremely successful. Many journalists, photographers, producers, festival organizers and television teams attended from Belgium, France, Greece, Spain, Italy, Lithuania, Holland, Romania, Serbia, Sweden.

On the first day the archaeologist Mr.Nikitas Passaris, guided participants to the Hellenistic Tower of Holly Trinity.

The 3rd Amorgos Film Festival was inaugurated at the Cinematographic Club of Amorgos in Vroutsi, by Mr.Notis Forsos and Mrs.Argyro Mesimeri, from Thessaloniki Festival. Films from different countries were projected and more were screened at Aegialis Hotel & Spa the following days.

The visit to the monastery of St.George Valsamitis, built on the ruins of an ancient water oracle, was a special experience, as they were offered lunch by sister Irene and enjoyed the wonderful landscape and the positive energy of the area.

There were also visits to the Byzantine Monastery of Hozoviotissa, the Archaeological Museum, Epanochoriani church, the procession of the icons of the Hozoviotissa Monastery, the villages of Lagada, Tholaria, Chora, Katapola, the Katapoliani church and the Folklore exhibition by the Amorgos Athletic Association.

Classic string concert under the maestro Mr.Pantelis Despotidis was performed. Folklore dancing group of children in Tholaria and teenagers in Katapola, were presented.

While visiting the old village Asfodylitis with the numerous dry stone walls and the rock paintings, there was a chance to see and smell the aromatic herbs of Amorgos.

During lunches and dinners in different restaurants of the island, participants had the chance to try the variety of gastronomy on Amorgos, enjoying music, singing, dancing and fiestas.

The Italian architect and representative of UNESCO Mr.George Martino, presented the Monastery of Hozoviotissa as candidate for World Heritage Monument of UNESCO.

The 10th Yperia closed with the award to the 3 winners of the 3rd Tour Film Festival of Amorgos, for the best films. Mrs.Irene Giannakopoulos, the organizer of the Festival and hostess of Aegialis Hotel & Spa, thanked all participants and wished to welcome them again for Yperia 2013.

The 10th ΥΠΕΡΙΑ and the 3rd International Short Tourism Film Festival of Amorgos took place under the auspices and sponsorship of E.O.T the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of navigation and Aegean.

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