

# Press Release – Yperia 2014 Day 2

## Lagada - Tholaria

On the second day of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Convention on Tourism & Culture, YPERIA 2014 participants were invited to discover the villages of Lagada and Tholaria. In the morning, they went to Epanochoriani Church, a 15 minute walk from Lagada village, and visited the distillation laboratory of Mr. Vangelis Vassalos on the way back. He presented his place and the distillation mechanism and spoke about the benefits and virtues of wild herbs.

In Pergalidi Café-Bar, Maria Nomikou offered tea from local herbs as well as the traditional Amorgian liquor Psimeni Raki. Walking through the village, participants were also guided to the traditional and very well preserved olive and grape press of Mr. Dimitris Nomikos, where one could learn about the oil and wine production process.

A stop was also organized at "Iamata" Shop and at "Tratarisma" sweetshop, where Antonis offered delicious sweets and coffee.

### Walking the old path

One part of the group went to enjoy a walk through the old path from Lagada to Tholaria. This hike is considered as one of the easiest and most beautiful of the island. It passes through the abandoned village of Stroumbos and offers a panoramic view of Aegiali bay.

Lunch was offered in Santouraki Restaurant in Tholaria and Mrs Annita Grispou organized a traditional dancing demonstration.

Wearing the traditional costumes, showing the different types of dances from the island but also from different areas of Greece, the children from Amorgos also invited the participants of Yperia to join them and learn the different steps.

In the afternoon, a 2 hour screening took place, from the 5<sup>th</sup> International Short Tourism Film Festival at Aegialis Hotel & Spa.

It was followed by a ceramic exhibition by Manolis Loudaros, as well as a needle work exhibition by Pothiti Mentrinou. Both of them could explain the specific functions and needs of each of the presented pieces.

In the evening, some speeches took place. Mrs Eleni Methodiou, Archaeologist and Unesco expert, spoke about the "International appeal to UNESCO for the protection of Greek cultural heritage"; Mr John Driedonks, Senior lecturer on multimedia journalism, spoke about the importance of multimedia "Think Global/Act Local", and Mrs Maria Lekakou, Professor at the University of the Aegean – Dept. of Shipping, Trade and Transport, spoke about the "Maritime Tourism and its impact upon societies.

The dinner was offered by Lakki, Restaurant, on the beach of Aegiali.



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