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9 days in Greece

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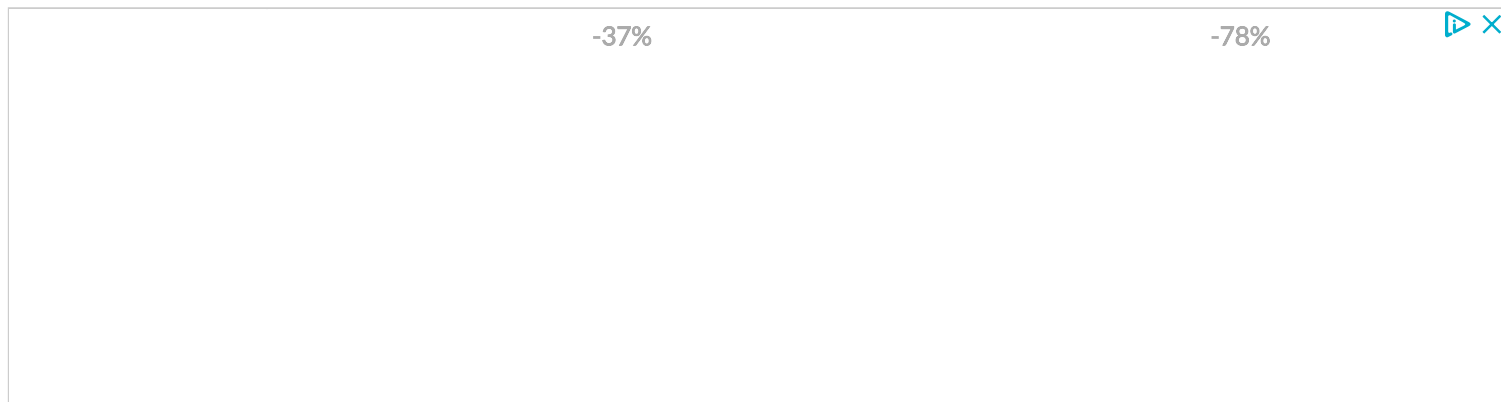
This is one of the many photos shared by local participants who enjoyed a nine-day trip to Greece last October with the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce.

About 50 local residents enjoyed a nine-day trip to Athens, Greece, last October, with one woman coming back with a ring on her finger.

The Oct. 20-29, 2022, trip was sponsored by the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce, which plans an annual international trip open to anyone interested.

“We spent days traveling to different areas in Greece,” said chamber member Kim Lineberger, CEO of Lineberger Construction Inc. “It was seeing the old Greece, all the ancient (history), the Parthenon, all of the history of actually Greece.”

The local travelers spent time in Athens, Corinth and Santorini, with every day featuring a new tour.



“I enjoyed the travel and it was nice to travel with people you knew,” Lineberger said.

Connie Funderburk, owner of Kenaki Academy Karate and prospective chamber member, experienced a very memorable trip, as she got engaged to her long-time boyfriend, Ben Morris, while in Greece.

“It was dark and such a beautiful time,” Funderburk said. “We were out on the balcony by the sea, the Aegean Sea (when he proposed). By breakfast, everyone knew about the engagement. I have dated him my whole life — well, he is someone that has been in my whole life.”

Funderburk said Greece has “a rich history, but you don’t realize until you hear it from the (local) people’s mouths.

“My favorite part was just being in the cities and seeing the picturesque places,” she said. “We went to some of the most historical places in the world. It was amazing to be in these places that you’ve seen your whole life in history books.”

Funderburk said she decided to go on the trip because it looked like a great opportunity to build business relationships at a reasonable price. She also said that’s why she is becoming a chamber member.

“Movers and shakers are doing things, and I want to be a part of that,” Funderburk said.

She encourages those considering a spot for this year’s trip to go, because it is a “good bonding experience for the group, and it encourages you to jump into a culture, but still have that safety net of home.”

The chamber has announced that its next trip will be to the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

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