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**NORD-EUROPA MØTES SØR-KRETA
I MIRTOS (og i Oslo i januar 2009)**



This Newsletter is the first one, we send special to you as our guest(s) from Norway. We hope you appreciate it that we inform you about the last news from Mirtos and our plans in 2009. If not, please send us an Email to ask us to take you from our sending list.

Hopefully you are all very well. Private and in everything you are doing.

We have arrived in Holland, after a long trip by car and boat from Mirtos to the small town of Meppel, where we hope to stay till the end of February. There is not much time, because we are already very busy with a lot of plans for 2009. We hope to inform you about it in our Christmas Newsletter you will receive about the 20th of December.

A brand-new cooperation with HELLAS.NO

There is some news we want to tell you already. Villa Mertiza and the Norwegian Travel site www.hellas.no have decided to cooperate. We hope in this way to promote Mirtos better in Norway. We want to do that in the first place, because we are very happy with the Norwegian guests we had in 2007 and 2008. The article in Aftenposten brought us more than 30 bookings and the Travel Agency Sundbudget in Mirtos got also more Norwegian guests. And from both sites everybody was very happy.

Thanks to Mrs. Lillian Foss from Hellas.no in Lysaker, we get an advertisement in a Travel Special from the Magazine VI OVER 60. This special will be released in January and for sale in bookshops and kiosks.

What we discovered on www.hellas.no were the cheap prices for flights from Oslo to Heraklion and Chania, you can book already. Prices starting from 1700 NOK for both ways are not expensive. Our Dutch and German guests are accustomed to book early because the prices are so reasonable now. It might be a good idea to consider if this is a good idea for you too.

VI OVER 60

Messen for deg
som elsker å reise

8.-11. JANUAR 2009

REISELIV
Norway International Meeting & Travel Fair

Ha det i Oslo.

We go to Oslo and hope to meet you there in 2009

During the REISELIV MESSE we hope to be in Oslo. Of course we want to get in contact with organizations which can help us to promote Villa Mertiza and Mirtos. But we like also to meet our guests from the past years. We will not have a special stand on the messe. This is too expensive for a small apartment hotel. But we try to find a good place to have the meeting. We think of a Greek restaurant. May be, if you are interested in this meeting, you keep free the weekend of 10 and 11th of January. More news next month.

Talking, talking, talking.

As you know, the Greek like to discuss... about anything.... No quiet voices at all. Also about the bus stop we had in front of Villa Mertiza. This year suddenly the bus stop disappeared to the other site of Mirtos. It was, indeed, more save there. But the Mirtos people wanted to have the bus stop on the old spot: In front of Villa Mertiza. But then the police, the bus company, the mayor and the "normal people" had to discuss about the condition the bus could turn safely. The discussion was loud, so our guests had a real theatre in front of them.



Now the road is full of yellow marks and the bus is back on the old spot. One problem, we lost some parking facilities.



Smoking in Greece

You can smoke everywhere! Even the owner of a pharmacy in Ierapetra smokes in his shop. But Brussels has the power. Starting 2010 there will be a stricter law, so the Greek are not allowed to smoke in the buildings of the government, banks etc. And may be even not in a restaurant or kafenion. But do the Greek accept that? Our opinion? NO WAY.

Outdoor Centre Dakanari, part of Villa Mertiza

In the next Newsletter we inform you about a new activity of Villa Mertiza: An outdoor Centre, special for meetings, courses, trainings etc. Smaller groups can do their own program in this centre Dakanari, situated in the mountains between Mirtos and Mithi. A wonderful spot, so quiet and inspiring. The members of a group stay in Villa Mertiza and work during the day in Dakanari. You can visit www.dakanari.com and you will see how this place looks now. But it will be much nicer when we start next year. Sacha will come back in 2009 and run this place.



So, this was the first Newsletter. We hope you have read it with pleasure. Again, tell us please if you are not interested in the next one. But you like it, and you know more people who would like to be on our mailing list, please tell us.

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Best Regards,
Maria, Siemon, Paul, Sacha en Dick