

MEDITERRANEAN

SIGGY AND HEATHER | TRIP AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN | MONDAY, 13 MAY 2013

Heading South

After the constant pitter patter of light rain last night we woke to a sunny day. We were sad to leave this land of the fabled half horse half human (centaur) who was supposed to have raped and pillaged the local Magnesia peninsula population! We also read overnight that one of the places we passed nearby was used for locations in the recent movie "Mama Mia" with Meryl Streep.

A quick food shop before setting off to our next destination - the ancient city of Delphi.

The drive through Volos central business district was as mad as anything we have experienced but Heather soon had us out on to a B road heading west. And oh boy was it great to be alive. The first part of our drive was through a patchwork quilt of agricultural endeavors - mainly broad acreage farming - so unlike what we imagined Greece to be. It was a pleasure to drive unhurriedly as we soaked up the sun and the magnificent views. We traveled onwards and it was only when we started to turn to the south that we realised why Emily



had estimated our first travel leg was going to take over 3 hours. Ahead we could see mountains.

Greece seems to have more than a few mountains. Many of them are still snow covered.

To avoid the tolls and freeways we traveled inland for quite some distance and found the roads to be excellent. At a number of points we had to scale a mountain range and then drive down the other side. As the roads zigzagged around, the views that opened up were spectacular. The area between Farsala and Lamia and then up and on to the high plateau near

Braldos was particularly beautiful. As we got closer and closer to Delphi the scale and extent of olive trees took us by surprise. Every bit of space was filled with this silvery green leaved tree. No wonder Greece is famed for it's olive oil. They are native, there are many thousands of them and little else grows in the poor soil.

Near the end of our journey we skirted the massive Parnassos mountain range and arrived at Delphi Caravan Park.

We cannot get enough of the view that is immediately in front of our van. Absolutely spectacular.





PHOTOS



Resting at the end of a hard days driving

