

Entertainment and Recreation in the Classical World- Tourism Products

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to examine important aspects of social life of Greek and Roman societies by tracing means and ways of entertainment, recreation and leisure. Such activities were essential to the lives of Greco-Roman people and government officials. They include many forms of sports practiced by athletes during the famous Greek Olympic games. The main events are chariot racing, horseback riding, running, wrestling and others. The Greeks and Romans constructed various buildings to house other forms of leisure such as theaters, amphitheater, gymnasia, circuses, public baths, dinning out. These establishments served as the most popular pastime for centuries. The study presents a descriptive analysis of forms of entertainment, recreation and leisure known in Greece and Rome. Such activities are considered among the fast grown products of tourism in the present time. People enjoyed entertainment then just like we do today.

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