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SENDING INSTITUTION

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PROJECT DETAILS

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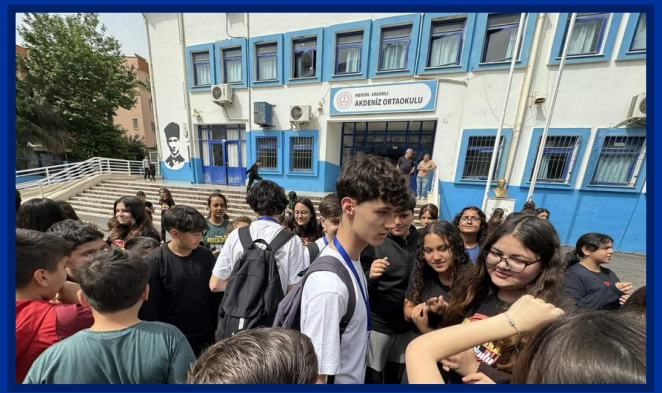
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ERDEMLI

11-15 May 2026





Erdemli - Quick Facts

Location:
Erdemli District, Mersin province, southern Turkey. 35 km west of Mersin on the Mediterranean coast.

Population:
Approx. 152,000 inhabitants. Area: 2,279 km².

Climate:
Mediterranean: hot summers, mild winters. Average temp.: 18.9°C.

Economy:
Agriculture (citrus fruits, vegetables, greenhouses) and tourism. Erdemli is the ecological garden of Mersin.

Language
Turkish (official). English in tourist areas.

Kız Kalesi (Maiden's Castle):
The Maiden's Castle, on an island 200m off the coast. A king built it to protect his daughter from a prophecy.





NAME	Akdeniz Ortaokulu
TYPE	Secondary school (Ortaokulu)
PUPILS	731
TEACHERS	71
CLASSROOMS	37, chemistry lab, IT, library with 5,400 vols.
HEADMASTER	Mehmet Sahin
PERFORMANCE	99% exam placement rate

5 DAYS - SUMMARY

Day 1 - Meeting the Hosts:

We kicked off with a Welcome Ceremony, challenged our minds in Math classes, stayed active in P.E., and expressed our creativity during an Art painting workshop. Together, we learned, connected, and built wonderful shared memories.

Day 2 - Science, Nature, and Kiz Kalesi:

Day two brought fiery Chemistry experiments, abstract Art designs, and nature games in English class. We then explored the spectacular Heaven and Hell Cave alongside the Kizkalesi sea castle, wrapping up the day by tasting a delicious traditional künefe dessert.

Day 3 - Cultures Met:

Day three focused on English grammar and Ecology lessons. The favorite highlight was a joint performance singing and dancing to traditional Turkish and Romanian songs, followed by a special Technology class (carpet weaving workshop).

Day 4 – Languages and ITC

Day four featured engaging Turkish, English, and German classes, followed by an IT lesson in the school's modern computer lab.

Day 5 - Farewell:

Day five brought a heartfelt reflection on lessons learned, filled with nostalgia as we said goodbye to departing friends. We concluded our unforgettable exchange with a special awarding ceremony, celebrating the strong bonds we created together

ERDEMLI ATTRACTIONS

Erdemli is a district on the Mediterranean coast, famous for its crystal-clear beaches, ancient fortresses, and citrus groves. It is the ecological garden of Mersin province.

Kiz Kalesi - Maiden's Castle:

A 12th-century fortress on an island 200m from the shore. Legend: a king built it to protect his daughter from the snake's prophecy. One of the most photographed places in Turkey.

Heaven and Hell Cave:

Cennet-Cehennem, near Silifke: spectacular geological formations with deep sinkholes and fascinating views.

Local Gastronomy:

Kunefe

Kebab, pide, lahmacun

Tantuni

Baklava, Turkish tea.



I arrived in Erdemli with mixed emotions and left with a huge baggage of memories. From the warm welcome of the Turkish students who surrounded us with questions and gifts, to the emotional moment when we didn't want to leave, every day was special. I learned Chemistry through interesting experiments, created Ebru drawings, and discovered Ecology through interactive games. We enjoyed spectacular caves such as Heaven and Hell Cave and ancient castles (Kızkalesi) But the most important part was the people-dancing traditional Turkish and Romanian dances together, sharing smiles, and bonding over pure emotion. I learned that beyond borders and languages, we are all the same: curious, friendly, and eager to get to know each other.The Art, and Turkish lessons, the carpet weaving workshop, and even the bag of lemons received as a gift-every detail added to an experience that I recommend with all my heart to all students.

