

The Greek contestants spent yesterday afternoon in the cool freshness of Tsar Simeon's Garden. They were impressed by the flowers and vegetation there and remained in the shades for over an hour, after which they had some coffee with ice-cream. The Greeks did not cherish great expectations for medals, but they found Plovdiv awesome and will leave it having made a lot of new friends. The park alleys also impressed the Swedes, because their parks do not have asphalt paths. What the team enjoyed enormously, however, was the Bulgarian milk and chocolate. Their personal guide Elia took them for a walk by the Rowing Canal, too.



The Swedes enjoyed our milk, and the Greeks - our parks

Tymothee, together with Benjamin - the team leader, decided to play some tennis and

The French team had just finished their stroll along the Rowing Canal. Their guide Martin took them for a walk to the Pedestrian's Bridge, close to the Unification of Bulgaria monument, by which he told them about the history of the monument commemorating the unification of Eastern Rumelia with Principality of Bulgaria. The French contestants did not mind the walking and did not opt for public transport or taxi, but rather moved on at a brisk pace towards the Alyosha monument on the top of the Bunardzhik Tepe hill. One of the contestants,

preferred the Novotel Plovdiv's tennis courts to walking.

„We are not going to the seaside tomorrow, because we'd have to get up so early in the morning, and it is really going to be a long journey“, explained the French contestants. While they most liked the Antique Amphitheatre, the traffic and the disobedient drivers were their unpleasant surprise.

„The tasks were really hard, but we did our best. We expect to rank somewhere in the middle,“ admitted the boys.



The heroes are tired

The American participants remained in their rooms until the early hours of the afternoon. The USA team was rather tired after the last competition day and preferred to get some sleep, rather than go for a walk. The tough tasks were the main reason why the dance floor at Hotel Novotel Plovdiv remained half empty. Disappointed with not being able to cope with all tasks and exhausted by the 5-hour contest, most of the teams decided to stay in their rooms. Some Skyped their parents to brief them on how they had done, while others read a book, and still some others relaxed by playing cards. There were some teams, however, who wanted to know what a Bulgarian night-bar looks like and stormed the clubs.