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Traditional Coffee-House in Mochós (Cafenion of countless pictures)



We received the reference to "The Cafenion of countless pictures" by our NLUK member *Angela Steinbichler* (Wels, Austria). Although we have been in Mochós [Mo χ ó ς] for umpteenth time, we did not know this traditional coffee house and came to make up leeway. We were, as you say, being flabbergasted: not only that you get here one of the best Greek coffee (or frappes), the atmosphere is more than impressive. All walls of the Cafenion are



painted with frames (portraits) and show "Heads" of Greek history and mythology; even the chair backs are decorated with figures from the Greek legends. The painter is also the owner of the Cafenion (see picture), worked since her youth on shaping and today with law is pride of her "work". It is a Cafenion of locals, which hereamid their figurative documented mythology – feel well and spend placid and unhurried their end of the work day.

Mochós can be reached (coming from Heraklion on the New Road) East. In **Stalis** [$\Sigma \tau \alpha \lambda i \varsigma$] then, follow the signs (at a filling station), turn right south towards the mountains. It's than about 7.5 miles over serpentines and 500 metres in altitude up to the Mochós plateau. On the road it has wonderful views to the North coast of Crete and the

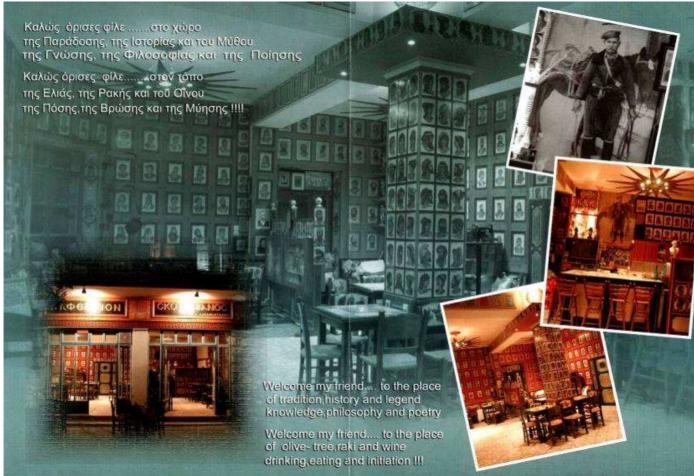
tourist locations *Stalis* and *Hersonissou* [Xερσόνησος] up to *Limin Sision* [].In *Mochós*, after passing the narrow village entrance, you will be received by a spacious village square, which is bordered by tourist oriented taverns. Here, a visit of the richly equipped Church is recommended. To get to the "The Cafenion of countless pictures" follow the main road towards Lassithi to reach it close to the village exit at the right. The following photos provide a small impression of the Cafenion and should be incentive for a visit, which is certainly worth. Finally, we are responsive to the artist pleas and depict her "house brochure" in this leaflet; see page 2.











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