

My Time in Novara – Felix Dallos

Going to Italy with people from my school was an amazing experience. We spent a whole week there, and I enjoyed every single day.

On Sunday, we landed at the airport in Milan and took a bus ride to our hotel. Before we checked in, we went to get ice cream. Once we settled in at the hotel, we went for another long walk. We were allowed to go shopping a bit too, and in the evening, we had our first Italian pizza together.

Monday was our first proper school day. We got up and walked to the school with some Italian and Greek students, teachers. There was a welcome event with speeches and some of the students played music for us. After that, we went downstairs for some snacks, and we got to attend a few classes too.

Tuesday started with other classes to attend, but this time with younger students. Later that day, we visited a kindergarten, and, in the afternoon, we walked around town with some Italian students. They were really nice; I enjoyed spending time with them. We visited a church all together.

On Wednesday we went to a mall to eat lunch with the Greek group and some Italian teachers. Then we went to the school's theatre where we acted out situations. I performed a lot, and I actually really enjoyed it. After that, we visited the Cupola in Novara. We had to wear hairnets and helmets, which looked funny, but it was worth it. We climbed really high up and took a lot of pictures.

On Thursday, we took a train to Turin. When we arrived, we spent the day walking all around the city. At one point we saw a theatre, and we even ate cheesecake, which was delicious. Before heading back to the train station, we ate pizzas and got a bit more time to walk around in small groups.

Friday was our last full day. In the morning, we said goodbye to the Italian teachers and students, which was kind of sad. We went to Milan, visited the Duomo, and went up to the terrace. The view was amazing. After that, we had some more pizza and tiramisu.

On Saturday we took the bus to the airport in Milan. While waiting, we got pizzas in boxes. The flight home was really nice, but it was weird to be heading home after so many days of new things.

Looking back, I'm really glad I went. I made new friends, saw places I'd never been before, and spent time with other students from my school in a totally different way. It was definitely a week I won't forget.

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