

Erasmus+ - Croatia

From the 6th of April until 12th I was one of the 15 lucky students who got chosen to go to Croatia thanks to the Erasmus+ program. But let's start from the beginning.

What's the purpose of the program and what is that?

One area of it is a European student mobility program that helps students to improve their English and get to know more about other countries' cultures and one of the most important reasons is to make friendships.

Who could go?

As I mentioned before, 15 students and 4 teachers came. They chose the children from 7th and 8th graders.

Before the travel:

We got the great news around two months before the journey. I was so excited about it that I couldn't think about anything else. I was so scared that the Croatian students wouldn't understand me and that they wouldn't be friendly.

Fortunately, it was not true at all. They were really friendly and they had about the same level of English. I still talk to a few of them daily.

What did we do there?

Let me tell you about our week: Well as I mentioned before, we started our trip on the 6th of April. We went by bus (it took us about 8 hours and we even stopped a few times) Our bus was really clean and new, so we were very lucky with it. Our bus driver was nice too.

Our first day: We woke up at 7:30 (like every day) and had breakfast at the hotel. After getting ready we went to the primary school of Pula (it only took us around 35-40 minutes on foot) where they welcomed us with a performance, then we had a PE lesson with some sports activities. After lunch we had time to look around in another town, Rovinj.

On the second day we went for a city seeing tour where they showed us 13 interesting stories of Pula. After that we went to the Amphitheatre where we could talk to the local students. After that one of my favourite parts came: we went on a boat trip. It was really good we saw a lot of seagulls.

On Wednesday, after some lessons: we had another really great program: we visited a beautiful Park called Kamenjak, where we had the opportunity to work in groups with the others. After the walk we got to know each other better.

On Thursday we started in the same way, as usual, we went to school and had classes (ICT, dance, music, pottery), then my personal favourite part came: the goodbye party. Even though it was the time I realised that in a few days maybe I'll never see those people again, it was really fun: there were famous dancers and music.

On Friday we also went to school, the only difference was that it was the last time. We could introduce our school and did a quiz in mixed groups.

We had to say goodbye on Saturday. We had a room check and then set off at around 9:20.

I had a really good time there. It was interesting to speak English all the time. I enjoyed every moment of this trip. I'm very grateful they chose me from the other students. I hope I'll have the opportunity to go with this program again.

Fun Fact: We walked 68km in the six days!



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