

Exchange

Spain - Germany

Germany

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Sunday

Our spanish exchange partners arrived on Sunday at around 8 o'clock. It was really cold since it was January. We introduced us to each other and I also introduced my Family to Claudia (my exchange partner). After that we went home and Claudia unpacked all her things and I showed her everything. We had to hurry a bit because we wanted to meet my friends and the other participants of the project with their exchange partners at McDonald's shortly after. We arrived at around 8.15 pm and had some trouble finding place for everybody cause we were so many people. It was really fun. We ate, talked, laughed together and got to know each other. At around 10 pm we went home and got ready for bed.

Monday

On Monday we had to get up at about 7 o'clock since we were going to school on that day. As soon as we were ready my mum drove us to school where some of the other German students and their exchange partners were standing in groups and we talked with each other. Our teachers came after a few minutes and explained us the plans for the day. In the first lesson we would show our school to our exchange partners, in the second and third period we had lessons and after that we did a rally in our hometown Übach-Palenberg before we had free time for about an hour where Claudia and I went home to have lunch. After that my mum drove us back to school, where we played Ultimate Frisbee. In the evening almost all of us met at Briannas house where we talked, spend time together and had fun.

Tuesday

Tuesday was the day where we visited the Netherlands and the other students that participate at Erasmus+. We drove there by bus and after we had to wait for a few minutes we were glad to go. Change our clothes and after that we could decide whether we want to play football or floor ball. Once we were finished we changed back in our clothes we went to get lunch. Then everybody got themselves ice skates and we went on the ice. We were divided in 3 different groups, depending on how good you were. There were some people who taught and helped us. In the end everybody was just driving on the ice with their friends and exchange partners and I think almost everybody was enjoying it. In the evening all of us were meeting at one student's house and everybody brought different things to eat or to drink. After playing Wii and talking with everyone we divided ourselves in two different groups, one half was just talking and the other half was playing games. After all it was a great day and I think everybody really enjoyed it.

Wednesday

On Wednesday we went to Aachen by Train. When we arrived there we had to wait a little until we could do a short sightseeing tour through the Dom. In the meantime we were able to get some food while our teachers made a small tour with our exchange students through Aachen. We arranged a time when we would meet again at the Dom and everybody was in time so that we could begin our tour. After that we went to get lunch in a restaurant. It was a bit chaotic because we went to an escape room afterwards and we couldn't decide who would go when. As soon as we decided that we separated in two different groups, one group had free time and could go shopping or something like that and the others went to the escape room. After 1 hour we changed places and the group that went shopping did the escape room and the ones that did the escape room went together. I was in the second round and even though Spanish and German people were together in teams it was really funny and we got to escape. After that we drove home by train again.

Later that evening Claudia, my mom, my brother and me had dinner and after that we played cards, talked and just spend time together.

Thursday

On Thursday we went to Cologne by Bus. When we arrived there we visited the Dom, it was really impressive, before we were allowed to separate into smaller groups to go shopping or to get food since we had free time. We met again with everybody in the late afternoon to drive back home.

Later that day we met again at Julians house where we spent the evening together. It was an interesting evening and a good way to say goodbye even though we would see each other again once more.

After that my uncle took us home, we played cards again and gave Claudia a little present before we went to bed.

Friday

Friday was the last day, so we ate Breakfast together, Claudia said goodbye to my family and took her suit case downstairs. After that my mum drove us to school where we met the other students. We had an evaluation together with our teachers where we talked about the exchange itself, the sports, the time in England and about how gender-inclusive Ultime Frisbee is. After that, we took the bus that drove us to Brussel. First of all we visited the European Parliament and were able to look at the different rooms for a tour ourselves. After the Tour was finished we could go with our teachers to the shopping street that's nearby. Brussel is a beautiful city and even though it was really cold we had a great time. In the late afternoon we went back to the bus and drove to the airport to farewell our exchange partners. It was sad, because we had so much fun and some people cried, but we all knew that we would see us again so it was okay to say goodbye.