

Wednesday, 3rd October 2018

On Wednesday we took the plane very early from Florence to Tallinn, but we had to stop in Frankfurt where we took the other flight to Tallinn.

We arrived in Tallinn and we already saw that the weather in Estonia wasn't too good, in fact it was very cloudy and the temperature wasn't like in Italy. We ate lunch and then we took the bus to Tartu, there we went to the hotel where Inga, our guide, was waiting for us, even we are the furthest country that participate in the Erasmus project we arrived first (I don't know why we took the first plane in 6:40 am...). Then we placed ourselves in the hotel and relaxed for the next day meanwhile the other people from the other countries were arriving .

Thursday, 4th October 2018

In the morning we visited the Lahte Gymnasium, we were welcomed in the auditorium of the school and there we saw the concert that Estonians had organised with singers, the choir singing traditional song from Estonia, and the pianist who in my opinion was very good.

Then the Estonians started doing the presentation of their country and the sustainable use of energy in Estonia followed by the presentation of sustainable use of energy of every country; apart from Finland and Italy that due to technical problems and for not to much time (I was very upset of not doing my presentation because I was very prepared that day). Then we were divided in different groups for the realisation of the web page, me and my group presented each other and we divided the work to do. After having lunch at school, the Estonian made a little presentation of their school, it is very different from our school because it has a lot of different things like the dining hall, a room where you can leave all you clothes (that for me smelt a little bit) and all lot of room which i didn't understand what's the use for. In the afternoon we visited the Estonian University of Science that was very cool and interesting because there were a lot of experimental rooms, that unfortunately we could not see, we saw only a room where they burn wood to create energy and other stuff...

Then we walked back to the Hotel seeing a little more of the centre of Tartu.

Friday, 5th October 2018

On Friday morning we visited the centre of Tartu and even that day the weather was not good! We walked from the Hotel to the main square of Tartu where our guide of the morning was waiting for us, then we visited some of the important points of city like the protestant church, the leisure centre and the university point; then we moved again to the city centre where the mayor of Tartu was welcoming us in the Town Hall. He presented us some interesting things about the story and the geography of Estonia and in particularly of Tartu, i enjoyed very much listening him and i also made a question about the future of Estonia which he answered me immediately in a very serious and intelligent way, i also enjoyed the fact that at the end we shook our hands together.

Then we had lunch at a very traditional restaurant in which the services and the place was very good but the food for me was not good as well.

After that we took the bus that brought us to the Tartu Environmental Education Centre, it was a nice place but i think it was more suitable for kids with all those animals. We visited another centre on same day which was called the Ice Age Centre, there i tried to listen to what to guide was talking but he didn't speak good english and so I wasn't able to understand what he was saying; but also I preferred to see the centre by myself, in fact I remained a lot in a more private room with sofas and on the top there was the projection of the galaxy and universe stuff which was very relaxing. Then we return to the bus which took back to Tartu where we saw again another centre: the Tartu AHHA SCIENCE centre, which was very interesting with a lot a games.

Saturday, 6th October 2018

On Saturday we had the bus/walking tour of Tallinn. Of course even that day the rain didn't stop, but seeing the city some of the city of Tallinn was very fascinating. Firstly we saw the royal park that now is the headquarter of the prime minister of Estonia, and then we walked to the historic centre of Tallinn arriving to see the medieval town hall which is not reconstructed from the medieval age. In the afternoon we saw the energy discovery centre which was very informative but for me it was a little bit boring and also we didn't have so much time to see all the things inside the centre. Then had free time to see a little more of the city but because we didn't have much time and the weather was not very fine we saw only the historic centre and nothing else, I think if i had

the opportunity to come again to Tallinn i would see not only the historic centre... so we returned to the bus back to Tartu and then to the Hotel because it was already 9.30 pm.

Sunday, 7th October 2018

On Sunday we did a very wild experience, we did the hiking trip in South Estonia in the Meenikunno Bog Reserve. Going through the nature surrounded by all the trees and even listening to some little birds, was a very beautiful and relaxing itinerary. At the start of the trip there was also a observation tower where you could see all the immensity of the trees around. At one point there was a lake with very good water that you could also drink. Me and my teacher had also a lot of fun because we were searching for mushrooms and we found a lot of them. We even had lunch in the park and that was very nice.

Then we moved to another reserve: the Ahja River Landscape Reserve, in which there was a particular legendary cave that: if you can see in the cave a siren you will find love immediately. Also this reserve was very beautiful and it made me think that if we continue with all the industries and climate changes places like these one will no more exists.

Monday, 8th October 2018

Since this was the last day before the departures this was the most demanding day. In the morning we went to the school and there we finished the last two presentation that we didn't do the last time.

I was a little bit nervous but at the end i managed to do my presentation and at the it was a success, everybody were impressed and even some teachers congratulate with me for the work which I did (in only two weeks...). We had lunch at school and then we were divided in the groups made last time: video reporters, bloggers etc... So me and my group had to create the final webpage; we didn't collaborate as much as we could but at the end the final work was not too bad. So we returned to the centre hall and there was the demonstration of the outcome. I didn't expected that in only three hours everybody made those works, in fact they were all very good and funny, i mostly enjoyed the final video made by the video/reporter group in which i laughed so many times. Then a traditional Estonian band came and we spent the evening dancing and singing, it was a little bit hard to learn the movements of the dances but at the end a i had a lot of fun.

So this was the end of the journey of the eErasmus program in Estonia, it had some positive and some negative aspects (like the weather) but at the end i will remember this experience forever.

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