

## Estonia

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## Wednesday, 3rd October 2018

We met at 8.45 am at the airport Stuttgart on Terminal two.

We checked in and waited on the long queue for the security control. We waited about one hour ):

Our first flight was from Stuttgart to Frankfurt. It took us about 25 minutes and it was a bit shaky.

Landed in Frankfurt we had about 2-3 hours to our next flight to Tallinn.

In Tallinn everyone got his luggage except for Ms. Einhoff, it was forgotten in Frankfurt :(

From Tallinn airport we took a bus to our hostel in Tartu. The bus ride took us about 2 hours, it was a very luxury bus with Wifi and TV so everyone was relaxed and happy after the long travelling trip.

At 21.30 pm we had arrived at our hostel and went directly into bed because it was a really long and exhausting day and we all have been very tired.



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## Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

We started the day with a breakfast at the hotel. After that we took a bus to the gymnasium at 9.00 am. The Estonians welcomed us with traditional music, a speech from the responsible teacher and presentations about Estonia. Then we were divided into 4 international teams ( blog-, brochure-, photo-, video group ). Nora and I went into the blog group. Our main goal was to achieve a webpage at the end of this week.

After that each country had to do a presentation about our topic „smart and sustainable energy“. At 12.30 pm we had lunch at the school canteen. The next point on the program was that the Estonian students showed us the school area (hostel, stadium, classes,...). At 15.30 pm we went to the university of Tartu, there we were allowed to visit an energy class. It was a bit boring, because we could not understand the teacher very well. Except this it was really interesting and we learned a lot about the production and use of energy in Estonia. In the evening we went ice skating in the biggest shopping mall of Estonia. We had a lot of fun at our first activity in this international group. After that we took a meal and a milkshake at the mall, thereupon we went back to our hostel. Back in the hotel we had so much fun with the scots on the floor. They showed us some scottish dances and we explained them some german card games. We went to bed at 0.30 am.



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## Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

On Friday we started again with breakfast at the hotel. From 9.00am -10.45am we had a guided tour through Tartu. We started at the town hall square and visited all big sights of Tartu by foot. Unfortunately it rained a lot so we got very wet. We visited the university, some famous streets, an old ruin, an old church which was destroyed and built up again, and so on...

After that we went back to the Town hall square where we met the mayor of Tartu in an old but very nice house. He welcomed us in Tartu, told us many interesting facts about the city and about the life in the second biggest city of Estonia.

For lunch, we stayed in an amber restaurant named Passironkeluder. It was a cellar with many beer mugs on the wall. After that good lunch we went to an environmental education centre. They told us many stuff about their work and their different parts, classes and exercises of their house. Also they recycle much rubbish in the so called hobby classes and in the other parts to protect the environment. We were shown many kinds of plants and had a closer look at the animals who live in this centre.

Our next stop was the ice age centre. There we had another guided tour with informations about the life in the ice age and how they managed everything without energy and heating systems in the cold nature. We also had dinner there and celebrated Alice's (scottish student) birthday, she got 17. After the centre visit we went to the next one, the AAHHA science centre. There had been so many things to try and we enjoyed it very much. It was about maths, physics, chemistry and energy and it was made like an adventure place for science. After that the Estonians had booked an Escape room. Only the Germans, the Estonians and the scots went there and it was an experience I never had before, it was indescribably good. We have been divided into 3 groups which solved mystery and secrets in different locations. It was definitely the highlight of the day.

It was such a long, interesting and exhausting day, with only a few boring topics that we fall like dead tired into bed. We had to walk such long distances and got so many informations that our feet were hurting and the head burst.





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### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018

On Saturday we had our big trip to the capital of Tallinn. We started at 7.45 am at the hotel towards Tallinn. It was a two and a half hour trip through the awesome nature of Estonia. On arrival we got a guided tour, first with the bus and after that by foot. We visited all important sights but unfortunately it rained there as well. After the city tour we had lunch in Solaris at Lido (buffet). Our next stop was the energy discovery centre. There we were allowed to watch a demonstration of flashes and electricity. But the centre was similar to the AAHHA centre the day before. After that we had our free time which we spent in the old town of Tallinn. We visited many souvenir and original shops. Of course we bought a lot of souvenirs and stuff like that, we had also been in an Estonian supermarket, where we bought some food for dinner for our way back to the hostel. Not to forget a lot of very delicious Estonian sweets. Because of the cold and rainy weather, we went to a cute small cafe and drunk hot chocolate, which was made out of real melted chocolate. At 7 pm our bus left the capital back to Tartu. Back at the hotel, we played bowling on the floor of the hostel altogether, we had so much fun and went to bed pretty late.



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**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

On Sunday we had our hiking trip. Therefore we went to Mennikunno Reserve Bog in South Estonia. On the way to this wonderful place we drove by bus over an Estonian street. The trip was in a forest and our first stop was a watch tower from which we had a great view over the Estonian landscape and nature. After that we walked on a boardwalk through the nature. We made so many pictures with that amazing background and enjoyed it a lot to walk over narrow wood panels. The destination was a big and awesome lake in the middle of nowhere. We had lunch in the open air next to another lake. We ate fish soup (which nobody really liked) with bread and got some tea to drink. Our next stop was the Ahja River landscape Reserve another very nice place but not as nice as the one before. At 5 pm we went shopping in one of the numerous shopping malls of the small city of Tartu.

For dinner we stopped at Vapiano, there we ate really good Pizzas and talked about Netflix series.

Back in the hotel we had the great idea to visit the sauna, something typical for the northern countries. There we spent the rest of the day in two whirlpools and two saunas. We really enjoyed to relax there because of the really exhausting and exciting days before. We chatted about the last days and laughed a lot until we got thrown out.



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## Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

On Monday we had breakfast outside the hotel. We ate really awesome pancakes with marmalade and ice cream. The service did not understand english so it was really difficult to order something and it took a long time until everybody had his pancake. Because of that we nearly were to late for the departure of our bus to the school but luckily we made it. At 11.00 am we started to the school. In school we had two more presentations from Finland and Italy. They told us any things about the use of energy in their country, the heating systems they have and what they do to protect the environment. After that we had lunch in the school canteen, but the food was very bad and we were not really sure what it was.

Then the big project work started, each group worked on their topics to achieve their goal, it took a lot of time and there had been many problems with the communication, language and technology.

At 6 pm each group presented their final product. It was really interesting and funny to see the results, the highlight was the video.

Afterwards we could listen to a folks music group which played Estonian music for us. Two teachers of the Lätthe Ühisgümnaasium teached us traditional, Estonian dances due the music group played matching songs therefor. It was a fantastic end of this unforgettable week and we had so much fun, dancing together.

Back at the hotel all countries enjoyed the rest of the day on the floor of the hostel even the Estonians came to join us. This was a fantastic evening on which we laughed a lot. At last we had to pack our baggage for the Flight, the next day back to Germany.





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**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Thursday was the day of our departure. We drove again with a big bus to Tallinn, to the airport. In front of the airport we said goodbye to the Finns because they went home with the ferry to Helsinki. At the airport in the „check in“ hall we also had to say goodbye to the Scots and the Italians. When saying goodbye to the Scots many tears were running, because we got to know them so well and had lots of fun with them. After that we checked in and waited once more at the queue of the security control. There it was once more Ms. Einhoff who had problems, but this time it wasn't the suitcase she had to put out her shoes and had to wait another long time in which she was checked of something illegal. Behind the security control we met the Scots again and played table tennis with them in front of our gates. There was a small fitness studio as well separated from a curtain where we had some sports and had a lot of fun.

The boarding was a half an hour too late but it didn't matter. It was a pleasant flight where we all slept a lot, because the last night was not that long. Arrived in Frankfurt we went to our next gate for the flight to Stuttgart. First of all we ate something because we all have been very hungry. Twenty minutes before our boarding we were told that our plane to Stuttgart is malfunction and we needed a new one. That's why we had another delay, but not too long. After 30 minutes waiting they had a plane for us, it was a small city hopper. There was not much space but for me it was really interesting to fly in such a small plane. We haven't been so high in the sky and that's why we looked out the window the whole time and made many pictures of the nature and the cities on the ground. We also took pictures from the sunset which was really nice and good to watch from the plane. Landed in Stuttgart we had a quick farewell, got our luggage and went to our parents who waited outside the airport for us.

In this week I collected so many new experiences, had so many adventures and a lot of fun that this week will stay in my brain forever.