

1. What did you expect before the exchange? How did that compare to your actual experience?

42 responses

I expected to increase my debating and social speech skills and I wasn't disappointed. I didn't expect it to be so much fun, I couldn't foresee the activities on the freetime, but it was great nonetheless

I thought it is going to be less intense and less entertaining, but I've learnt a lot, thankfully to our teachers and Mr Miha Andrič.

When I signed to this program, I wanted to meet new people from foreign countries and develop my english and debating skills. I think that both of them were reached.

I had super low expectations because of all the stereotypes of Poland. But it turned out to be an amazing experience, I've met some great people, gained some really useful skills in debating and came back home with a more open mind.

I must admit that Poland as a country has definitely exceeded my expectations in many aspects. The exchange itself was a bit more stressful than expected, not so much the programme, but all the other activities that we did in our free time. By and large, I can easily say that we were taken good care of.

I expected real debate and it happened. A lot of fun and free time.

My expectations were quite moderate, as I was not particularly looking forward to having to prepare for debating. However, as I had a friendly relationship with my host, I expected it to be fun nonetheless as it would involve meeting students from Poland again.

I think that exchange was much better than I expected.

I was a bit nervous, because in Slovenia I didn't spend that much time with students from Poland, so I barely knew them. Other than that I already expected an amazing experience, which was even better in reality.

My experience was the same as my expectations.

I expected that we'll see a lot of things, have fun and that it would be a great experience. My expectations came true. The excursions were great and our hosts as well as the other participants in the exchange were incredibly nice.

I expected an amazing experience but I'm surprised of how much fun we had.

My expectations are in line with what happened as I knew my host, so he provided me all I needed. In conclusion, I am very happy of my experience.

Before the exchange I was a little bit scared, but happy to meet my friends at the same time. It was definitely the most spectacular and unforgettable experience in my entire life and I cannot compare it to anything that had happened to me before.

I only expected to spend much fun time with my guest, and I did.

At first I was very afraid of the debating competition but everything was fine. I gained more confidence and courage to try out something new.

I expected a lot, since I knew we had to talk in English with everyone, and I knew that would have improved my English. I thought that these type of experiences were so much embarrassing because I am so shy, but the family that hosted me, my teammates, my teachers and all the people around the exchange were so kind and made me so comfortable. So everything was as I thought it would be.

I thought I would be more shy but my Poland friend made me feel at home

I expected that we can prepare the motions again in school and have some excursions. This Erasmus project is a little bit different to other exchanges, I guess, but it's also a very great experience! Maybe you got to know more people here and you can make more friendships than in a normal exchange.

The experience was just like i had expected it to be
I expected to improve my language skills and it happened.
I expected speaking in english a lot and i did it
Before the exchange I was mainly interested in training my English. After the exchange, I gained a lot more. I met a lot of interesting people, I learned to debate, I got acquainted with public speaking techniques.
I expected it to be a good exchange and getting to know new great people and it was definitely like that !
I expected that after the exchange we will all be able to communicate in english much more easily
I expected having fun and make better my english skills. I experienced exactly what i expected.
I've expected to meet some new people, to exercise talking in english. And that was brilliant opportunity to it.
It was than I expected
The exchange reached my expectations.
I was anticipating the exchange and it completely reached my expectations.
I think everything was as it should be. Well prepared.
I had good feelings about it and wasn't wrong, it was amazing
I felt uncomfortable because I didn't now my Poland mate but we became good friend so I am happy
Honestly I was a little bit scared before the exchange. I thought that it would have been hard to adapt to a new culture and lifestyle but it's been really easy.
I expected to learn new things about Poland, connect with my friends even more and meet new people. Exchange (especially looking at how it was organized) most definitely met all of my expectations. The only thing that bothered me was that we were all stressed out because of the upcoming debate. Therefore we didn't connect on the same level as we could under different circumstances. We applied on an Erasmus exchange, not a debate tournament.
I wanted to meet interesting people and I did
I think that my expectations about erasmus project came true, I met great people and spent unforgettable time in Kiel and in Bydgoszcz
I wanted to show my Italian friend my country, culture, and I wanted him to meet my friends and family. Unfortunately, because of not too much time I didn't have opportunity to show him everything I wanted.
i expected a lot of work on preparing the debates and visiting citys in Poland and my expectations were fullfilled.
I've never been in Poland before and I wasn't part of the project until this exchange, so I didnt know what to expect. Of course I was pretty nervous about taking part in this debating contest but in the end everything was way better than I expected. It was a great experience and I learned a lot that I will for sure use in the future.
Before the exchange I thought it would be a great experience to be part of a debating constt. It actually was a great experience but I also had a great time with my exchange partner and learned a lot about Poland and its culture.

2. What did you think of the savoir-vivre opening lecture by Mr Miha Andrić?

42 responses

It was just amazing! It was pleasant to hear and fun to watch. I could analyse public speaking methodes on a live subject.

I've learned many important skills

It was really interesting, though I came there a bit sleepy, I was very focused on lecture. Mr Miha Andrič has also told us about so many useful things, not only for debates.

It was the best lecture I have ever seen! Mr. Miha is really experienced and interesting speaker.

My favourite part.

There is no doubt that Miha is an astounding lecturer. I may grant that during the first lesson I learnt plethora of little truths that help me understand the world a bit better. All in all, it was one of the best things I have experienced in Poland.

It was one of the best lecture.

I found the lecture very good and a great refresher of what we covered in Ljubljana for those who were not there.

It was very clever and inspirational speech.

It definitely caught my attention and I enjoy all of Miha's speeches/lectures.

I really really liked it.

It was good, we learned something new in an interesting way that wasn't boring for us.

It was very interesting and engaging and I really liked the examples he used to explain the lesson.

I really appreciated it and I reckon it is very useful to improve ourselves and the relationships with other people.

Sitting on this lecture was like being a participant of some TED talk. For 1 hour straight I was fascinated by his professionalism and public-speaking skills. Lecture was extremely well-prepared and deeply informative, containing tons of useful knowledge concerning both debating and every day life.

One of the most interesting lectures I've ever attended.

He is a great public speaker, I learned a lot from him. His speech was interesting and I liked his everyday life examples.

The savoir-vivre opening by Mr Miha Andrič was a very interesting lesson, that helped me to learn so many things about a debate that I didn't know before and that would help me throughout my life.

I didn't know anything about both Miha Andrič and his opening lecture so I didn't know what to expect

I really liked the opening of him. It was already interesting in Slovenia to listen to his presentation. And it was again good that he repeated some things. You always know about what he is talking.

It was amazing as always, even though it was quite similar to the one in Slovenia

It was an awesome experience.

Interesting and funny

Mr. Mih Andrič's initial lecture was very interesting and I learned a lot.

I really enjoyed it, it was so interesting and he did a great job teaching us about the topic

It was very eye-opening, it showed that the lecture is not only just talking about whatever you want but that it can be interesting and funny as well

It was amazing!

It was awesome, he's got amazing public speaking skills.

It was great pleasure to meet him again

It was interesting and gripping.

It was actually pretty interesting. I think everybody really paid attention to the lecture and it was the perfect way to open the exchange and gain students' attention to the topic of public speaking.

It was quite interesting. I learned few more things and I think I can use it in future
It was very interesting, provided us with knowledge useful in everyday live
It was very interesting and effective
I loved it! Miha is such an interesting person, and his lecture was very useful.
He is amazing.
It was nice
I've never heard better opening lecture than that one
I found it really interesting and helpful during the further stages of the project.
I think it was really great! It wasn't boring at all and I learned a lot from it.
I think it was amazing and helped me a lot. I learned a lot of new things and he changed my mindset a little bit. I think he gave some very useful advices for public speaking that I will for sure use in the future.
I think it was very good and helpful for the future.

3. What did you think of the debating workshops conducted by Ms Izbaner and Mr Andrić?

42 responses

They were also great. Especially new info on how to create arguments and how to respond to them by Miha.
They reinforced my debating skills for sure
I wasn't really interested in them because I wasn't taking part in debates, but it came out I was carefully listening since those workshops, which were hold in very interesting in my opinion way.
It was interesting.
They had their positive as well as the negative sides.
I like how Ms Izbaner took the time to explain all the details regarding Musketeers of Words, and how Miha knew in what way to divide the work so that each of us was working on our already acquired knowledge-
Couldn't be more educational.
The workshops of Mr Andrić were well structured with those of us who had already been through them during the Mobility in Ljubljana given additional engaging tasks. On the other hands, I did not feel that the workshop of Ms Izbaner covered all the material (the rules), with many important dilemmas persisting up to the tournament itself.
They were helpfull if you are interested in debates.
Before Ms Izbaner's lectures I didn't know much about rules of debating, but I think it would be more beneficial if she would tell the rules to all of us at the same time, that way we would have time to do some other kind of workshops with her and would be able to develop some more social speaking skills. I wasn't present on Mr Andrić's classes, because I've already heard all of them in Slovenia (they were amazing), so in the meantime I was practicing the preparation of arguments with other Slovenes, and that was my favourite part of workshops. I enjoyed them.
Some of thrm were ok, but i believe some of them could be omitted. It would also be better if the groups mixed more because you didn't come in contact with the other group except in the very short breaks. I think too much focus was on the debate preparations and it was kind of hard to meet many people from other countries because we were often divided by countries, so it would be better if we could socialize more.
Useful for debating preparation, they explained all in a very clear way.

It has been very useful for the development of my speech and in order to go beyond my shyness.

On this lecture I learned a lot about the whole process behind judging debate, which enabled me to see what we need to focus on during competition.

I liked them. I found Miha's workshops more useful in debating (building arguments, very important!)

The workshops were helpful. We talked about aspects of debating I was insecure before and after the workshops I felt better prepared.

I think that Ms Izbaner and Mr Andric were so great and managed the workshops very well about the debate because they explained everything and they were so clear.

I thought they would be very interesting and funny because she had already taught some methods about the public speaking during the second mobility in Italy

I was good that we were divided in two groups and then changed. The things we did there were interesting and also that we were allowed to practise again...

Well prepared lectures, enjoyed

They were very educational.

Helpful

All the workshops were very interesting and many things could be learned, I made a lot of notes and I will certainly use them.

I liked them and thought they were interesting

I think they helped me with my speaking skills

I think they were okay.

It was really helpful to fully understand how to create perfect argumentation line.

They were very meaningful

Interesting

The rules of debating were clearly explained and we learned about techniques used during debate. The time for all the lectures was divided in a really good way and we were able to take a lot from them.

Workshops were great. Mr Andrić is very clever person and gave us advice. I enjoyed it so much.

They made it easier for us to prepare for the debates

I learnt how to debate so it was perfect

We managed to do a pretty good job thanks to them, so they were very useful.

I didn't really take part in debating workshops since my team and I were preparing individually. But I am confident Mr Andrić did a great job :) When it comes to Ms Izbaner, I was really happy she provided us with information about the format of debate and that we went through the rules together.

They were good

It was a good opportunity to prepare for debate cup

I think they were really well prepared and done in very specific and original way.

They were really informative! It was a great preparation with many informations and if we still had questions we were able to ask them.

I think they were very good and helpful and prepared us pretty good for the debates.

Especially Mr Andric's workshop with sexi and important helped us all a lot.

I think they were also good but I we also could have needed the time we spent at the workshops preparing our debate

4. What did you think of the Musketeers of Words competition? Did you feel sufficiently prepared for it? Did you find it a rewarding experience?

42 responses

For me it was a good way to check my skills. I felt strongly prepared. After the first day, when we lost I have to admit I was disappointed, but after I was announced The Best Speaker of the Competition I eventually felt truly contented.

It was a bit stiff, judging from some of the judges' skills compared to the level of preparation of participants it was a bit underwhelming. I learned a lot though

As I mentioned before, I wasn't taking part in debates, but with others who were watching this competition with me, I was really excited to see all the results, keeping my thumbs up for my favorite teams and being stressed about them.

Musketeers of Words are really nice event but I think that It shouldn't be obligatory for Erasmus exchange. My guest was really stressed and not as experienced in debates as his opponents. He said that it was the least pleasant aspect of whole exchange.

Because our team invested a lot of time in it on our own, I think we were somewhat sufficiently prepared. However, if we would base our knowledge about debating solely on the previous exchange in Slovenia, it would be even merely sufficient.

It was my first debate tournament and I enjoyed it a lot. In terms of preparation I feel I would not mind having more time and not having to scramble our arguments during the night.

Moreover, yes, I find it a rewarding experience nevertheless.

I used to debate otherwise i wouldn't be prepared. I think it was a great experience where everyone could broaden their horizons.

I found the organization of the competition lacking in some areas, with there not being enough clarity on the process and the motions. While I felt sufficiently prepared, I think this was mostly due to our group working late at night on arguments, which took away from the "exchange part" - as a result of this, there was specifically a lack of hanging out with our hosts and other exchange students after the organised activities. The experience was relatively rewarding, but the drama involved with the results was a major disappointment and took away from the positive feeling at the end.

In my opinion workshops gave me much more knowledge.

I thought it would be more officiant, but it was still something I have never experienced before. I definitely find it a rewarding experience and I think I learned something new, even just from listening to the debates. I feel like our team was well prepared (from what I saw), but I especially enjoyed the whole process of preparation.

It was interesting. I didn't compete.

I felt prepared enough and the competition was ok, the food was good, but it could be organized a bit more clearly. I want to also suggest maybe adopting the WSDC debate format which is more internationally recognized and it would open up the competition for more foreign teams as well as make it possible for the polish teams to compete in different international competitions. Also I believe that there should be some classes for the judges to attend (or at least there should be way more classes if there are some), because i feel like some judges (especially some teachers and guest judges) didn't feel like they were prepared enough. Some of their feedbacks involved no argument analysis and some only focused on how eloquent you were and disregarded the arguments completely. That being said there were also some really good judges who had more experience and gave us very valuable and constructive feedback. In general the tournament was a good experience but i think there are some areas which can be bettered.

Wonderful experience. I wasn't very prepared, but I'm pleased of our result. I didn't expect it. I was very anxious about the competition because we didn't have the opportunity to practise enough according to Oxford Debate rules. Moreover, to prepare six motions is too difficult

as in my school this project was meant to empower only our social skills and before the leaving I had to work a lot for my midterm evaluation in all the subjects.

The contest was extremely stressful and challenging, but also life-changing at the same time. All in all organisation of the Musketeers was great and everything was on time. However its drawback was that there was not enough time to prepare and groups were on completely different level. The experience thought me a lot about teamwork and working under stress, which will definitely benefit me in the future.

Yes, being a marshall was a great opportunity for me.

I was in the international team, we didn't have that much time but it was fine. We managed it and I'm happy about how everything went.

The Musketeers of words competition was very very good but i didn't participate in the debate itself because I was the bellgir. I find it great to watch and listen the debate because the guys were so good and from these debates I learned how the debate works.

I thought we wouldn't have won either a debate because we didn't prepare all the motions both because some of them were difficult and because we didn't have enough time to prepare them.

It was great to be a part of this big competition and I really like this event. In my opinion we weren't prepared as good as we should because sometimes, I guess, the motions were difficult to difine. But nevertheless we were good prepared. For sure it was a rewarding experience!

I did not compete

Yes I felt prepared although I didn't participate in them.

It was okay

I did not take part in the Musketeers of Words as a debatant, but just listening to the debates was something very important in developing myself.

I haven't debated myself so I can't say a lot about that, but I enjoyed listening to the others and was really exited for my team

I didn't take part in it but it was very interesting to watch and to see how the teams were prepared

The competition was great, but i did not participate in it.

The Musketeers of Words competition this year was an amazing edition.I've not participated, but I was suprised how good some teams were and how much preparation they must have done.

It was one of the best experience in my life

I saw many committed people, who loved debating

I think the whole tournament was a great experience and as a chairlady of few debates I felt well prepared and it also thought me many things. I especially enjoyed listening to people from our exchange debating because I was able to see thier improvement after the lectures.

This event was super. A lot of stress but also lot of fun. I feel that I was preparedfor this.

I could put more effort into preparing but still I benefited from it a lot

I felt unprepared due the great number of motion and because it was my first experience

I didn't except to love it as much as I did in the end. We weren't sufficiently prepared for it, that's why I was kind of nervous at the beginning, but it all went well at the end, especially thanks to the work that we did in school, so I'm happy of the result. I think that I would do it again if I could.

I didn't like it at all, but that's just who I am as a person. I think it was organized properly and that others enjoyed the competition. But speaking for myself I just couldn't get over the fact that we applied and expected an Erasmus exchange but had to take part in debating competition (that actually somehow became the main part of the exchange which should be about meeting new people, cultures and, well just have fun and make new friends). - we didn't

really want to debate, did we? But I am sure it helped the Musketeers of Words to grow as a competition, and that is a good thing as well.

I did not participate

It was my second time where I participated in debate competition

I really enjoyed participating in this event. I felt really well prepared for it and I'm sure that during the competition I learned some very valuable lessons.

In my opinion i wasn't prepared enough. I don't think the time for preparing was enough because it was a big competition with many experienced debaters were a really good and structured preparation was needed! It definitely was a rewarding experience and i got to know that debating isn't my biggest strength.. :)

I think it was a great opportunity and experience. Before the competition I thought that my team and I weren't well enough prepared but in the end I think it was enough. I liked that the competition wasn't only about who is going to win. For me it was about team work, learning and doing the best I can. I think it was a great chance that there were so many different people I was able to talk to. Also I think the debating competition was a great ending for this whole Erasmus project and debating in general really changed my way of thinking.

I didn't feel that prepared but at the end everything worked out well and it was absolutely a rewarding experience

5. Did you enjoy how time was divided between debating events and Cultural Heritage activities (sightseeing trips in Poland)?

42 responses

Yes

yes

Yes.

I did. Nevertheless trips were really exhausting, especially for foreigners not used to that amount of sightseeing.

Yup

Of course, though it is a bit sad there were only two trips, everyone must agree it would be difficult to have more in one week and still be able to prepare for debates.

It was really interesting, I have seen new places even though that I was in Gdańsk and Toruń multiple times.

Yes, the balance was perfect.

I really liked both of trips but I think that one trip should be on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

I feel that there was too much time dedicated to the debating events, especially since preparation for the debate ate up a large part of the free time on other days.

In my opinion it was good to have a day of preparation one day before the tournament.

However a lot of students didn't have time to hang out because they were practicing. The trips were planned amazingly. The only complaint I have is that the family day should be our last day, because we all knew each other (and the city) a lot better and also were more relaxed after the debate.

I think there could be more of the latter but it was divided quite well.

Yes, but it would be better to spend more time in sightseeing trips. I would have liked to visit Warsaw for examples.

In my opinion we took too much time in debating events while it would be better to visit more places and spend more time with the project partners.

I really enjoyed the visiting plan and free time we were given, but there was too little time devoted to debating and preparing in groups plus there was no mock debate.

Yes definitely! I've never been to Poland before so the sightseeing trips were interesting for me. In addition, we could spend time with the other people and we got to know each other better.

Yes, I enjoyed it because in the way we were less stressed and we had the possibility to see a great country like Poland and in the same travel we had the debate and that was so soft and enjoyable.

Yes because we had time both to prepare ourselves for the debate competitions and to visit the main cities of Poland

I enjoyed the time very much but sometimes it was, as in Poland, a little bit too long. But I know it was a short time to manage all the things with the debate and that we were able to see as much as we can from Poland. Nevertheless it would be better when we had more time to prepare. But altogether it was a good mix.

I enjoyed every single minute

Yes it was well organised.

Yes, I really enjoyed.

Yes, I think it was a good mixture

Yes, I think that the cultural parts were as important as the learning parts

Yes, it was a good time.

Yes I did it was better than in Slovenia

Yep, in my opinion the time between learning and sightseeing was well balanced.

Yes it was very nice. we saw a lot of interesting places and got some facts about history

Yes, I liked it

Yes but I would have liked to visit more Polish places

Honestly I think that I would have been better if we had spent more time working on the debate.

Yes I enjoyed it very much.

Yes, I would say that it was divided pretty good.

I think the time management was great.

Yes, but I think a little bit more time for the preparation for the debates and a little bit less sightseeing would have been better.

I think the time was divided pretty good, I really enjoyed the trips in Poland but also the debating events were pretty helpful.

6. Have your views on other cultures changed in any way?

42 responses

no

No

No they didn't. Maybe because this part of exchange was in my native country.

Not really, I've known people from the exchange before, thus I haven't learned anything I wouldn't know before about other countries' cultures

Not much, I still think that Italians and Slovenians are awesome people and also Germans seem to be more open to other people than I thought.

No. I don't think so. After this exchange my point of view changed only in one matter. I see Poland in a bit better way than before.

Certainly.

Yes, indeed they have. Ashamed to admit, but in terms of culture Poland is much much higher in my regards as it was before.

Yeah it has changed. I didn't know that Poland is so developed.

Yes, It reinforced my view of the need to not view people of different countries as stereotypes, but realize they are also interesting and diverse in their opinions and beliefs.

No, I haven't had any prejudices before or any kind of 'expectations'. To be honest I didn't know much about Poland or people living there, so I wasn't expecting anything, that way I had a pleasant time seeing/trying things for the first time.

Yes, I learned a lot about other cultures.

Yes, I think I now understand some cultures better.

Yes, I discovered some aspects of other cultures that I didn't know before.

Yes, I could know a big part of the Polish culture thanks to my host family which was very kind with me. I am sure that this culture and these my new friends will help me in future.

This experience made me realize that no matter where we live and what language do we speak there is much more that connects us than we think.

No.

Yes in some way, because they have a different culture from mine but it's great to discover it and learn it. always an huge respect to other cultures.

No, because we didn't have the opportunity to deal with the other cultures because we were all focused on the debate competition

They change, yes, but before I had no views or knowledge about the polish culture.

I have been always open minded person, so my view has not changed at all

Yes, I think that people from Italy are very funny and interesting

Actually no, i knew what to expect

I have always been open to all matters related to cultural diversity.

I didn't know much about the polish culture so I definitely learned a lot about it !

I don't know if they've changed but I definitely had a chance to know these cultures better

I had already good opinion about other cultures

I still love Slovenia

Yes

Nope, my views haven't changed but I learned a lot about different traditions.

I live in Poland so I don't have any special ne views but I'm open for it.

I don't think so

Yes I think I became more open minded

Definitely. I love seeing new countries and know new cultures, and I learned a lot in this trip.

I didn't expect Poland to be so beautiful.

Not really. I've always been quite open to all cultures.

Not really

No, it hadn't.

Now i know that polish food is really tasty !! :)

Yes, because I've never been to Poland before, so my thoughts about the polish culture was based on stereotypes but now I actually know what Poland and polish culture is like.

My view on the polish culture changed because of the time we spent in Poland.

7. Have you established a good relationship with you host/guest? If not, what difficulties did you have?

42 responses

yes

Yes

I was able to achieve a good relationship. We like each other and I think we created some common bond.

Yes, I have, there were no problems at all

Yes, I keep in touch not only with my guest, but also some other.

My guest was really interesting and smart guy. I am happy that I have met him.

The greatest!

Yes, I think that we spent some wonderful moments together.

I have and I want to keep this relationship!

Yes, I've established a good relationship with my host with us staying in contact. There were no major difficulties aside from very minor language difficulties that were however easily overcome.

Yes we have an amazing relationship, we became really good friends. I felt really comfortable with the whole family, because I think they have similar lifestyle to mine/my family's.

Yes, we get along very well and I hope to see her soon.

We established a great relationship, she and her family were very pleasant and we had a lot of fun.

Absolutely yes, very kind and lovely people and always available. I enjoyed a lot my time with them.

I have established a very good relationship with my host and his family, infact we are still in touch by chat and e-mails. I didn't have any problems with them.

I am happy to admit that now my guest is my best friend :-)

Yes, I had a lovely, caring exchange partner. I am very thankful.

I established a wonderful friendship with my host/guest because she is very special and fantastic and I basically found a new sister.

Yes, we became closer and more friends

I really established a good relationship with him! We hadn't any problems or something else and he always tried to do his best for me, also that I felt comfortable.

I have almost fallen in love with her

She was my soul mate, I love her so much and I miss her :(

I was very happy with my guest. We spent a wonderful time together.

Yes, we got along really well and she was a great host, really welcoming (also her family) and I enjoyed the time with her a lot

I don't think we had any difficulties, we were in good relations

It wasn't the best one, but I can still call it a good one.

Yes I love him

We got on quite well and I hope she enjoyed her stay in Poland.

I have no difficulties and I enjoyed his stay in Poland. It was fun to be his host.

Yes, I hope we will stay in touch for years

Yes I was very happy to meet my host and to become his friend

Yes, we definitely bonded more during this exchange in Poland. I even cried when we left.

I really felt at home at Michna's. They were so nice, loving and caring. I love Maria and her whole family and I hope we stay in touch for a long time.

Yes, she is great

Yes we have established quite good relationship. We spent together a lot of time doing interesting things and we still keep in touch.

Yes!! I've had a great relationship with my host and his family, I felt really welcome!!

Not really, my host was going through a tough time and we didn't really get along well but this didn't make me enjoy the time in Poland less.

I established a very good relationship with my host.

8. Have you encountered any other problems?

42 responses

No

No.

no

Well, don't want to be mean but I have eaten better pierogi in my life.

Nah

Only obligatory debates and it only because of my guest feelings.

Lack of sleep, which is, I admit, completely my fault.

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The trip was too short.

I'm very sorry to say so, but I feel like the Germans teacher's attitude during the debate tournament wasn't very professional. Especially towards the debate team from Slovenia. Even though he wasn't our judge in any of the competitions he kept talking behind our backs to groups of people about how he thought we were rude and how he would send us out of the room during the debate(which I and quite some other people would politely disagree with). Even if that's his opinion I think he has no right(especially since he's a teacher and not a 5 year old kid) to tell those things to multiple groups of people after the debate(mostly students and our friends) and then ask them to keep quiet about it. We also saw him saying the same things to a judge after the debate verdict. I don't want to be mean or cause any troubles but I really don't think it's the correct thing for a teacher and a judge to do so, because they were supposed to be mature and set a good example.

No, I haven't.

I didn't have any problems and I really enjoyed Polish food and habits.

No :-)

No, it was a great week and I enjoyed everything.

I just had a little problem in the first days because I was so shy and didn't talk very much, but overall everything was great.

No, my host didn't make me miss anything

No. But if there were some little discussions about the plans 'for later' they always tried to find a solution that everybody was satisfied with it.

Not at all

No I haven't.

I don't think so

Nope.

The only problem was the stress caused by the competition

No, I haven't.

I just want to state it one more time: organization was really good (when it comes to the events and organization itself. Huge respect for the organizers) but speaking of the communication between teachers... I believe that was something that had some room for improvement.

No, I hadn't.

No i havent.

No not at all.

The only problem was the lack of time to prepare the debate.

9. What were your top three highlights of your stay in Poland? Why?

42 responses

debating cup, Miha's workshops, meetings on our own with friends

People, time spent with them and relationships we've established

This is my home country so I don't really know how to answer, but I can guess one of the most popular answers would be friendly atmosphere.

I am Polish citizen, so probably it is not a question to me.

Sopot, our hosts, final debate.

Debate in the finals, visit to Sopot and the time I spent with my host. The debate was a tough one, but I feel that everyone was rather passionate about the topic, so it was a pleasure listening to them. Sopot is overall an amazing town and the atmosphere there is truly unique. And all the other moments with my host were just amazing, due to us getting along so well and being so similar in many aspects.

Making new friends, trips and my wallet being accidentally stolen :)

Family day, the city of Bydgoszcz, and the Polish hosts especially

I could talk and have fun with people who I made up with in Germany and have some nice talks with people from Slovenia.

Sopot was my favourite highlight, only because I love sea anyways and being next to it with my friends felt amazing. I loved spending time with people from Poland, whether we were just walking around the city or did activities like bowling and iceskating. Also I really enjoyed it in the gingerbread museum, I found it very cute and cookies were tasty.

Sopot, Miha Andrić's workshops, food.

1. Other students. All of the students from Germany, Italy and Poland were great and I'm happy we got to spend this time together. 2. The excursions. We saw a lot of beautiful sights that Poland has to offer. 3. The food.

The arrival in Poland, the debate competition and the party at school. The first because it represents the beginning of this experience, and the others are the moments of most fun.

I really enjoyed Miha's lessons, especially the first one; It's burnt in my mind the day when my host family took me to Torun, and I really loved going ice-skating with Italian and Polish guys.

Meeting people from different countries, but feeling so connected to them, weekend with my family and guest, preparing for debates in the international group and having so much fun together.

Being Marshall, cold weather in Gdańsk and great workshops with Miha That's what I'm going to remember for a long time

What will always come to my mind first when I think of my stay in Poland are the people I met there. They are special to me and I will never forget about the time we spent together.

Another highlight is Gdansk. It's a beautiful city and I enjoyed the time I could spend with the other participants there. My third highlight is the gingerbread museum. It was an interesting and interactive museum, same as the cinema.

My top three highlights of the travel was when we went ice skating because in south Italy we don't have the possibility to do that. the second one was the trip to Gdansk and the third was the trip to Torun because those places were very wonderful.

First of all the day of our arrival because I met my host after a whole year. Secondly the day we spent ice-skating because it was my first experience so it was very funny. Finally the last day because we all met at Ola's and we didn't sleep and we spent the night just playing cards and talking to each other

I have so many highlights of this exchange. But I think the time we spent together and the debate.

Had some good time with Slovene ppl, we did lots of cool stuff after lectures, would do that again if I were given a chance to do so :)

Visiting Gdańsk, watching Debate Cup, lessons with Miha Andrić.

Trip to Gdańsk, chatting at evenings with my host

Musketeers of Words, Debate classes, trips.

The activities with my host, the time with my team & I also really liked the city trips

Trip to Gdańsk because of sightseeing, lecture by Mr Andrić

My guest, trip to Gdansk, trip to Torun

Trip to Toruń, trip to Gdańsk, eating dumplings

My guest other people free time

I liked time which I spent with Armando, Julka and Antonio - we were in escape room, played guitar and sang songs together. It'll be my best memory. I also liked trips to Toruń and Gdańsk where we saw many interesting places.

I think the trips were really amazing, it allowed us to talk freely and exchange opinions. I also really enjoyed the debate tournament (it's always good to see sth new).

Trips, because we could see new places. Workshops, because we learned a lot. Hanging around with our guests

Trip to Gdansk, trip to toruń, amazing food

My three favorite moments were when I went ice skating, when my team reached fourth place and the trips to the various cities

Well, the first one is definitely the moment when we won and made to the semi-finals. We didn't expect it, so we were all really surprised. The second highlight is when we went ice-skating. We had so much fun, and it was the first time I did that so I'll never forget it. The third is when all my friends and their hosts spent the night before the departure at my & my host's house. We stayed up until 4 am and we had the best time.

- trips - just spending time with Maria's family - when we had some free time in the evening and explored the city together

Trips, family day and lectures with Miha Andrić

1. Debate competition 2. a trip to Gdansk 3. Night sightseeing with friends from Germany

Trip to Gdańsk, Musketeers of Word competition, Mr Miha Andrić's lecture.

1. Making friends 2. Eating in different restaurants and trying out different meals 3. Visiting the coast and got to know the beautiful cafes there

My first highlight was getting to know a lot of people from different countries and getting to chance to talk to them about the different countries, cultures and lives. Another highlight was the whole Musketeers of Words contest because I think that I've learned a lot and I liked how most of the teams supported each other and I liked to get the chance to talk a lot of different people. And my last highlight were definitely the workshops with Ms Izbaner and Mr Andrić because I learned so many new things.

1. The time I spent with my host, his friend and my friend because we had the chance to actually get to know each other and had good talks. 2. The bus drive because I really enjoyed spending time with the group and we had a lot of fun. 3. The debating contest which I first didn't want to happen but it was an amazing experience and great team work.

