



We arrived at Palermo airport at 6am. We couldn't wait to leave.



At this time we had just arrived in Riga. Here we were in the city's main piazza. I had never seen such a beautiful place.



The next day we went to school. There we socialized with French kids, who like us participated in an Erasmus project. We had so much fun with them that we became friends.



Here we were in the school theater, which was nothing short of enormous. We saw shows where there were kids who sang and danced. Afterwards, instead, since we had some time, we all played together in the center of the theater.



Afterwards, together with all those who participated in the Erasmus project, we went to the cemetery for the fallen of the war of independence. Then, from there, we started the torchlight procession, a walk of 6 kilometers with the torch.





The next day, in the morning, we went to the Riga War Museum. Here we saw how the Latvians behaved during World War I and they taught us how to train to become a Latvian soldier. It was a beautiful experience.



Later, together a guide who was also Italian, we visited the city. He also took us to a mall where, given that we no longer had any special commitments, we could spend some time doing what we wanted.



On the fourth day we had to get up early because we had to go to a museum, 50 kilometers away from Riga. It was the museum of the “Christmas Battle”, that is the famous Christmas battle, where Latvian riflemen participated. Here, in addition to explaining the progress of this war, they showed us the terrain where these populations fought. We also did an obstacle course led by a Latvian soldier. Obviously after this training could not miss a snack with some sausages cooked on the fire.





Afterwards we went to a big factory where they made bread. Here they showed us a video of how they make bread. Then we made a sort of heart-shaped braid with butter, candy and dried grapes. That day we had lunch in a restaurant that was located inside the large bakery. Lunch was really good but bread was bad.





On the fifth day we woke up more calmly because we only had to go the museum of the Union and the Soviet Deportacion. There we also did exercises related to this topic. It was a bit boring but all in all went well.



Afterwards we went to another museum that was located in the old headquarters of the KGB, that is the secret police of the Soviet Union. It was a very beautiful and interesting experience.



The next day, at five in the morning, we went to the airport. We had breakfast there and took the plane to Milan. Arriving in Milan, we had to wait five hours for the coincidence and so we started playing with our phones to make time go faster. The flight was very bad, but fortunately, thanks to the skill of the pilot, we came out alive.



From this trip I learned a lot not only about Latvian history and culture, but also about other things, in my opinion, equally important. I got to know my travel companions outside the school environment and now I value their friendship much more. I confess that I had a great time with everyone. I also understood, at least a little, what it means to stay away from home and make certain decisions independently. I hope to be able to repeat other such experiences in the future. Because traveling enriches us inwardly and culturally. Traveling leads us to learn about new cultures, new people and to learn new things.