

# GREAT TIME IN SARDINIA

16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

We landed in Sardinia on Sunday evening. Then, by train, we got to the station in Marrubiu where our hosts and their parents were already waiting for us. It was a very nice feeling to finally meet people we've been writing with for months and we could not wait to meet. To get to know each other better, the families decided that we would go together for a pizza. At first we were talking shyly with each other, but we quickly opened up and we were joking together while eating real Italian pizza.

## MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The next day, on Monday morning, we went to school with our hosts.



The first point in the plan of our day was learning traditional Sardinian dance and Italian songs.



Despite the fact that our legs were tangling in the dance as much as our tongues when we were singing Italian songs, we had a great time. We all approached it with humor even though it did not go perfectly.



Finally, after many rehearsals, we learned the chorus of one of the songs. After that we decided to teach our Italian friends some Polish songs. It was the same challenge for them, as for us to learn something more from the song "*Bella ciao*" than just the chorus.



When we finished these two tasks, it was time for a city game to bring us closer together. We were selected in groups, where each had one Pole, one Spaniard, one Belgian and two Italians. Each group received colorful ribbons to stand out and a list of tasks that we were supposed to do in the city. Some of them were really fun and we had to look really interesting from the residents' perspective when we were running around the streets and taking pictures of ourselves, in order to confirm the tasks. A particularly interesting task was to teach the inhabitants basic phrases in our native languages. Everyone was making big eyes without understanding what we are saying. When we completed all the tasks, we went back to school for lunch, and then we had free time, so together with our hosts we went to the city. At one point we split up into smaller groups, but in the evening we met together again on one of the squares, where we laughed and learned some dances.

## **TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Tuesday morning was full of attractions. Immediately after breakfast, we went to school, where a bus was waiting for us to take us on a trip to Tharros. We arrived to the place by a mini-train, because we had to drive up a steep mountain. It was not a very comfortable form of transport but beautiful views we could admire on the way to the top made it up for us.



We went through the ruins and listened with interest to what the guide has to say. We learned many interesting things about the history of that place, and when we said goodbye to the guide, we went to the sandy beach. It was nice to at least dip our legs in the sea, because we were not allowed to swim due to dangerous currents.



After two hours of sunbathing and playing together on the sand, we went to the



museum, where we were allowed to make a 3D scan of one of the sculptures. It was a really interesting experience because we've never had anything to do with something like that. Tired, but satisfied with the interesting trip, we returned to Terralba. After dinner we could all go out into the city.

### **WEDNESDAY, 18th April 2018**

On Wednesday we spent most of the time at school. It was related to the tasks prepared for us. We were divided into three groups and one by one we did what was prepared for us on this day. The first group had to build a totem.



We were surprised that it was going to be made of bamboo, because we had no idea how it was going to be created. However, this was quickly explained to us, so we eagerly got to work. Our work was accompanied by laughter, because we didn't immediately create the perfect totem. However, we didn't give up and by working



together we achieved the intended effect. After completing the totem, we went to next class where the teacher showed us how to print something in 3D.



It was fascinating to see how a piece of three-dimensional version of a figurine, which just a moment ago was on the computer screen, was created piece by piece. The last task was to make an initial presentation from the trip. However, we didn't manage to do too much, because the bus was about to arrive. Fortunately, we could finish our presentation on Friday, so we breathed a sigh of relief. We went downstairs where in the main corridor we met with the rest of the group and together we got on the bus which took us to the pizzeria. We ate lunch there. At some point it started raining terrible, but it didn't spoil our mood, because we had a great time in wonderful company. Before we looked at the sky, the sun came back again, so we could continue with the plan of our trip. Its next point was visiting holy places.



We were very tired after returning. Despite this, we found time to go out together.



**THURSDAY, 19th April 2018**



Thursday was a hard day for all of us. In the morning, we got on a bus which took us to Cala Luna. The whole group had to walk down the mountains for 7,5 kilometers. We gave our best and in spite of constant complaints and huge fatigue we were defeating the following kilometers perseveringly.



Our goal was the beach where we were supposed to have lunch prepared by our families. Hardly alive, but happy that we finally found ourselves down, we fell on the

sand to catch the breath. After a while, we lay out our things. Then we quickly ate food which was prepared for us in the morning by our host families, because our stomachs were rumbling. We came back around 8 o'clock and right after eating dinner we went to the city again. It has become a some kind of a tradition for us. During those meetings, we had a great time with each other. We found out many new things about our countries as well as about each other. What's more, we have established strong bonds. A day without an evening meeting like this was a lost day for us.

### **FRIDAY, 20th April 2018**

Friday was our last day in Sardinia. We were all supposed to meet at 8 o'clock at the school, but as every day most of the group was late. Once we arrived, we got the last tasks to do. Each group i.e. Belgians, Sardinians, Spaniards and us - Poles had to



choose the best fifteen photos taken during entire stay in Sardinia. However, these photos had to match a specific categories. From among sixty photos which took part in the competition, the jury had to choose the best in each category. The authors of the winning photos were going to be awarded the next day during the farewell dinner. The second task was to make a presentation summarizing our entire stay in Sardinia. After completing this task, we finally had time for ourselves. At 11 o'clock we went to Oristano



where we did shopping and bought souvenirs for our families. We also had dinner there and then we went to the shopping center. Time flew by very quickly and before we knew it, we had to return to Terralba. When we were in Terralba, each of us with our host went home to prepare for the evening farewell dinner. Punctually at 8 o'clock we sat at the table and we started to consume typical Sardinian delicacies.



In the meantime, the jury announced the results of the photo competition and awarded the winners. Later, the teachers of each group took the microphone and said some words. At the end there was a farewell to all participants of the project.



Of course, it didn't come without tears. It was a special moment which brought all of us to tears.

**This extraordinary experience will always remain in the memory of each of us.**