



GREETINGS FROM TOMORROW

“ New life for garbage “

TRAVEL DIARY

Our trip to Iasi - Romania (2nd - 6th October 2017)



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Sunday:

Our departure was on Sunday, we had to be in front of Bretigny's train station at 8 in the morning, we met our teacher, left our parents and took a taxi to the Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport.



Everything went fine apart from machines giving us bad flight which indeed could have been an issue! But anyway, we had a meal in the Duty Free area of the airport and then took our plane to the land where we would spend a week talking about garbage (literally), Romania!

We arrived there in the late evening and first met our families, who took us to our new homes! We ate well and sleep well after this exhausting trip to be ready for the next day.

Monday:

The wake up depended of where the family lived, for example the family with Stefana had just 10 minutes in tram but the family with Andrei had 1 hour in bus in order to get to the school. We went to the school and we had to do the presentation about where we come from

and a little presentation about us. They were people come from Italy, Bulgaria, Finland and Romania of course.

After that, we ate at the university canteen, they were so many choices of food like chicken, fish or pasta. We ate very well at the canteen and with our families.



During the afternoon, it was free time so the Romanian showed us the Palas Mall. It is a big center with a lot of little shops selling everything you could imagine. In the Palas we changed our money into leis, it looked like we were rich because 1€ is worth 4.6 lei there.



During the evening, we played billiard and a Bowling game, it was entertaining and we had to speak English without any help which was a good training. It was a very good evening. And we went to sleep to our families' places.

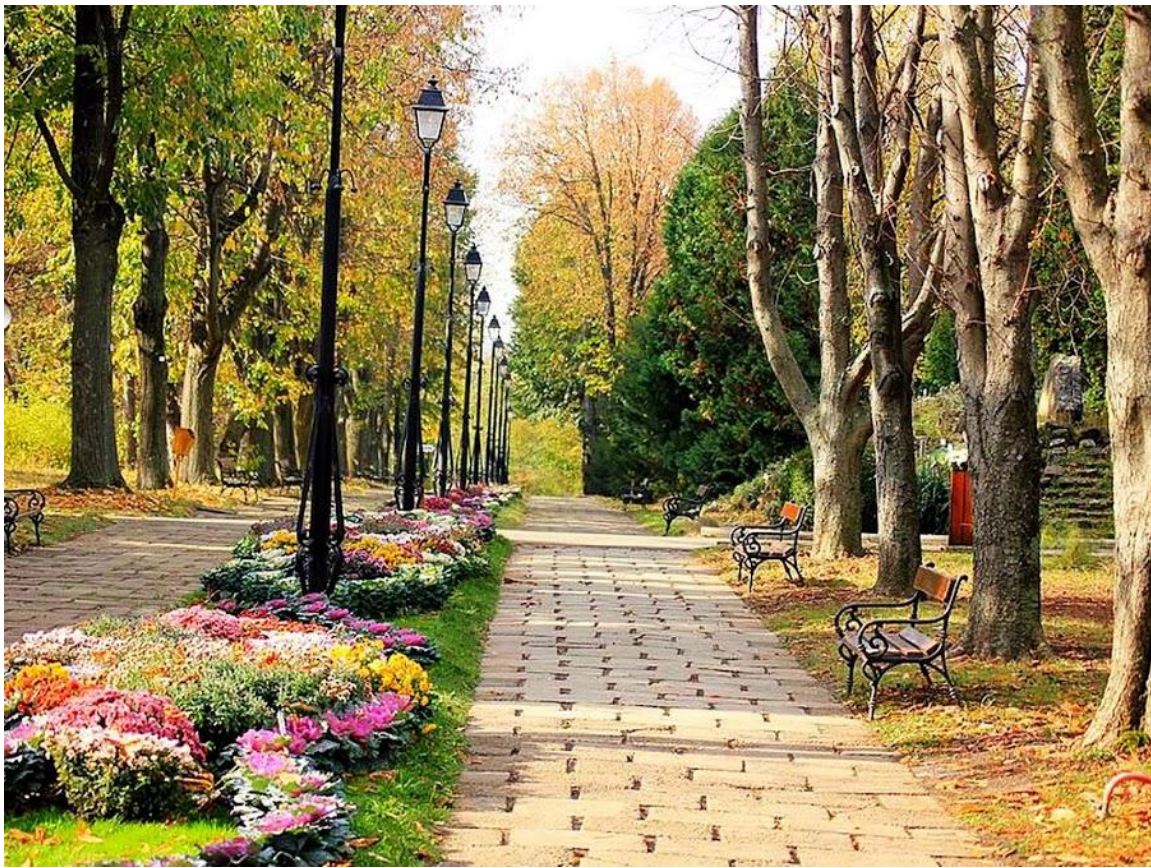
Tuesday:

The meeting point is at school, we waited all countries to come by before starting the day's schedule. We played little games to get to know each other and we spoke about the recycling and answered question about it.



After that we ate at the university canteen, once again it was very good. After lunch, we went to a museum of the city to see new and old pieces of art and history.

As per usual it was free time in the afternoon, so the Romanians proposed us to visit the Botanical Garden. There was a little lake and tons of plants and cactuses. It was a very large and beautiful garden.



After that we went back to our family for the dinner and went to sleep because we had a long day and it was exhausting.

Wednesday:

We woke up to go to school once again. We arrived at school; we spoke about the recycling and had a small workshop where we made items with plastic bottle, caps, straw and cardboard. A lot of animals were made and it was crazy to speak English! And finally, as always, we ate at the university's canteen.

After that we went to the Palace.

It is a big museum with a lot of exhibitions and when we were here they were preparing an exhibition dedicated to medical science. But we visited a room with a lot of board instead. After the visit of the Palace, we went back to the Palas Mall which was conveniently right next to the museum.

Thursday:



This day was special. We left the school for the entire day. We took the bus to visit a very peculiar school. They were lots of bedrooms for different activities for example they had classes only focused in music, or painting, or sports like ping-pong or karting. Following this we visited a citadel and it was the place where we ate. A guide told us everything about the use of the building and its strategical military conception and position. We continued by the visit of a monastery and a museum of masks made by an artist with stuff he recycled. They were very well done and kind of scary too actually! At 4 pm, the teachers proposed we go to an inn to eat traditional soup. It was very good. Afterward, we took the bus to go home because everyone was very tired after such a long day.

Friday:



Today was the last day so we took time to enjoy the last moment with the Romanians. In the morning, we spoke about recycling and after that we took the tram to visit a waste station. It was interesting to know where the waste was going after its use. We ate at the Palace and went home to prepare our luggage and our departure. The party was very good we danced and sang the entire evening. We took a lot of group photos. And at midnight we went home because we had to wake up at 5 am on Saturday.

Saturday:

And here we are, having to leave the country we shared so much with, at 5 am in the morning completely spent. It was sad but we also remembered every step and everything we've done during this trip in Romania. There were computer issues so we feared we'd miss our plane, but it was like Romania wanted everyone to stay. But after a while it worked and we took the plane to Bucharest and then to Paris. The trip was nice, no turbulences of any kind and we landed in France easily. We then took a taxi back to our homes and finally had the time to rest, well, before we realized that our come back in school would be in two days!