

Report about

On the first day we started by going to the meeting room to watch the choir of our school teachers. Then we snack and perform the geocaching activity. These activities served to break the initial "ice" between us. At lunch time, we had lunch in the school canteen and we split into 2 groups, the debate and the museum visitors, and went to the Legislative Assembly and we started the debate. A major problem was discussed about multiculturalism in Europe. After finishing the debate, we went on a tour of the building and finished the programmed activities. In the debate we learned that different countries have different concessions and problems about multiculturalism. We also learn to hear different opinions on the same subject. At the time of dinner, we went to Madeira Shopping and we lived there for a few hours.

On the second day, we went to the cable car where we observed the beautiful view of the bay of Funchal. We had lunch in the park of Santa Catarina where we had a picnic. Then we went home to get ready for the literary surau. In the evening we performed the surau where poems made by the students were recited. The surau was a moment of culture because different poems of all nationalities were presented. It was the moments we liked the most, especially at the end where we sang the song "Imagine" by John Lennon. In the sarau we get to know a little of the cultures of other countries, which was an incredible moment. The poems were unknown to us and we got to know them and like them. We learned a lot about literature from countries other than Portugal. After finishing the dinner, we went to McDonalds for dinner and stayed for a while in Funchal. This dinner was one of the funniest moments we had all together. We laughed, we ate, and we really started creating friendships.

On the third day we met at school to go to the Levada. We arrived at the Encumeada and realized the Levada where our nature was presented. At Levada we learn a lot about nature and about the Laurissilva which is one of the most diverse and unique forests in the world. We had lunch in Chão dos Louros, we ate traditional food and we stayed there listening to music and having fun. As the weather was good we were visiting Cabo Girão altogether. We went home, had dinner there and then met in Câmara de Lobos to drink a Nikita.

Whenever we went out at night it was always a lot of fun. It was our teenage moment where we could get to know each other. We went to a bar, danced and strolled along the pier. These activities outside the program were always the ones we had fun with.

On the fourth day, unfortunately we didn't go to the excursion around the island, but our colleagues said that it was a lot of fun!

On fifth day, we were working at Twinspace and prepared a presentation about our visit to the Regional Assembly. In the afternoon, we went to Funchal where we performed the route through the streets of Funchal and then we took a boat ride from the port of Funchal to the Cabo Girão. The boat trip was one of the most amazing activities we did, our island has an extremely beautiful bay and we get to see the sunset on a boat while we see the coast was amazing. The sea transmits tranquility and I think that moment was for all of us a tranquilizer and pleasant. We talked and listened to music during the tour, this was so enjoyable that we wanted it never to end.

On last day, some students from the class went to the basement of the school to attend presentations, while the others prepared the traditional games. The traditional games had 10 stations lasting 10 minutes each. After lunch, we did a general rehearsal for the preparation of the typical dances of Madeira and at 16p.m, we moved to the canteen. We watched the Xarabanda, a musical group and then it was time for all the countries to present a typical dance of their places. These presentations were incredible because we had the opportunity to get to know the dance and traditional clothing of each place and there were extraordinary and very funny things. The finish dance was super fun and the dances of Tahiti and La Reunion were of an impressive delicacy and the Spanish dances were intense and enthralling. At 19p.m we went to the meeting room, where the closing ceremony was held. We saw a video about Erasmus and participated in an interactive game. After the ceremony, we moved back to the canteen for dinner. The final dinner was the most entertaining and sad. It was fun because we danced and sang and enjoyed the last moments we all had together. But at the same time it was so sad because when it was about to end, we all began to shed tears for the future longings that we would feel. There is a Portuguese word that has no translation for any other language is Saudade. It's a feeling

we have when we miss someone or a place or anything! And one thing I can assure you the Erasmus project will leave Saudade!



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