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My Memories in Another Country

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# Greek Students Memories



Visiting Lithuania with Erasmus+ was such an amazing memory.

I visit lot of places and meet lot of people.

The most impressive place was castle of Trakai because it looked like we were in another century.

Despoina



My trip to Lithuania was the best of my life!

What impressed me the most and was etched in my head was the amazing chocolate.

Also the sights as well as the people who hosted us.

I hope one day to be able to visit this wonderful country again!!!

Evangelia



During my visit to Lithuania with Erasmus+, I had the opportunity to learn more about this beautiful country and make amazing memories that I will remember for my whole life.

I met people that we had many good times together and I learned a lot of interesting things about their cultures.

In my opinion, one of the best places that we visited was the castle of Trakai because I had never seen anything similar before!

Nikos



The trip to Belgium was an amazing experience.

We got to visit many interesting and new places and make some great new friends from other countries.

What I liked the most was our visits at the museums, and the free time we had to wander at the cities we went with each others' company.

I'm happy that our school got the chance to visit this amazing country, and make such great memories with such loving people.

Maria



Our trip to Belgium was definitely a great experience for everyone.

I personally liked it a lot since we got to know new cultures and new people.

Out of everything I really liked the fact that we had a lot of free time to wander around the city both in school time and in the afternoon.

Visiting museums and monuments was also a very interesting activity. Leaving Belgium

I took with me a lot of good memories and if I could I would definitely do it again.

Pavlos

# Lithuanian Students Memories



Thanks to Easmus+ it was not my first-time visiting Greece, but this country still managed to surprise me.

A visit to one of the most popular and high-quality olive oil presses in Greece is still deep in my memory.

I can confidently say that the freshly squeezed olive oil tasted amazing, so it will stay on my top for a long time!

Meda



It's very hard to pick one of the most memorable moments from such an amazing trip to Greece, but the most beautiful memories come to my mind thinking about the views of the island of Tasso, amazing weather, and even more amazing company together.

Dainora



The trip to Belgium was fun and full of laughter and good emotions. Every day was getting more and more exciting. I really enjoyed visiting the museums, especially when we visited the fries museum. During the trip, I met a lot of great friends and had lots of fun adventures!

Gerda



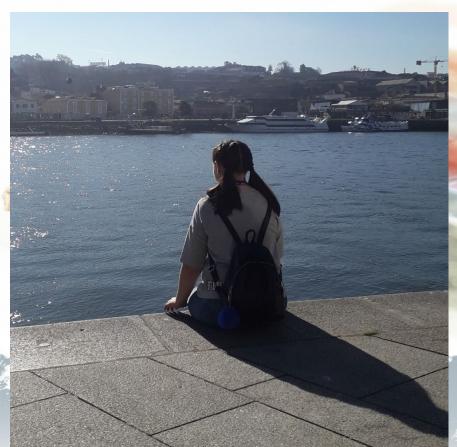
The trip to another country was fantastic. I experienced a lot of amazing things, but what I liked the most was when we visited interesting museums. Also, I really liked when we had free time to wander around the streets of the newly visited cities. I glad that my country's team befriended a group of amazing people from Belgian students, and together we had a lot of fun moments.

Goda



During my visit to Belgium, I was very impressed by this country. The day we took the train to Bruges in the morning is one of the most memorable events of the whole trip. I was very impressed by the architecture of that city, the atmosphere, the museums we visited. Thanks to this travel, I had the opportunity to feel what it means to have a large family because I only live at home with my mother. It was an invaluable experience. Also, I had a wonderful opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people and learn a lot of new things about other cultures. I was so lucky to have this experience and I think I will cherish this Kamilė memory for a lifetime.

### Romanian Students Memories



It was a unique experience that gave me the chance to improve my skills, to satisfy the curiosity of flying and the desire to learn something new. I have enjoyed every second of the week spent in Portugal!

Ana



Thanks to the "21st Century Schools" project I had a chance to rediscover myself and see the world around me in a new light. After Portugal exchange I decided that Science is fun so I reshaped my future.

I will never forget it was my first time to see the Ocean.

Alexandra



The Erasmus exchange was an experience that shaped my views, goals and personality into what I am today. I made so many friends during my stay In Greece from so many countries! Loved it!

Cristina



During my Erasmus exchange I learned how to trust myself and how to get out of my comfort zone, even when things scared me.

You might miss your parents and cry sometimes, but it's worth it! Visiting Lithuania and its castles was an unforgettable experience.

Andreea



The Exchange in Belgium was the most impressive experience in my life.

I made friends and have learned so many new things.

I will never forget it!Think about your future chances more than about your worries. Never waste the opportunity to get involved in Erasmus projects!

Andrei

## Portugese Students' Memories



The experience in Greece was fantastic!

With this mobility I had the opportunity to get to know a country with a very rich history! I loved seeing the monuments, the beaches but especially the people of Tychero.

It was great to share experiences with colleagues from other countries and get to know a little more about each one of them.

I loved the songs and the dances!!!

Thank you 21st century!

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#### Lithuania

I really enjoyed this experience! I loved spending several days with the students and their families, as I got to know their customs and traditions.

It was very good for the development of the English language.

If it weren't for Erasmus' project, I don't think I would ever get to know Lithuania! I loved!

Beatriz



My participation in this project has been fantastic.

Traveling by plane, getting to know a different country, living with a host family and getting to know their way of life, getting to know a school in another country, seeing how it works, are experiences I will never forget.

I never thought I would ever visit a Greek island! Wow! Was very good.

I miss the people I met! I hope to repeat the experience one day.

Beatriz



The trip to Belgium was my first plane trip. I was anxious but everything went well!

In the first days I was somewhat embarrassed but then I got to know students from other countries and the week was super fun.

We had very interesting visits. I really enjoyed it because I think you learn a lot more from these experiences than from studying from books.

This week I developed English a lot because it was the only way to communicate!

It was an experience I will never forgetT



This was my second Erasmus experience and like the previous one I keep the best memories.

The experience of traveling with a group of friends is very good.

We left our home and started to live with a new family that

shows us their culture and traditions.

Traveling is a very good way to learn because we experience it in practice. We share experiences, communicate in a universal language and learn from each other.

For me, Erasmus projects are very important for schools because they provide us with Unique and very enriching experiences.

I am very grateful for the experience, thank you.

# Belgian Students' Memories



I have been lucky enough to participate in two Erasmus projects. I went to Lithuania in May 2019. This was a very unique experience. I learned a lot there because they have a completely different lifestyle than us. I met fantastic people there with who I am still in contact today. My host family was perfect and carefully, I could not have wished better. What I remember was that no matter which country you came from, everyone was social with everyone else, we were one big group. The evening activities were always very cool this was always the best moments for me. Erasmus gave me friendship, confidence. I would recommend people to definitely participate in an exchange project, this is just a very nice experience, you meet new people with who you create a bond and you learn a lot. I am so grateful, thank you for letting me experience this.

Melisande



Where do I start, okay i went to Lithuania in May 2019. It was such a unique experience that I went to Lithuania with friends and teachers but it was fantastic, I met new people from other country that are now good friends off me. My host family was so friendly and amazing. We did a lot of activities there with people from other countries and everyone was so social. It was so nice to met people from other countries and see how they lived in their country. I still cant believe that I went on Erasmus im so thankfull that I had this experience and if someone would ask if I would do it again I say without doubt YES. I hope we met the people from Erasmus soon again cuz I really miss them.

Jarne



I went to Portugal in Januari 2019. I liked my host family, they were very nice to me. I only regret that I wasn't very open to them. But my favourite moments in Portugal were the few times my host family took me somewhere to go see or do something. I learned a bit about Portuguese history and I also learned that we're not that very different from each other. I would recommend Erasmus for people who are interested in everyday life abroad and would like to meet new people.

Thian



I went to Greece and stayed with amber in the same family. Because we stayed with twins. I had an unforgettable time. I loved to see how different things are there. To try the food, see cultural things and get to know the people there was really special. The fact that their school was so small and everybody in the city knew each other gave me a safe feeling. I also made a lot of friends who i still regularly chat with on social media. I really recommend Erasmus to others because i had the time of my life and it is an experience you'll never forget. You see how things are in other countries and learn a lot. And most important you make new friends.

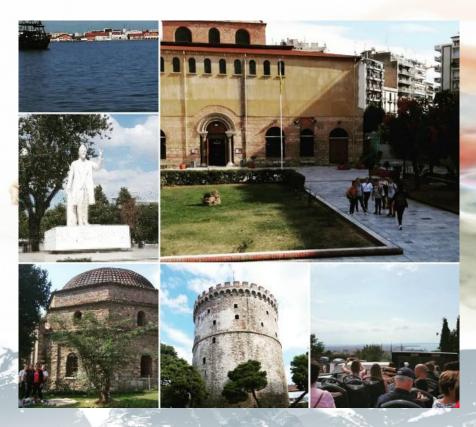
**Britt** 



Hello I'm Elle and for the exchange project I was allowed to go to Greece. It was a super fun and educational experience, i also found the host family super sweet and I learned a lot from them. I have to say that it takes some getting used to the culture there, but it is great fun. I would also definitely recommend going because it is truly beautiful there, what will stay with me most of all are all the lovely people there and the beautiful friends I have made there with which I still have contact to this day.

Elle

## Turkish Students Memories



We were very excited on the first day when we arrived in Greece.

The first day,we visited Salonica where our great leader had been born. We visited his house and saw his sketch, it was really impressive. There were translations in English and Turkish on the walls.

The second day we headed to go to Alexandrapoli.I was going to stay with family. The family was fantastic ,they always cared of me just like their son. I still talk to them on the net.

On the last day we went to a well-known beach in Greece, took photos and walked on the beach with our international groups. The days were amazing and unforgettable. I hope I will hav ethe same chance in

future again.



We were so excited about going to Greece. First of all, I would like to thank our Bahar teacher who brought this feeling to us.

We traveled by bus, we went very comfortably. We went to Thessaloniki.It was a great thing for us to see the house where Atatürk was born and where she grew up. We visited many places with our teachers.I stayed at a student's house. This has a positive effect on people. You can mingle with more people and travel.

The first day was spent getting to know each other.We did a lot of fun and educational activities. We separated into groups with students and walked around.It was nice that they host us in their home.I met people with very smiling faces.I made many friends.We went to historical places.

We went out to dinner with the students in the evenings. We had very beautiful and full days. We haven't seen any bad behavior. Everyone was warm blooded. A female attendant at the school knew how to speak Turkish. We were very happy. We always chat when we see and when we meet. We were very sad on our return but we were very happy to have nice friends.

BAHRIYE



This has been a very different experience for me. For the first time, I was going to have a great week with many people from different countries that I had not met before and I was very excited to got to Portugal.I guess it was one of the best memories of my life.

I had many friends from different countries and cultures there. Living the cultural life style and learning about different cultures was truly excellent. I still have a conversation with my friends over there, and it really had a very positive impact, most importantly, for me in terms of English. The most important thing to me is that I never felt strange with my friends and they really became like my siblings.

They worked hard to entertain us in every way when we went to school there. Everyone, not only from Portugal but also from other countries, people wer very friendly, and although we hadn't met before, we were constantly trying to speak English as if we had met before. I can say that this is the most important reason I love English. We are talking to my friends with whom I've stayed and I miss those days very much. I thank my teachers for providing us such an opportunity.















The night of May 5-6 was very exciting for me because I was going to go abroad for the first time. This was really an inexplicable feeling. I want everyone to taste it. I was well behaved and learned a lot. For example, the way they lived their culture was very strange at first, but later I got used to them, I know very well that if they come here, they will be very strange because everyone's culture is different. As a secondary school, we did not go to Lithuania only to travel, of course, but we had a new purpose. Making friends, showing our union abroad, there was a whole new world there, I realized that there was a whole new world, I actually stayed in a house abroad, I was very anxious at first, I was wondering what kind of family it is, but I am lucky that I came across a very nice family so that I could feel comfortable. Everything they can I loved them so much, I hope they loved me, and I am very happy to take part in this project. I had a lot of fun, I had a great time, though I DIDEM would go again.



#### Tournal by Tuğba

I had my first airplane experience today. Actually, I thought I would be afraid, but it was not so, even it was very nice, even so we always tried to go to the edge of the window to watch outside ... At first, we got on the Istanbul plane and then it was a nice experience for me from there to the Belgian plane. We didn't have to wear a mask when we got on the Belgian plane, because the corona was not very common, but we took your precaution again. The Belgian group against the corona.

Then all the plane proceedings were finished and a teacher named Gunther took us to their school (the families we would stay in Belgium) and we We started to wait, it is strange that everybody speaks English ... I tasted this feeling for a full week, at least I improved my English a little, now it seems ridiculous when I look back those days. Anyway, then the families where everyone will stay came and I was the last:

I thought they would not come, but they came. Then we met a good family. Then we went to their house, it was nice really nice...



Then I packed my suitcase and then we had dinner; Pancake. We were riding on what we wanted and eating. Sinra went out to ride a bike. Zoé showed me these places, streets and stuff. I think it is a nice experience to see so many different new places. I was always taking pictures because when I grew up, to show what I was doing. We went to eat their fries (Belgium is famous for its potatoes, I think we ate potatoes for 3 days or so) and we came back home. And I gave them gifts I bought (although some of them were broken, they liked it 😉) then they are 3brothers sister ,Zoé and younger brother. Then we played Uno, we had so much fun, And we slept...



The next day, we got up in the morning and went to school, their school is different, they showed us the classes. We met Zoé's friends, they were talking a lot, but we didn't understand anything, we did a contest that day everyone split into teams, the blue team, the red team, etc.

I was in the yellow group and they were giving us tasks and We were completing those tasks and taking photos.

For example, we climbed to a place like a huge mountain and it was a little difficult, we saw people lying on the ground while descending, they were actually completing the task (I thought they were tired and let them loose) and then when we made the same move, I understood. We were keeping it to stop going,

it was nice, actually we had a lot of fun that day, although some of us thought it was ridiculous to do it, I think it was nice. And we came to school, we ate pasta with meat at lunch and I had soup, then we went to school and we saw the work of each team and

some of them were very funny. ..



Belgian mobility was very good and fun. I was a little excited to get on the plane for the first time, but I got over this fear. We went to the place where the Belgians fought with the Germans, we entered the tunnels, it was really nice to learn about the history of another country other than our own. We went to the monuments, we saw the artifacts from the war, we read the letters, we watched the speeches of the soldiers and nurses who participated in the war, it was really nice and emotional.

We went to Brussels, its capital city, as Belgium is a small country, we went almost everywhere. My favorite place is Brugge because the river runs between the buildings and this is a really beautiful view. The place we were staying in Geraardsbergen was also nice. People were very nice, helpful and tolerant, we taught them a little Turkish and they taught we Dutch and we got along well. One of the things I liked most was that they kept their historical artifacts and buildings very well preserved and did not change them, it was the same as before and now.