

Short Term Exchange of Group of Students at Partner School

in Romania

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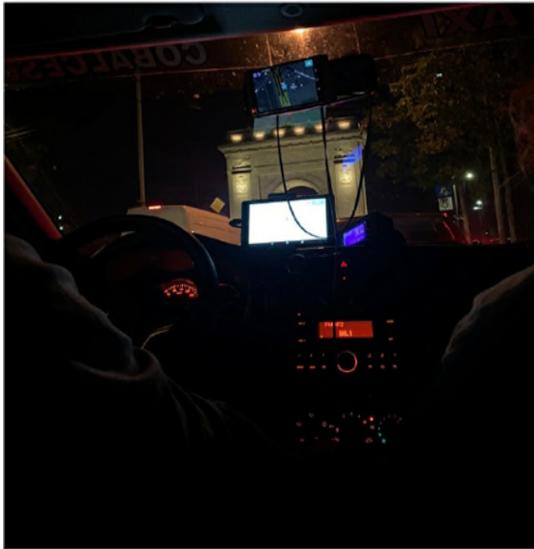
The adventure started at Faro Airport, where we were all very excited to start the trip, we talked a little, and soon after we left for the plane.



We had a stop in London as we had to catch two planes to get to Romania.



And finally we arrived in Romania, more precisely Bucharest, where we took 3 taxis and went to the IBIS Hotel.

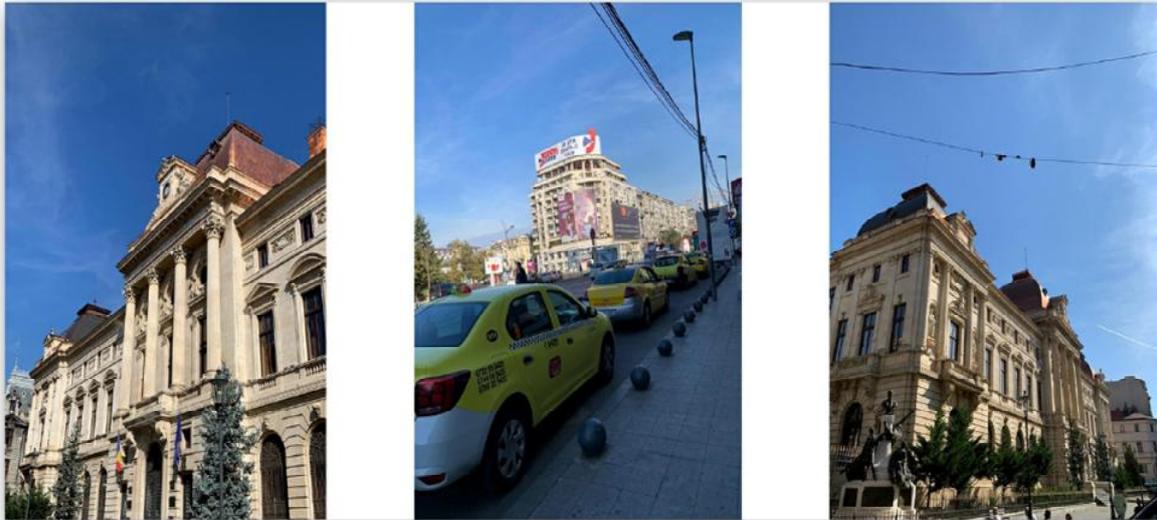


It was really late and we went to sleep because the next day would be a very tiring day.

29th September:

We woke up early , had a good breakfast and went to the centre of Bucharest by metro.





We walked through several magnificent places.
Later we met some of our Erasmus partners, and we all traveled, by bus, to
the Hestia Hotel in Călărași.



30th September:

On this day, in the morning, we had a meeting with official entities.



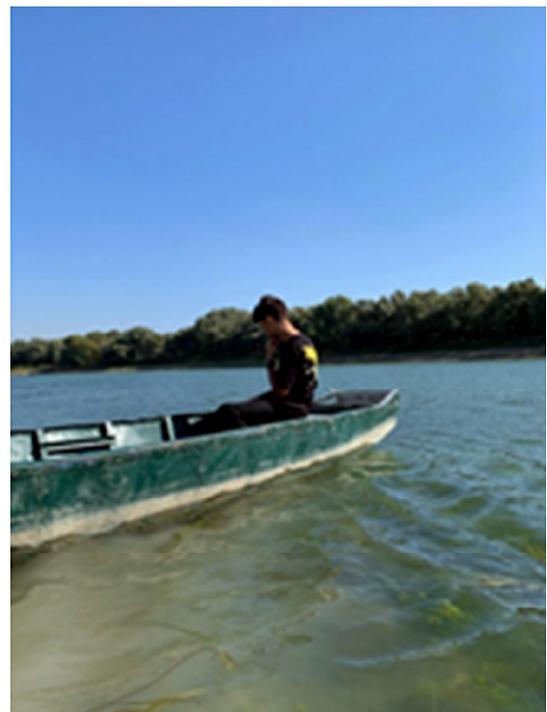
And in the afternoon we visited the Romanian partner school for the first time. There we were greeted with a very beautiful presentation.



And we also saw the very beautiful Danube River.



Later on that day, groups of students were formed to visit some Romanian students' homes.



Tuesday (1st of October)

We started the day by getting together in the bus, ready to go to a big boat. It was a big Ferryboat , that took us through the Danube River to a village where we visited a wine production factory .



We had the opportunity to see the grape crushing process and we drank natural grape juice.



Next, we saw how the wine packing is done.



After that, we visited a Museum, where were a lot of interesting artifacts from Romania.

We got in the bus again ready to go to the called “Green Paradise”.

There, every team cooked a traditional meal from their country, and everyone got the chance to get a little taste of what the other countries are used to eat and how different the food cultures are. And this was our Tuesday.



Wednesday, 2nd of October

We woke up at about 5:00am, took our breakfast in the hotel and went right into the bus.

After some hours, at 11:30, we arrived at Coșești, Argeș County. There we had lunch, which was: chicken cutlets with mashed potatoes and cabbage salad. In Coșești we also did some zip line, which was about 4 meters in height, maybe less, other activities, and some beautiful pottery work, in the pottery workshop!



In the way to Transfăgăraș and Bâlea lake, we saw this sneaky bear by the side of the road.

The scenery was beautiful in the Vidraru Dam, which was on the way, and it's something to remember! When we arrived in Transfăgăraș, it was really cold, but that didn't stop us to appreciate the beautiful landscape.



Finally, we went to the bus again and later arrived in Alba Iulia, where we stayed at the Cetate Hotel. After arriving we finally got to eat something! For the entry, we ate chicken cutlets again, this time with tomatoes, and for the main dish: chicken, rice with mushrooms, carrots and a small portion of pepper and beetroot, and for dessert we had tiramisu.



After dinner, we went to our bedrooms, where we hung out for a bit, with the Poles and the Lithuanians. Then, we finally went to sleep.

3rd October - the fifth day we spent in Romania

- **Our first trip was to a saline:**



Salina Turda, in the Romanian city of Turda (Transylvania), has been explored since ancient times and without interruption between 1075 and 1932. Since 1992, it has been a popular tourist destination. Completely renewed in 2010, it has a constant temperature between 10 and 12 degrees.

Salt was first extracted there during antiquity and the mine produced table salt continuously from the Middle Ages.



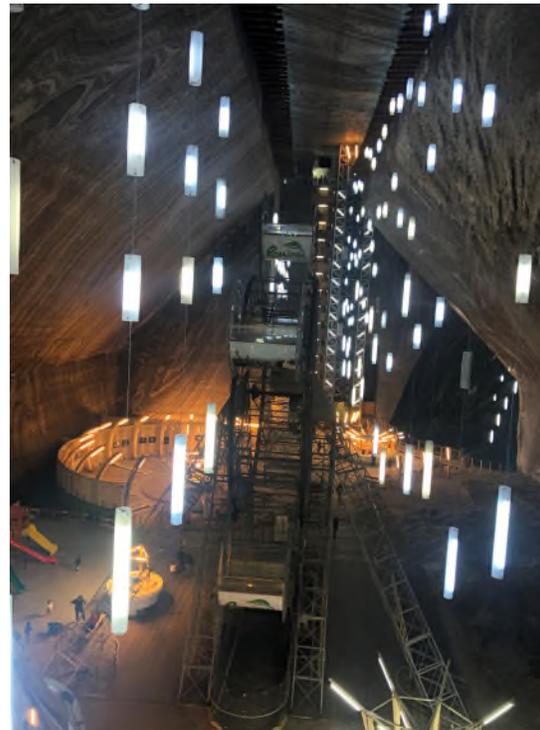
The first document that explicitly talks about the existence of a salt mine in Turda dates from May 1, 1271, being issued by the Hungarian Chancellery. Preserved documents from the 13th and 14th Centuries refer to the Turda salt mines.

The shape of the mine (isolated, bell shape) along with the lack of connections with other chambers produce a powerful echo effect (high high-pitched sounds are echoed up to 20 times), this is why it is called the “Echo Chamber”.

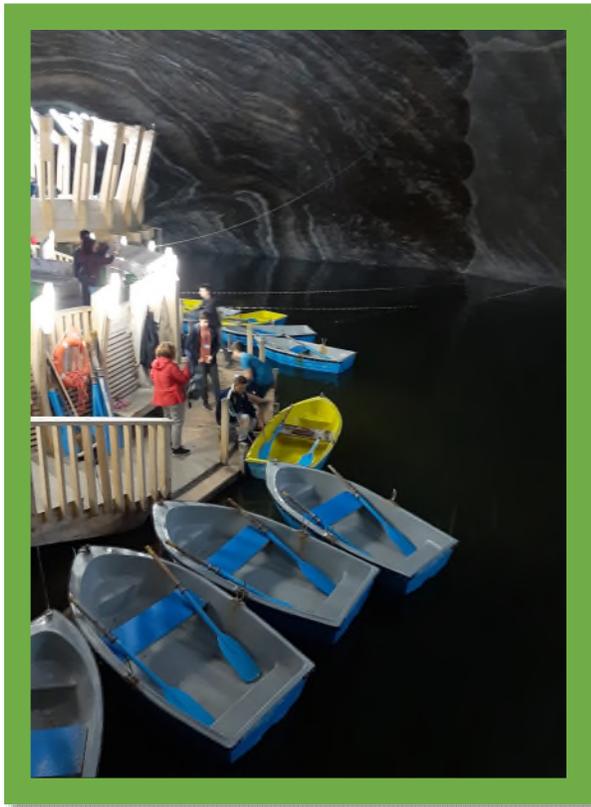


Going down many stairs, we arrived to an area where there were leisure games, a small restaurant and a boat ride in the naturally formed saltwater in that area, this water is compared to the Dead Sea. This area where we were is a lot like science fiction movie sets.

Leisure games:



Boat ride in the naturally formed saltwater





Some people threw a coin into the water to make a wish.



And other people make a drawing or signature with their name or the name of their country.



And we, from Portugal, also make a drawing!!!!

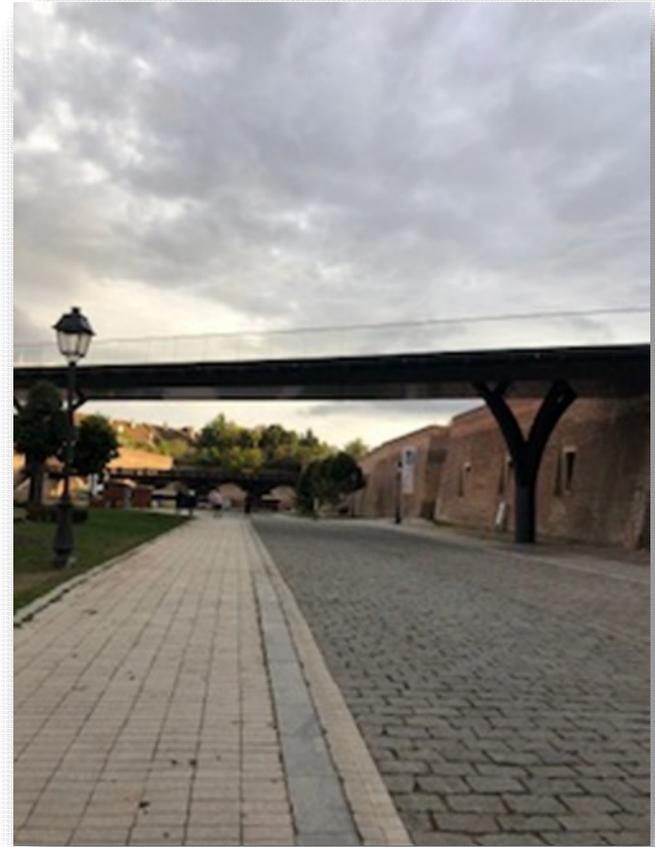


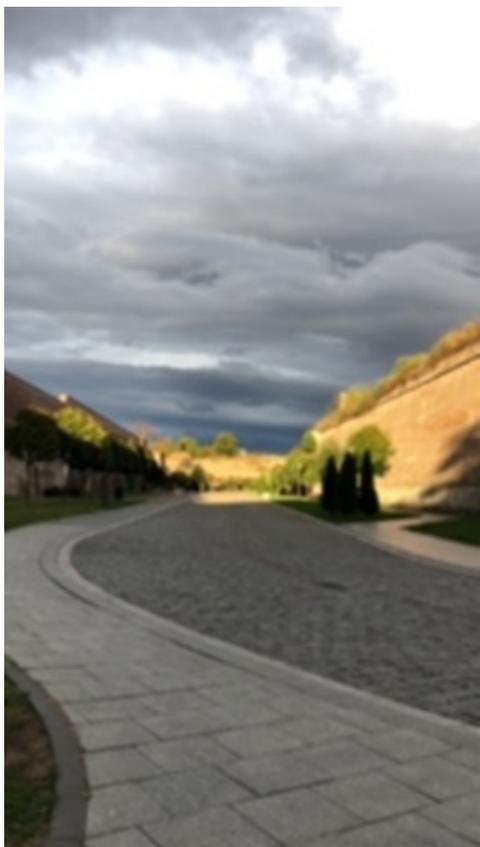
After visiting the saline we had lunch



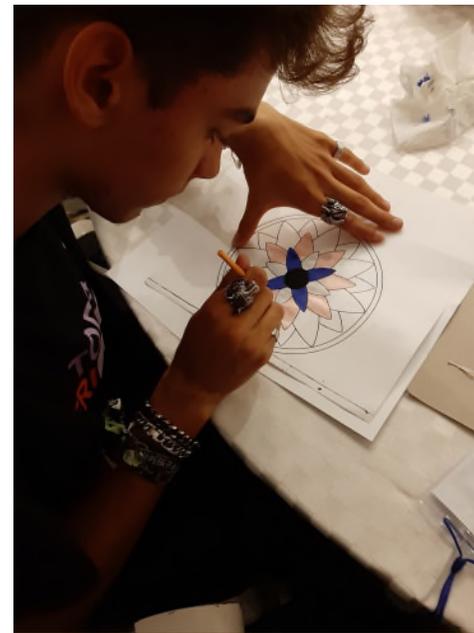
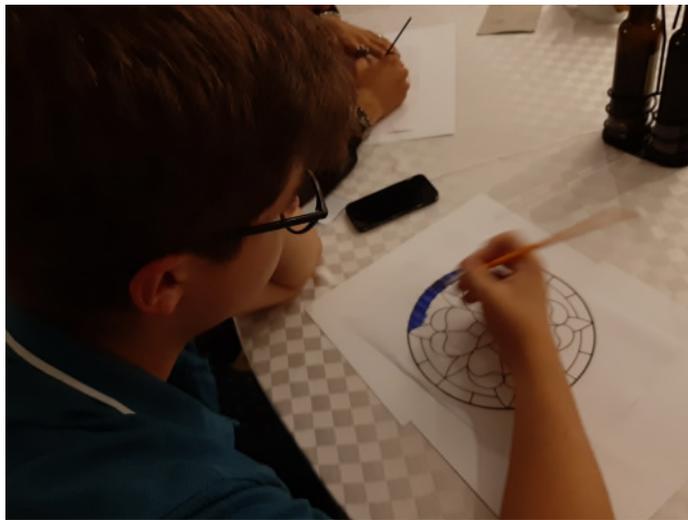
After lunch we visited, for a while, the city where we were (Alba Iulia)

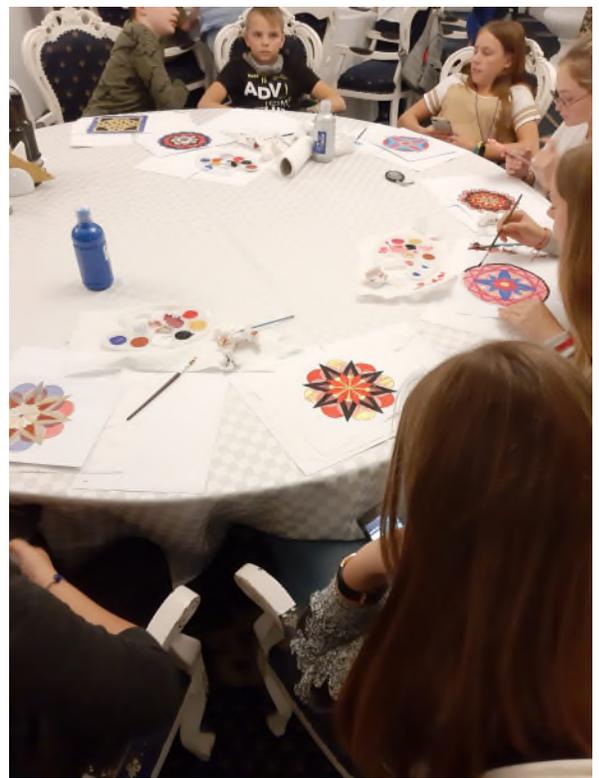
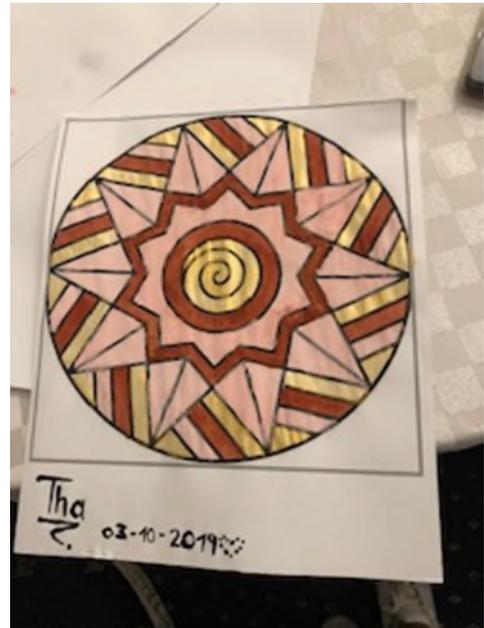






After returning to the hotel we rested a little and did a painting activity





When the activity was over we had dinner

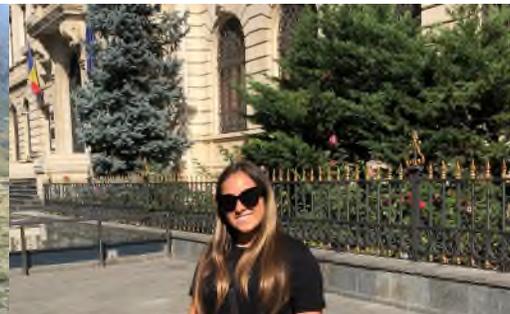
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I really enjoyed this experience, because I was able to meet new people with different cultures from mine.

I hope to participate more often in Erasmus, it is an unforgettable experience!!!





Trip to Sighișoara and return to Portugal

After seven days of travelling through Romania and living life like a dream, we reached the two last days of our trip.

It's fourth of October and the day started early, right about 6 a.m. , we had breakfast in the hotel, right before catching the bus. We drove for some time till we reached Sighișoara, where we stayed some time to have lunch and visit the old city. It was really beautiful and colourful, the houses were old but really good-looking.



Sighișoara's

Streets

We had lunch at a pizzeria where they made us some really tasteful pizzas

Right after that we went back in the bus and we drove to a new place where we stayed for a short-time break and there we saw beautiful things. We saw the Castle of Brann from far and right where we were we could visit some souvenirs stores full of Dracula's fridge magnets and other souvenirs.

The houses were quite different of Sighișoara ones but these were still wonderful!



Brann's castle and streets

We came back to the bus to drive a little bit more and finally we reached our last sleep-station.

Unlike other nights, we stayed in a pension this time. Which does not mean that it is still not good, on the contrary we had become aware of what it is like to sleep in a typical Romanian house. It was a good experience and the house was really beautiful too!

That same evening we had a dinner with all the Erasmus participants, where we said goodbye to the Italian team and we were able to dance until the night was over.

Last day, fifth of October, we drove to the airport where we said goodbye to all the Erasmus teams and we caught the plane to Portugal!

I can say that this was the best experience of my life and I would give anything to return and participate in such a trip to another country!