

Erasmus+ 2018-20

LOL: Literacy on line

Erasmus, an experience of a lifetime



selected six students: Sara, Maria Rita, Umberto, Claudio, Salvatore and Marco. The final destination was Larnaca, Cyprus. It was a blend of euphoria, happiness, fun and worrying ... “will I be able to survive without my family, to live in another country, to speak English fluently...?”.

This is their personal insight about how they felt living this experience.

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will I be able to survive without my family?

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will I be able to live in another country?

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will I be able to speak English fluently?



Cyprus, officially called the Republic of Cyprus, is an island in the Eastern Mediterranean sea. The third largest and third most populous island in the Mediterranean, is located south of Turkey; west of Syria and Lebanon; north of Egypt, Israel, and the Palestinian region of the Gaza Strip; and southeast of Greece.



On Sunday morning, we went to the airport and we left Bari at 6:30 a.m. We flew to Rome and then, with the same plane, we arrived in Athens. Finally with the Cyprus Airline we arrived in Larnaka. The families that hosted us were kind and friendly. On the first day, we woke up at 6:00 a.m. The lessons started at 7:30 a.m. and the teachers introduced us to the students.



The school was big and very different from ours. There was the canteen and we had two breaks of 20 minutes each.

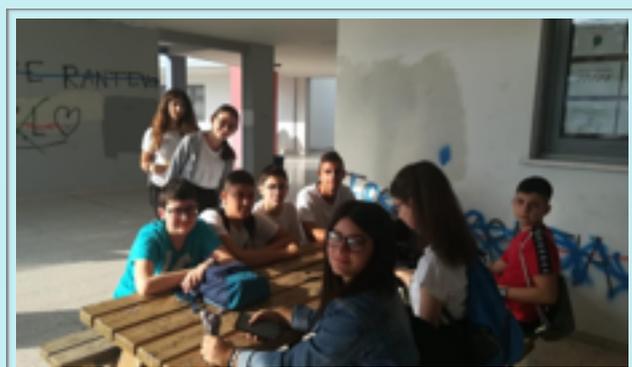
On Tuesday we worked on cyberbullying: we created some maps in the Computer Room. Then we ate some food in the canteen of the school and then teachers gave us presents.

“Very different school from ours”

On Wednesday we visited Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus. We went around the city and at 1:00 p.m. we had lunch. On Thursday we visited the house of Famagusta and Protaras by bus, then we were hungry and we went to Mc Donald's.

On the last day we went to the school for greetings and finally we went to the airport.

Unfortunately, the flight from Athens to Rome was cancelled. So my friends and I stayed in Athens for two days. We visited the Placa and we bought some souvenirs for our families. On the last day we saw the change of the guard and the Acropolis.



SARA:

Travelling is one of the most beautiful and interesting experiences we should have during our life. Leaving the daily routine, making new experiences, seeing new places, meeting different people... are part of a trip's charm, but there are more. There are journeys that can change your life and many of us, as soon as we have a few days off, we'll just leave for new discoveries. Thanks to the teachers for having chosen me for this incredible experience.



SALVATORE:

My Cypriot experience has been wonderful, I am thankful to the ERASMUS project which allows young people like me to learn travelling every year. I had a lot of fun and I also made many friends. I felt at home with the warm family, who hosted me and there was no lack of laughter with my friends.

MARIA RITA:

The Erasmus project is a great opportunity for many students because it allows to discover a lot of new places and new people from other nations and having amazing experiences. For example, when I was in Cyprus, my friends and I were interviewed in the school kitchen and they asked us to tell something about our experience and to mention something new we tried, for example food and traditional dances.



MARCO:

The Erasmus project is useful not only for cultural growth, but also for making new experiences. An example is what happened to me: during an excursion in Nicosia with the Cypriot school, I was invited to participate in a local telecast about Erasmus and my impression of Cyprus.

CLAUDIO:

I met people I wouldn't have met otherwise. I developed an understanding of how to deal with people from different cultures.

UMBERTO:

I learnt that language and culture without barriers from making friends and building contacts.

“Erasmus is one of those adventures which is unforgettable, an opportunity we hope every student will have one time in his life.”

