



My trip to Berlin

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Being part of this Erasmus experience made me feel new and strong emotions. From the anxiety and fear of the first day in a place never seen before to the sadness of returning to Italy and the joy of having lived this adventure. It was 20 days of a mix of feelings. It was not easy to adapt to a different culture, especially for a girl who has never traveled. But we settled in right away and became real Berliners!

- ◆ The school was really big, big enough to welcome us too and make us feel comfortable. Listening to the lessons, observing their study method, admiring all the drawings and colors was an experience that made us happy and also reflect. Obviously it was a bit difficult to communicate with each other because Italian and German are very different languages, but thanks to English we were able to make friends with the girls who hosted us, but also with girls and boys from the school. And on this path we have taught our language to them and they did it too.





With our beloved professors Pisanello and Romano we have learned to integrate more in culture, habits and also in communication. We stayed with an open mind, ready to welcome new things. These are opportunities for growth and help for our future. Communicating in another language, eating different food than usual, traveling by public transport, meeting new people. All this makes you understand what you want for life, for your future.



The first day I arrived in Berlin, I was nervous about meeting the host family. As soon as I saw Tara and Sabin I felt very relieved; they welcomed me with a big smile and a hug and we talked all evening. The first night it was difficult to sleep in a bed that is not mine in a house that is not mine but already from the second day I felt at home, thanks to them.



During this trip I also learned how to use the escalators !! I had never seen them before and now I think I can't do without them anymore! Getting around by public transport was another novelty for me. Yes, I have used the train many times, but not as modern as the one in Berlin. Metro, Bus, Tram and Urban Trains are excellent allies for all those who choose to visit it.



Thanks to this, in fact, I managed together with the Erasmus group and also with my family to attend places like Alexanderplatz, Potsdam, Potsdamer platz, Rosa-luxemburg platz, vinetastraße etc. etc.

I believe that one of the best known places in Berlin is Alexanderplatz where there are important monuments such as the TV Tower, also known as Fernsehturm, one of the tallest structures in all of Europe;

the Urania Weltzeituhr, a clock that indicates the time of the whole world;

The church of Santa Maria, or Marienkirche as it is known in German, is located next to the TV Tower, and dates back to the 13th century;

not to mention all the multicultural shops and restaurants to be found there!



We visited many museums and galleries including the Museum für Gegenwart which struck me the most because it concerned contemporary art. there we made a really interesting workshop where we discussed about issues of this period such as climate change, diversity, what goes through the minds of the teenagers, etc. etc.



We also went to the East Side Gallery, which is a long stretch of the Berlin Wall which is located in the former East Berlin. East. It is the longest open-air art gallery in the world and houses over one hundred original wall paintings.



It must be said that alone I would not have made it. This experience also brought me closer to the other girls of the Erasmus project (who I didn't know) and created this beautiful friendship. We have had a lot of adventures together including karaoke at the flohmarkt !! A moment full of emotions like the others. I found so many things in common with them and I'm happy to say that this was the most important thing on this journey, sharing moments with them.





I thank my school for making me feel these strong emotions and for having undertaken this fantastic journey together with the other girls who made me feel at ease and who are now part of the memory of this incredible journey!