

Erasmus experience

The Erasmus project, a great project financed by the European Union that give to the students new opportunities and chances, an exchange of different culture with an exchange of different countries, a new world, a new culture, a new language, that bring us here, in Berlin, in Germany, in a completely different country.

Start already when we were in the airplane, we realized that we were arriving in another world, not the usually one, beautiful ground divided in geometric shapes, the city surrounded by the nature, similar as a kind of village, the gold autumn and fantastic people.

It is not simple to change from a day to day our habits, way to relationer people and minds, but maybe this is the true purpose of our project, learn new things, see new things, realize that in the world there is not only the little space which we always lived, but there is also other places, which made them with their profound background history.

Berlin was a greatful "city" that had a very complicated and intricated history, in my opinion it was a mix of tradition and modernity, there was not only big buildings, the undergrounds, very efficient transport, but there was also a very interesting and big "green", so they gave a lot of importance to the connection with nature and to had a ecologic and respectful life for the environment. Anyway there was not a center of Berlin, not only because how we know that it was divided in East and West before, but also because it made by a lot of neighborhoods, and in every neighborhood there was a different center, you could see so many varieties of traditions and uses moved by one center to other one, so you could imagine just the transport that they used is so different, in the East part for example they usually used the tram or how the teenagers called them as "train", instead in the West people usually used bus.

I was in the neighborhood called Pankow, a beautiful neighborhood, characterized by different big parks that make you feel in a tale, we moved by "train" from school to our host-house, our dear M1... (for curiosity, this is the line of tram that we take), very efficient. The school which we were is a art school, there were subjects as music, theatre and drawing, very similar to ours and I think it is very organized in every field, specific buildings divided in subjects and students can move themselves in the school changing the classroom, and it is very nice the idea of 2 hours for every lesson and in the break time, the students can take their time and organize themselves how to spend it. The thing that I love more is that the students are very autonomous, they can go out side to school or stay in the school garden when they have not lesson, but at the begin of the lesson they automatic back without any reminders.

And I love also very their times for school, so they have not very long holiday, after every weeks of lesson, they have a little break, and even I know that maybe it is because the different of weather, the reason that we have a very long summer holiday, I think it is better to have more but not very long holiday, because after holiday you will not remember anything about school!

And the most different thing that is changed I think it is habit, for example the food is completely changed, there is not the same taste, not the same way to cook and the habit to use a lot of butter (the bread with butter was very good), and to cook food without salt because then they put a very tasty sauce on, and every traditional dishes that the family

made me tried were very delicious!

Here I want to say again "Thank You" to the family that hosted me, it was difficult to live and adapt in a life with a "strange", and tried to make me a member of family, to speak a not very spoke language usually, the english, but this is also the reason wich we could comminicated, I can not imagine how was the life arounded by a completly unknow language and withot any dialogs, it horrible, so I am very grateful for all this, maybe we were not the perfect family ,but no one is perfect, and you are the best family that I can find!