

Travel report – Our trip to France

On the 7th of October seven students of the Erasmus + project, Ms. Veggian and Ms. Renn went to Paris by train. After a 2 1/2 hours' drive and stowing of suitcases, we made our way to the Sacre Cœur, which is a historical cathedral in the heart of Paris. We all loved the wonderful view over Paris. Then we visited the artist's quarter. After the short stay in Paris, we travelled on to Bourges.

Our programme in Bourges

On Tuesday morning we were very excited to meet all our partners in Bourges. The French teachers gave us a warm welcome and we were all invited to have a nice, typical French breakfast. During the four days in Bourges we did a lot of interesting things. After lunchtime on Tuesday morning we got split into groups and visited the cathedral and the town. On Wednesday we mixed the groups again. This way we got to know other students better. We spent the day doing practical workshops which focused on traditional jobs in France. On our last day we all shared our impressions on Bourges, the different professions and the French culture via a digital map. On the map we had to choose a place which we remembered and were kindly asked to write about our feelings, memories and thoughts. It was quite interesting to see what the other students thought about our third mobility. In the evening we had a little farewell party and every country held a small speech. Saying goodbye was very sad for most of us, because we had to say goodbye to our newfound friends. It really is incredible how fast you can make new friends!

Life in "my" French host family

Like many other students, my host sister lives at the school's boarding home from Monday to Friday. The school offers this for students who live very far from school. Of course, I was not allowed to stay there too, so we stayed at her aunt's house for the week. It was an amazing experience because my host dad is a very funny man and my host's cousin often made me laugh.

For breakfast there always were chocolate waffles or small cakes and an orange juice. We went to school by car and sometimes by bus. On our way back home it was exactly the same. In the evening we played Wii, watched a movie, played board games or simply talked. We always had much fun.

Food was usually served very late in the evening, often at 9 pm or even later. We had dinner with the whole family. It tasted very good. We talked a lot, mostly in French... although sometimes my host sister had to translate things to me in English. I noticed that it really is easier to speak French if you do it every day, but I also have to say that listening and talking French only was very exhausting because you had to stay concentrated all the time. Nevertheless, I've learned some very useful, colloquial phrases, such as proverbs. Oh, ... I have forgotten one thing. "Consess", the pet. He was a bigger-sized dog, very sweet though ...

Our way back home

Unfortunately, we had to go home very early on Friday morning. This time we stopped in Paris again and were able to see the landmark of Paris. Seeing the Eiffel Tower was very impressive. That's why we have taken a lot of pictures. The icing on the cake was that we spent a few more hours with the Croatian group wandering around Paris, the city of love.

