

Flowing friends

Travel diary from the course "The using of water today"

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FIRST DAY OF ERASMUS + IN BRNO

29TH SEPTEMBER, by LAURA MATA

We all got reunited in the school at 9:15 a.m. Then, we went to a big room and the principal of the school said welcome to us. She also said that she was very grateful to have us there.



After that, we started the presentation of our schools and cities. In the first place, Rumania started



Then, France



Then, Greece



After them, the Bulgarians



And finally, us



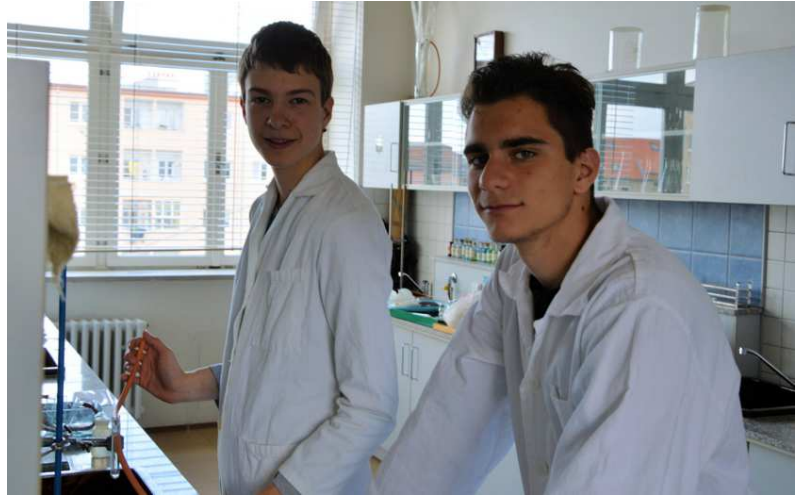
The Czechs introduced themselves and they gave us presents and pins with our names and flag on it.

After that, we went to visit the city.



Then we ate at the school canteen and after that we made groups and made workshops:

The first one in my group was this one, the science workshop.

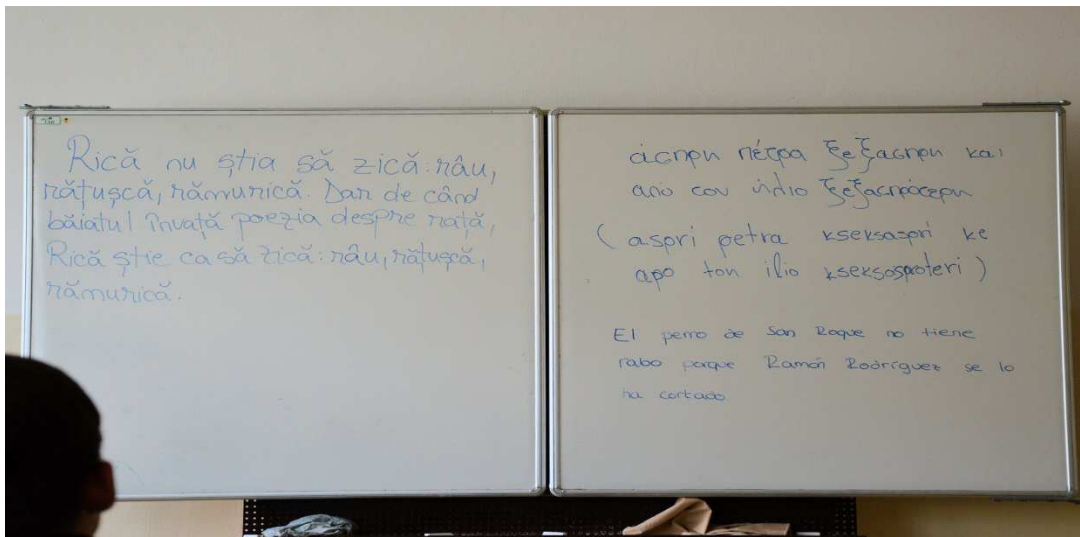


After that, we had "How many rivers are in Greece", which was about singing a song and teaching the boys and girls of the other countries tongue twisters.

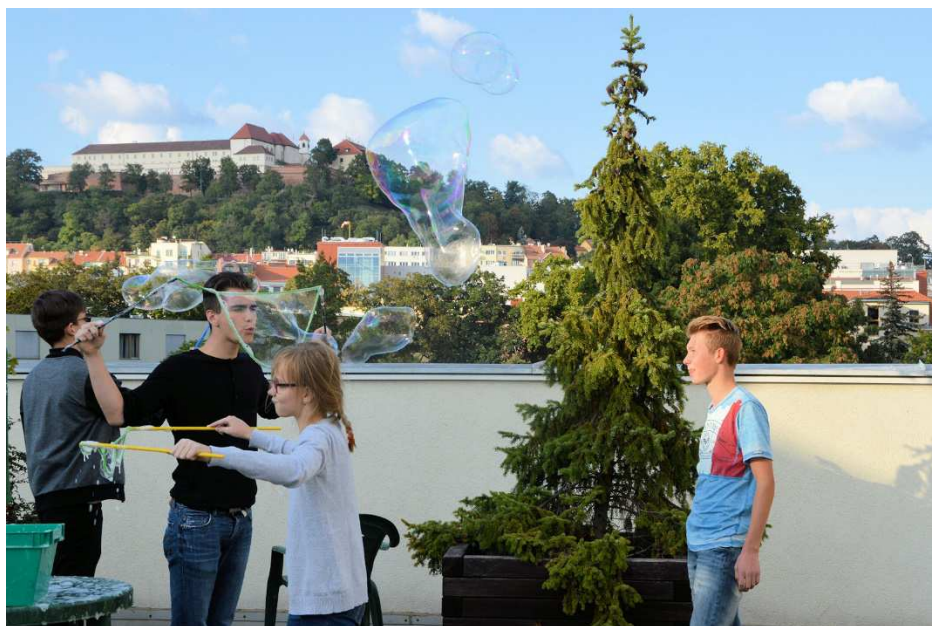
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Eu pup poala popu
popa pupa poala meo
I kiss the priest's lap,
and the priest kisses my lap

• Byl jeden řek a ten mi řek, abych mu řek, kolik je v Řecku řeckých řek.
(Once upon a time there was a Greek and he wanted me to tell him how many Greek rivers are there in Greece.)
♪ How many...
Kolik je na světě moří?
Kolik je na světě řek?
Kolik je na světě hoří?
Kolik je rozličných mlék?
Toho i toho je mnoho,
lidí a věcí a jmen.
Jediné slunce je jedno
a to kdž vjjde, je den.
(How many seas are there in the world?
How many rivers are there in the world?
How much sadness is over there?
How much spilled milk is over there?
There's a lot of those
people and things and names.
Only the Sun is the one
and when it rises, the day comes.)



Later, we had a "Bubble show", it was about...making bubbles!



And finally we had the last workshop which was about knowing the other people more, like the things we like, our names and a little part of our lives.



After that we went home with our families and hosts.

DAY 2: AN AMAZING DAY SURROUNDED BY NATURE

30TH SEPTEMBER, by LAURA MATA

Hi boys and girls of every part of the world. Today is Wednesday, 30th September and It's freezing.

We have to wake up at 6 o'clock because we have to be at school at 8 o'clock. Now, we are going to have milk and cereals for breakfast. Then we are going to take 2 buses to the school because I live in a village, It's called Kobylnice.

Now, we are meeting in the school like every day, every group is talking with their teachers. In few moments we are going to take the bus to go to the caves. I think that this day is going to be the best day of the week. We are wearing sports clothes because we have to walk around 7-8 kilometres walking. So...let's go!

We are in the bus, the journey takes around 1 hour. We are talking and doing planes of paper. That's the journey's game.

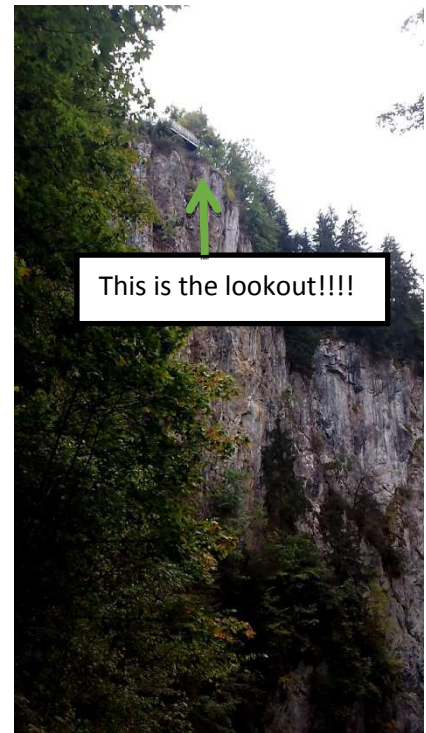
We have just arrived and we are in a shop of souvenirs and then we are going to start our walk. It's a beautiful forest but it's a little bit steep. The path is amazing, with a lot of trees around us.

After 30 minutes more or less we have to stop to eat something and to take some photos. And this is the result:



The Greek's and the Spanish's teams

Our next stop is going to be in a lookout. A Czech boy has told us that here lots of people kill themselves. This is in the top of Punkva caves. This hole is called Macocha and it's the second biggest hole in Czech republic, it has 135 metres. Macocha is a part of Punkva caves. We are going to visit these caves on a boat.



Now we have to go down to visit the caves! It's so exciting. We have to walk a lot along a path with lots of trees. And we are going to do our third stop. Here there are amazing views of a small blue lake.



We enter to the caves and we have to visit them walking but then we are going to see them by boat!

We have a guide and she told us that the stalactites grow one centimetre in one hundred years, really slow. The caves are dark, there aren't many lights and the floor is wet so we have to be careful. There are small corridors and if you jump you can hurt your head. I'm not tall so I don't have that problem.

We are walking and we are watching a river, so it's time to go by boat.

The journey with the boat is fantastic! You can watch the caves really near. The water is cold and it's dark so the photos aren't good enough.



We go by boat around 15 minutes, It's really relaxing.

We finish our trip into the caves, now we are buying some souvenirs for our families and then we have to take the bus to go to a restaurant to eat! What will we have for lunch?

Now we are on the restaurant, we are sitting in a big table with Czech boys and girls. They are drinking Koffola, a typical drink from here. I taste it and hate it. They say that it's similar to Coca-Cola, but that's not true. The Spanish team are drinking the original Coca cola.



We have meat with potatoes, it's similar to Spanish's food so I really like it. We have a lovely chocolate cake as a dessert.

After having lunch we are going to walk around the village. We are going sightseeing and taking some photos too, of course. We will take a family photo with all of us: French, Czechs, Bulgarians, Romanians, Greeks and Spanish.

It's my adopted family!



DAY 3: BRNO FROM THE HEIGHTS

1st OCTOBER, by RAQUEL PISA.

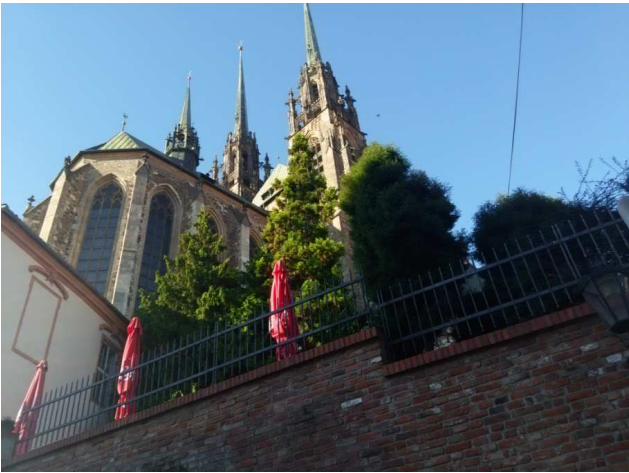


Hello!, In this day, we had a lot of fun, like the other days. We visited the center of Brno, and we went to a viewpoint, and we could see, Brno in the heights, it was beautiful !



In the pictures, you can see, a bit of Brno, it was a colorful city, and full of nature.

After being in the viewpoint, we went to St. Peter's and Paul's Cathedral, which was in Petrov's hill. It was a pretty cathedral, full of ornaments.



As you can see in the pictures, it was a beautiful cathedral, but wait! That's only the outside let's see the inside.



Okay, let's move on to another trip to the city, but this time, I'm going to show you the fountains of Brno.



This was a pretty weird fountain, because it falls out from a dam, which was on the top of the stairs. It was very curious and nice.



So, in this fountain, you can see, an alligator, the alligator, was the symbol of Brno, in fact, they have this animal hanging from the roof.



The alligator that I was talking about. It was awesome, because it was so big.

And another fountain, it was in the center of Brno.



After a day full of pictures, and visits, we went to the school, and we ate there, in the school cafeteria.

After the lunch, we had to do a project in tablets, about what we have seen in the day. Then we went home with the families. I had so much fun!

DAY 4: TRIP TO DALEŠICE

2nd OCTOBER, by LEIRE CASTELLÓ

It was a great day! The weather was fantastic because there is sun and it's a hotter day than the rest in Brno. We didn't want to realize that in two days we have to come back home, so we decided to forget it and had fun.

My host family lived in a village near Brno so I had to wake up early every day, above 6 o'clock in the morning. I had breakfast (cup of milk with cereals), dressed up...And At 7 o'clock my partner and I had to go to the train station to take the train (there was little difference in temperature between home and outside). It was about 8 ° C in the countryside. The way from Adamov to Brno was 30 minutes, so at 7:30 a.m. we arrived to the city. I think that the rush hour here is from 7:00 to 8:00 so there were a lot of people and normally we couldn't take the first tram, so we spent a lot of time waiting for the vehicle.

At 8:00 we met the rest of the people in front of the school. As usual, all of us were sleepy, but at the same time, we had a lot of energy to start the day together.

We took the bus to visit the water power station in Dalesice. It took us approximately an hour and a half to get there, but the travel wasn't heavy because we talked about what we did the afternoon before, what we would do today, about stupid things... And the habit of throwing paper airplanes.

When we got there, they left us to take some photos with the dam. It was huge. Then the tourist guide came, divided us in two groups (Czech people and foreign people) and led us to a disabled turbine that it weighed about 1 ton. We took more photographs in the space under it and one of the French boys climbed by one of the slots of the machine.



Half an hour later we watched a video in one room of the factory where they explained the history of the water power. When we finished the video we could go down to the area of machinery, turbines ... for that, we had to put on a helmet and robe for our safety. I felt as if I worked there.

In this excursion we learnt the importance of water in Czech Republic. This water power station was built between 1970 and 1978 and is the second highest rock fill dam in Europe. It has four Francis turbines in total, with a nominal capacity of 120 megawatts.

At midday we took the bus again to have lunch at the brewery of Dalesice. The travel took us above 30 minutes, but we were very hungry so the trip was long enough. We entered at the restaurant of the Brewery museum. Our first course was a red spicy soup which is called "Goulash", it is a soup of meat and vegetables, seasoned with paprika and other spices. Then, we ate meat with leek and the typical bread of Moravia. And finally, best of all, a piece of chocolate cake.



When we finished eating we had few minutes of free time. About 13:00 we made two groups mixing people from different countries including the Czech. I was in the second group. We had to wait the explanation for the first one at the yard, so we took the opportunity to play soccer with a ball that I didn't know where it came. My team lost the match.

An hour before the first group had left out the museum and we visited it with a tourist guide. She talked in Czech so Honza, a Czech boy translated it into English. He did it very well. We learned a bit about the history of this brewery which opened long ago, but suffered many changes and today remains a major producer.

While we were visiting the museum the teachers tasted this traditional beer. At the end of the excursion we could buy a bottle of beer to our parents.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon we took the bus to come back to Brno. We stopped in the way to take a photo with the nuclear power station Dukovany behind us. Also, we could prepare a meeting to go to a club in the town that night. It was called "Eleven Club".

When we arrived at the school at 5:00 pm we had planned the day before to go to a laser game, but we didn't have time to do all things that we wanted to do. So we decided to go with Raquel, Loredana (Romanian girl), our partners and I to go shopping to town. We walked around the main streets and saw some gift shops where we bought candies, magnets, figures, etc.

At 6:30 pm we had to come back home to have dinner, have a shower, dress-up, make up, until 9 o'clock. I had a pastry stuffed with caramelized apple for dinner, made by the mother of my correspondent, I have to be honest, it tasted great and I ate too much, so after that I had a stomachache.

My partner's sister wanted to come with us to the party. I lent her some clothes and I helped her make-up. It was her first party and she was very nervous.

At 9:00 we took the train and at 9:30 we were already in front of the club with the girls we went to buy souvenirs, waiting for the other people. The rest, were meeting at 10:30 at bus station so we had to go to the shopping center which is next to the disco, because our partners were fed up with the people who were smoking and drinking out of the Eleven club.

At the end we had a very good night dancing, singing, jumping and having fun with the exchange people. At midnight my correspondent's father came to pick us up by car.



When I went to bed it was 00:45 am and I was so tired but excited for the next day.

DAY 5: VISIT TO THE CASTLE OF VEVEŘÍ

3rd OCTOBER, By JAVIER FUERTES

Today is Saturday, 3rd October and it's so cold as always in Brno. It's the last day of the week.

Early in the morning, at 6:00 a.m. we had woken up and we had breakfast. Later, we took the tram to go to school where we waited for the other students participating in the Erasmus + project. We had to be in front of the building of the school at 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and like every day in front of the school we talked to our teachers. From school we all went together to take the tram.



At 10:00 am we arrived at the Brno's reserve. There we took a boat while going to the castle, we could see a very beautiful landscape. The ship had an open upper floor, where there were chairs for people to enjoy the journey. Inside the boat there were tables and benches so that people could be talking to each other.

You could also get snacks food from a machine which was inside the boat.

When we got off the boat, we went up the stairs that led us to a path. There we had lunch quietly and we talked with people from other countries. Later, we continued our way to the castle of Veveří.



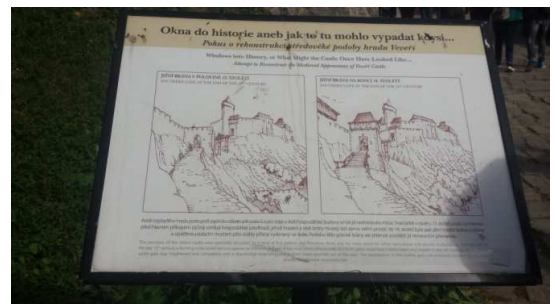
We walked together talking and putting into practice our English with other people. The group of Spanish and Greek were the most fun of all of us who were there. The road was long but we stopped to take pictures and discuss the things that we saw.



These pictures are made while going to the castle of Veveří.



Finally, we arrived to the castle. We were very tired because the tour last long. We sat in a bar to have a drink. Later, people entered to the castle to see it and take pictures.



Later, we returned to the boat to take us to the tram stop and from there we went to a restaurant that was next to the school. We ate at 1:30 p.m. and then some students went to prepare the farewell party.

At 6:00 pm the farewell party began. There were people who played basketball, football and other prepared food that we would eat later. Later, they put the pictures they had done throughout the course and when they finished the photos, everyone had dinner together in the room.

Finally, everyone said goodbye to all those who had formed the project and we hope to meet again.



Díky hoši , nikdy na tebe nezapomenu!

