



Water and Its Magical Power

Erasmus+



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“GO BACK TO THE ORIGINS” – Course in Sofia, Bulgaria

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Day 1 – Leaving home



On 12th December we met on bus station in Brno approximately at 2 a.m. Our team went to Bulgaria to take part in one of the meetings within the international Erasmus + project entitled “Water and Its Magical Power”. The members of the project team were the teachers: Pavlína Trnková and Jiří Stibor, the

students: Sára Kocsisová, Tereza Kromholzová, Honza Čuma a Honza Bína. We travelled by bus to Austrian capital Vienna and our plane went to Sofia at 7 a.m.

We safely arrived in Sofia airport at around 10 a.m. where the Bulgarian hosts were waiting to take us to their homes. Our friendship began.



Day 2



The next day we woke up at 8.00 a.m. Me (Sára) and Lora were sleepy. We had breakfast. And then we went to the bus station. We arrived to our partner school **119 Secondary School Academician Mihail Arnaudov**. We walked into the classroom, where all students and teachers were, we took

identity cards and a notebook.

Each country introduced their teams, there were presentations and after that we had lunch in the school canteen. This was followed by the traditional Bulgarian welcome by bread, salt with spices and honey. Everybody tore a piece, dipped in honey, salt and ate.



The rest of the day we went familiarizing, we saw great chemistry show presented by Bulgarian students. We had a coffee break. At five o'clock welcoming party started in the gym and it finished at eight o'clock. This party was great! Everybody danced, sang,

laughed!:-) Macarena, gangnam style, traditional Bulgarian dance, really amazing night! After eight o'clock all students went home with their hosts. This day was like the other days, really nice!

Day 3

We met at school in the morning again. We saw some presentations about Bulgaria and Sofia. Before the lunch we were divided into three workshops. Sara and Terka were in a group which painted glass with water motives.

Honza Čuma worked in a group which built a model of a ship.

Honza Bína made an art balloon by special art methods. We spoke a lot and use our English and art skills to create our handwork:). In the afternoon we introduced our products to the other groups.



Day 4 – Historical Sofia



This day we met in front of the university of Sofia at 10.00 a.m.. We met Ivan Valčev here too (Ivan was in the project EDISON in our school, he had lessons about Bulgaria). When everyone came here we went to



the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. It's the biggest orthodox cathedral on Balkan peninsula.

We visited this cathedral and looked around inside, we lighted up some candles for our families and took a group photo:). After visiting the church we visited a mineral spring, thanks to which constructing of the first building in Sofia began. After this we went for a long walk through Sofia – we saw Church of St. George, Church of St. Sofia, Amphitheatre of Serdica, Banya Bashi Mosque, city centre etc. We found out that the city is known for its mineral and thermal springs. Then we have a lunch in a traditional Bulgarian restaurant.



In the afternoon we continued our sightseeing in the park around National Palace of Culture. Then we went home. Honza celebrated his host's and his birthday at night, in restaurant:). Happy birthday Alex and Honza!

Day 5 – University day



The "St. Kliment Ohridski" University of Sofia is the oldest university in Bulgaria. We met up in front of the university, at about 9.30 a.m. Firstly, they showed us the rectorate and told us some interesting facts. Then we visited a museum on the top floor, the National Centre of Polar Research and more. We had lunch in the cafeteria

and after that, we went back to the school where we watched some presentations about Sofia river Perlovka and water areas in Bulgaria. We had free time after that.



Day 6 – Plovdiv trip

Plovdiv is the second biggest town in Bulgaria. It is situated in south-central Bulgaria on the two banks of the Maritsa River. The Maritsa is the river which we found in Bulgaria, Greece (named Evros) and Turkey (Meriç). So we met early morning and travelled for about 2 hours to this city. We really enjoyed this historical town and its



museum although it was really rainy day. When we went back to Sofia, we felt unhappy, we had to



say good by to the great group of people. We were crying, hugging and kissing each other. We wanted to say thanks for the great week and warm hospitality. You will be always in our hearts!



Day 7 – Coming home

This day was the last day, everyone was sad because we didn't want to go home, but we had to. We met at Sofia airport at 11.00 a.m. and there we took last photos, we said again good bye to each other and went to pack our suitcase and other things. Then we went to an airplane in which we travelled for about one and a half hour to Vienna. There we had to wait some two hours for our bus to the Czech Republic. Our parents met us on the bus station. This trip was awesome, thanks everyone:) and hope to see our new friends soon.

