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Main Features

MUSIC

Artists from Poland, including famous composers like Chopin or Penderecki and traditional, regionalized folk musicians, create a lively and diverse music scene, which even recognizes its own music genres, such as poezja śpiewana and disco polo.



As of 2006, Poland is one of the few countries in Europe where rock and hip hop dominate over pop music.

SPORTS

Association football and volleyball are among the country's most popular sports, with a rich history of international competitions.



The most significant sportspeople from Poland include Robert Lewandowski, Lukas Podolski, Marcin Gortat, Robert Kubica, Agnieszka Radwańska and Irena Szewińska.



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SATURDAY

About 11 in the morning we arrived to Crakovia's airport. Once there, Lucas lost his passport so we had to solve the problem.



Afterwards, we went to the hotel, we left the luggage and we went sightseeing. We saw a lot of things specially the salt mine. We went down about 300 steps... We

saw tunnels, miners, and underground lakes.

SUNDAY

In the morning, we visited the Jewish area. We saw a Jewish cemetery and a Synagogue.



Then we went to the city centre and we saw a virtual reality film, it was incredible!

Then we visited a mirror maze. Then we met our families and we went with them.

MONDAY

First day we went to the school. Once there, we met other Erasmus students. They welcomed us with traditional dances and songs.



Afterwards we had breakfast and we started doing workshops. We made and decorated coasters and crowns of flowers. Then we went to learn traditional dances.

At night we went with the families and there we were playing video games.

TUESDAY

We went to Lawiez. There, we visited a museum and then we learnt how to weave and it is not easy at all. For lunch, we went to a small village and we visited another museum which was like a small and old village.

WEDNESDAY

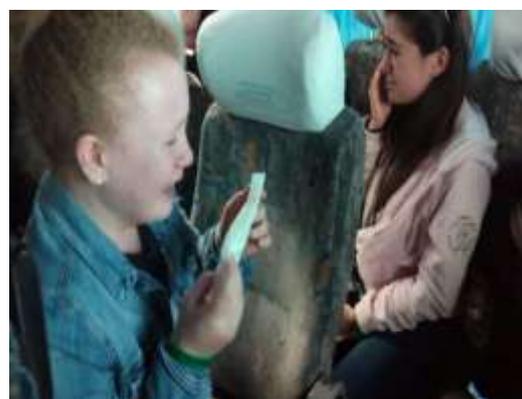
We went to a paper factory in Michatowcha. The factory was

like a farm. We enjoyed a lot because we drive a tractor and also we fed a pony. There we learnt how to make paper. Then we went to have lunch to a very nice restaurant. After lunch we went to a place where we made a ceramic plate.

THURSDAY

We went sightseeing with a guide who explained us everything about the city. Afterwards we went to a textile factory and we arrived to our families' houses.

Later on, we went for lunch and there we enjoyed a lot. In that moment we were aware that the project had come to an end.



That was a very emotional moment. That night we enjoyed a lot dancing Polish songs.

FRIDAY

We went to the school and then we visited Grodzisk Mazowiecki where we visited a gallery of musical instruments where we

made a rainstick, then we went to a sculptor's house where we made a wood flower.



After lunch, we visited Chopin's house.

SATURDAY

We wake up very early to go to the airport. It was the moment to arrive home. We really felt very sad. It was a mix of a lot of feelings. We will never forget this experience.





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After interwieing

What do you like the most?

In general terms I can say that it was incredible, but for me, the best thing was the relationship among students. They were very friendly and I hope to keep in touch with them. Moreover, my level of English seems to be improved so it's something great.

Which differences did you see in their educational system?

In the Polish educational system, students must study more subjects than us. There, children study in primary school from 7 to 13 years-old. But one of the things that attracted our attention was the discipline.

How would you explain the relationship among students?

The relationship among students was really good. All of us enjoyed

a lot. During the trips we knew each other better and better.



The Italians and Portugueses were most of the time with us, and although the language for all of us was difficult, there weren't any frontiers to enjoy together.

Do you think you will keep in touch in future?

Sure! I hope so. I created a whatsapp group to be easy for us to keep in touch. Moreover we were talking about travelling and meeting in our different countries.

Would you recommend the experience?

Of course! I will always recommend it, because in my opinion, you can't compare a touristic trip to a trip where you are living as you were from the country. Also, you meet people from other countries and you can learn about their cultures. At the

beginning you can feel very nervous, in fact I did. Before going, I was trying to think in a positive way but... Believe me! The experience goes beyond any expectative.

It something you can't forget, I really recommend it. I know that I will remember the experience with joy.





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TRADITIONAL DISHES

Zurek: soup (garlic soup): their ingredients are rye flour, garlic cloves, sausages and boiled eggs.



Pierogi: it is a kind of pasta and it is usually filled with cheese, meat or vegetables. They can also be sweet. This is one of the most famous Polish dishes.



Pumpkin cake chocolate: Polish people love sweets. So they are great lovers of chocolate. Chocolate is very popular there. You can find liquor-filled chocolates, or jelly fruit candies... they are known as Wawel y Wedel.



Zubrówka: it is a typical Polish vodka made in Bialowieza Park. It is made with aromatic herbs from this park. It is said that bisons love this kind of herbs. Even those who do not like vodka say that this kind of drink is really good with apple juice.