

Wander With Wonder

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I accommodated a 17 year old girl called Simona for one week. She is from Sicily (Italy).

During Simona's stay we did a lot of activities to make her discover our gorgeous island.

Saturday, 22nd, Simona arrived at Etang Salé around 2:00 pm. Then, we went to the beach. This beach in Etang-Salé is the only one in Reunion Island to have black sand, precisely called volcanic sand from our volcano, the Piton de la Fournaise.

Then we ate a sandwich called "Pain Americain" with some 'bouchons'. This sandwich is made with slightly toasted bread, meat, French fries, salad, and melted cheese. A "Bouchon" is a dough with meat, onions, spices, and combava lemons. It is a sort of dim sum.

Having a guest



Sunday, 23rd

We arrived at "la Saline, l'Ermitage" beach at 8:00. As there is a coral reef we can swim in the lagoon. With Simona we swam and saw loads of colorful fish. Some were blue, others were orange etc. Simona and I had a lot of fun!

After that we walked to the market of St-Gilles. Simona bought some souvenirs for her friends, and family.

Next we had lunch and ate typical Reunion dishes.

As starters, we had : samoussas and acras

As main courses we had "rougail saucisse" and "cari poulet".

There is meat with tomato sauce accompanied with spices, rice and beans.



Grey fish

On school days Simona was with me at school. We took the bus to go to school and back home. We started at 8:00 and finished at 4:30.

Monday, 24th

We met all the foreign European students, and their teachers. The European students were welcomed with a big breakfast: some pastries, tropical fruit and drinks. The food was awesome!

Tuesday, 25th,

During the afternoon we did not have school because of Mardi Gras when we did some activities. The evening we were invited by the mayor Mr, Jean-Claude Lacouture at the Town Hall of Etang Salé, some parents were there too. We watched a presentation about our town. Then after some photos we spent some time together having snacks before going back home.



Wednesday, 26th,
We were on a day trip to an area called "Le Sud Sauvage". We took the bus and stopped at Manapany, and St-Joseph to take some pictures. Then the bus dropped us off to go to the waterfall named "cascade Trou Noir". After walking two hours in the sun, our legs were hurting and students were tired but when we saw the amazing waterfall we all jumped in to swim in the cold water. As it was already 2:00, we were starving and the bus couldn't pick us up near the waterfall so we decided to hitchhike! After all this adventure we were able to eat in a lovely restaurant. That day we walked around 8 km... But we had fun, listening to music in the bus.



Thursday, 27th

There was a day outing at the volcano but I was not there with the group, as I went to The Sud Sauvage. The European students and teachers discovered our volcano the Piton de la Fournaise and went to the museum La cité du volcan.

Friday, 28th

It was the last day for the foreign students in the school, but also the last day in La Reunion for the Italians students. We wrote some articles on the blog, and said goodbye to everyone. A lot of people were sad about leaving the European students and teachers. At 5:00 we dropped off Simona at the farewell meeting point in Etang Salé to let her go to the airport. We were sad to see the Italians leave because they were very nice...



I really enjoyed having someone at home because we could discuss about our respective country, and see the differences between her island Sicily and my island, La Reunion. I could also practice my English.

With this experience Simona taught me some basic Italian words, and songs. It was not that hard as it is kind of similar to French.

I also learnt some Lithuanian and Estonian words from the other foreign students.

I learnt how to make a blog, a presentation and to use softwares in my homework just like this one!

I discovered some new apps to use too. This experience brought me new skills that I didn't have before!

