

Memories to cherish - Our collective experience on Reunion Island

The school environment was a big difference compared to our schools in Finland. The teachers were very supportive and understanding. Our schedule consisted of various activities which had given us plenty to do, however, we also had enough time for our own personal work and studies. We were quite interested in observing a variety of many different lessons such as sports and English. Throughout our time in the school, we had gotten to know a lot of new people and held presentations about Finland for different classes to educate other pupils about what our country has to offer. We were able to participate in planting various unique Reunionese trees, allowing us to learn even more about helping the environment. One of our activities included visiting the Simon Lucas college, where we helped with their gardening.



Our host families were active in showing us the many wonders that Reunion Island has to offer. Our host families had organized different types of activities for all of us to enjoy together. For instance, we had picnics, went snorkeling, and had a hiking trip to the volcano. Each host family also made sure to give all of us a good amount of free time to rest, as well as do homework. We were surprised to see all the exotic things (e.g., plants and fruits) that you can enjoy on the island. Even though Reunion Island can be quite small, there is a lot to see and experience!



We are extremely thankful for our host families, host students, and for Lycée Les Avirons for treating us so well throughout our month-long exchange journey. -Aino Määttä, Armi Koskela, Jamie Härkönen, Alvar Sandell, Saana Vähäsarja

