

## Small recap of the french mobility to Spain

The mobility of Lycée Mémona Hintermaan Afféjee's students took place between the 24<sup>th</sup> September and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. The little group of students accompanied of their theater teacher Mr Billaud went to Spain (Galicia, Coruna) to join the other Erasmus groups coming from the different countries part of the project: Spain, Portugal, Austria, Norway. There, they discovered the Spanish town, culture, while performing theater almost every day and getting to know pupils from foreign countries. Here is a little recap of their week in Coruña:

Monday 26/09:

On Monday, we arrived at 8:30 at school to take the breakfast with the other pupils part of the Erasmus project (coming from Spain, Norway, Austria and Portugal). After that, we set off to the Town Hall, which is an important monument of Coruña. In the afternoon, we visited the Tower of Hercules which is approximately 60 meters tall. We then ate at 2:00 pm because people in Spain don't have the same habits as we have, they eat much later. Finally, we all went to the beach and played volley-ball until the sunset came.

Tuesday 27/09:

At school, we did a theater workshop lead by Lucia Abuines (a Spanish student) which was both interesting and entertaining. We all went to our respective families to have lunch and went back again to the beach (as the previous day). By the way, the water was freezing cold. In the evening, we went to school to eat typical Spanish food and there we danced upon songs coming from the different countries. We finished the day by going into a pub and watching a football match between Spain and Portugal (Spain won!).

Wednesday 28/09:

We woke up earlier that day because longer theater games were scheduled. In those games, we did some trust exercises, but we also performed with sticks imitating beasts (they call them "bacantes"). After those exercises, we did a visit of a castle located near Coruna's harbor which had been used back in History to protect the town from a french invasion.

We ended the visit to go to town and do a small game which consisted of walking through the streets, discover new places, and take pictures of them. It was nice and made us familiarize with the city. For diner, we tried to eat at a Burger King but they did not have enough supplies so we went to Ernesto's (a Spanish) house. There, we played music and ate some lasagnas with the Austrians. At about 4:30, we went back to school, gathered there, and went in town to do some shopping. Following that, we went to a churreria (a place where they make churros) and shared some really tasty churros as well as nice conversations with pupils of all the different countries.

Thursday 29/09:

We also did theater on Thursday morning, however this time we were in smaller groups and we created small dramas in link with migration. The coffee break followed the theater activities, following which we went in direction of the aquarium. At the aquarium, we saw seals, fish and sharks (notably a bull shark), and seeing them being fed was bewildering. On the afternoon, we hanged out on bikes and visited a small harbor in the West of the town. On the evening, we all met at a restaurant where we ate tapas which, even though they were really cheap, were really good!

Friday 30/09:

On Friday, we directly went to school and had a quick coffee break, after which we took a bus to a local company's factory: that of pull&bear. We saw designers there, learned about the way clothes are delivered in shops, and the way fashion evolves. After the visit, we took the bus again to get to a place near cliffs where we had a little picnic. We bought some souvenirs, made group photos, and played "bras de fer". We went back to school, to our respective houses, and then we all met at the pub of Tuesday's eve. There we talked, had fun, but then came the time to say goodbye to some of us, which was a very sad moment...

Most of us cried and a bunch of people including me decided to walk along the promenade to share a last moment together.

It was already late in the night when we eventually told each other goodbye: it was now the time for us to get back home and get prepared for the long journey that would take us back in la Réunion.

This journey in Spain made students improve both their English and Spanish skills, they performed theater, and got to see and meet people from foreign countries. They shared moments which will undoubtedly stay in their memories for the rest of their lives, and they are grateful to their school, to Erasmus, and to all the people that made it possible. Now is time for them to get back to their life of students, but they will keep dreaming about this trip which could not be described by any words.

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