

ROMANIA



ERASMUS ROMANIA

The week of March 18 five students of IES Playa San Juan participated in the Erasmus project, specifically in the mobility to Suceava, Romania

The girl who hosted me was called Sabina, she was 16 years old and she was very nice, her parents and her brother were very kind and they tried to speak in English with me, and always we ended up understanding each other. They lived in a very large house, it wasn't located specifically in Suceava, but in a close town, it took 25 minutes to get to the high school. The town where they lived was very rural, on the way to the high school you could find horses carrying carts, sheep, goats, etc.

We arrived on the 18 of March at 22:40 at the airport in Suceava, and it was the next day, when we began to carry out the activities proposed by the high school .

Tuesday, 19

We met at 9 in the high school, it was quite large, with four floors, the classes were spacious and they were different from the ones in Spain. That day we presented ourselves more, we also took our identifiers where our name and nationality were written.

The music teacher accompanied his students with the clarinet while they sang traditional Romanian songs, it was very funny. After that, we went to a craft workshop in which we made with paper strips, flowers, something very traditional there, which we later hung on a cork in the high school, when we finished with the workshop, at 12, we went to the room acts because they would begin the presentations that we had been working on the handicraft of each country for a long time. I was very nervous, but at the end we were proud of our work, when all the countries finished, the center organized a meal in a restaurant there , Tacco Loco, we ate chicken soup, and for dessert some donuts with cherries

That afternoon we went to the mall with some of the people that we were in the Erasmus project, the mall is a very large shopping center, with bowling and many shops, we went shopping, played bowling and had kebab for dinner all together. That day was full of many nerves, at least on my part, but we had a great time and that's why we went to sleep very tired.



Wednesday, 20

That day we spent a lot of time on the bus, because we went to a city called Iasi, which is about two and a half hours from Suceva, we got up earlier because we went further and we wanted to leave with more time, we got up at 6:40h and Sabina and I had some typical biscuits with berries inside, for breakfast, we arrived at the high school at 8:30 am, they told us that this excursion was only for the students who came from outside, because the people who were hosting us had some very important exams.

The bus trip was quite tiring, because we made many stops in the different places we were going to visit. The first stop of Iasi was in the Ruginoasa Palace, where a guide explained us in detail all the rooms that formed the Palace, we don't have photos there because it was forbidden, but we have very good memories. Then we went to the Palace of Culture, where they explained different ways of life as regards to handicrafts and showed us different handmade objects. We also visited the Ethnographic Museum, which I found very interesting, because they explained everything that the clothes could tell about the person that wears them, and about her personal life, the guide was very kind and he explained in such a way that everything was perfectly understood.

It was a very exhausting day, so when we arrived home, Sabina and I watched a movie and went to sleep.



Thursday, 21

On Thursday we visited two monasteries and in each one a nun explained its story a bit, we also visited the workshop of a potter and we saw how he made a vessel and different objects, it was very interesting.

That day we also saw The Painted Eggs Museum which was what impressed me most and I liked that day. There, they showed us in a video made by them, the process by which they painted the eggs, there were a lot of glass cabinets full of eggs, with an incalculable value. The eggs were very beautiful and incredible, but what surprised me most was that having so many of them, none looked like each other, they were all different. The museum had two floors, and on the upper floor there were eggs of different origins, Spain, France, Germany, Turkey... and each of them was more beautiful than the previous one. That museum left me very surprised, I wish I could go back.

On the way back, they took us to a mountain, where there was a lot of snow, the landscape was beautiful, they let us get off the bus, and although it was very cold, we went down to make snowballs, I had never had the snow so close to me.

When we arrived home we were so so tired, we had dinner and then we went to sleep. I was a bit sad, because the next day would be the last day for us in Suceava.



Friday, 22

Our last day for me was one of the best days and the worst, I mean, the worst because I knew it was the night to say goodbye to the people from the other countries and that we would never meet again, but one of the best because I had a great time that night. That morning we did a craft workshop, we decorated a plate with watercolors, and cross stitched, we really didn't have enough time to finish it, but I decided to finish it at home.

When we finished the workshop, we came back to the high school to begin the "contest" of logos, each country should have presented its logo some time before with the Erasmus topic, that is, it should have created a logo related to the Erasmus.

From each country, four students and two teachers voted, each person had to get up, looked at the logos, and decide for herself which one she would vote , write it down on a piece of paper, and we did so. The winning country was Poland, the teacher was very proud of his students work. At the end of the contest they explained us that in the afternoon there would be a party in a club in Suceava, and that we should be at 17: 30 p.m.

When we arrived at the party, my impression was incredible, the club was very big and welcoming, there were tables for dinner and in the center a kind of dance floor where we would dance later.

After dinner we cheered up and we went dancing, we could all choose the music because the computer was in the bar and there was a queue to change it. We danced traditional dances from each country, and had a great time. The night was passing and we had to say goodbye to the people who were leaving.

At the end of the night they took out a cake with all the flags of the countries that participated in the Erasmus, it was very tasty. Sabina and I were the last to leave the club, so we could say goodbye to everyone, it was very sad.

In conclusion, this Erasmus has been an incredible experience that I would repeat one and thousand times, it is a travel that allows you to learn to develop better with English and gives you the opportunity to meet very special people, and I am very grateful to have had this opportunity.