

ERASMUS+ project - My experience

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The experience of the trip to Porto was fantastic, from the first day all was so good. The family that I stayed in was so friendly that they made me feel like it was my house. The teachers of the school helped us when we asked them for information. I didn't like the last day because we had to come back. I would like to go again in the future.

Argyros Mihalis, Greece



Porto is an amazing city that everyone should visit. There are so many things for someone to do, so many sites and castles or museums to visit.

What I really liked in Porto was its parks with so much greenery that gave you the impression that you were in the countryside. Another thing that I was impressed by was the bridges and the delicious Portuguese cuisine whose main ingredient is the cod.

The school that hosted us was completely different from our own. It was a complex building with various sports fields and many multifunctional lounges.

People were friendly and hospitable like the families that hosted us in their houses or the teachers we met, who did everything to make us feel like home.

I would like to thank Erasmus and my school for giving me the opportunity to visit this town and get to know its culture. I hope I will be able to visit it again in the future!

Elina Trousa, Greece



When we arrived to Porto the families who were going to host us for the next week were waiting for us there and they took us to their houses. In the morning we ate breakfast and we went to the school. The first subject we had was English and it was a little boring. After, some of the students showed us the rest of the school which was much bigger than ours with many activities to do at the break. To feel friendlier we played a game with words in Portuguese and we learned some words and some phrases. We ate at the school canteen and the food was good. A bit later they call us to draw some of the UNESCO's monuments and we had fun doing this with the other kids. In the night I had dinner at the house and I ate one of their traditional dishes and it was very delicious. In the morning when we arrived at the school I met my friends and when we found our teachers we went to Porto's town hall and we went up to the tower and the view was amazing. Our next stop was at the station called Sao Bento and after to the big church. We ate at the restaurant of World of Discoveries and after we saw the story that it reveals in a small tour with a boat and that was the best part of the tour. In the afternoon we went to the school and the families came and took us home in the night they made my favourite food and they surprised me with a cake for my name day. On Wednesday, we went to Guimaraes the old capital of Portugal and we went by the teleferic up to the mountain Penha when we finished our walk there we went for lunch at restaurant Oriental and after we went to the Castle. Our last destination was Paco dos Duques de Braganca. In the night we went to the best restaurant that makes Fransesihna . The next day was the most stressful because we had to sing, dance and speak about a review. Another activity that we did was puzzle games in the morning. When we finished with the dances and the songs we were going to Cindor and we made jewelries by ourselves and that was very interesting and after we went to Filigree Route. When it was the time for the review I was very nervous but my teachers, my friends and the Portuguese students were supporting me and that's why I speak very good. The next day we visited Clerigo's tower, St. Francisco's church and the Casa do Infante. After we had free time and at noon we went to mall and in the afternoon we also went in mall. At the night we went at a fun park we had fun with them. In the morning we were very sad about leaving Porto but we had to leave.

Pandis Kostas, Greece



The day when I arrived to Portugal-Porto, Joana's family came to the airport, they received me with much love. Their house was big and Joana gave me her bed to feel like my home. With her family we went for a ride by metro in Porto, with JOANA'S friends and their families, we went at the amusement park, there JOANA'S father won a PANDA for me! Her school was very big, with huge classes two equally huge courtyards and 3.000 students. With the other groups of program «Erasmus» we went to City Hall, which looked like a museum, we visited the train station «São Banto». We visited the museum «World of Discovery» which is also a restaurant, we went to the royal resident «Paço dos Duques de Brança»

located in Guimarães, the birthplace of Portugal. In general our program was full so we could get through as best as possible. This place was perfect, the memories were incredible and the love created for this family was enormous. I had a great time and I will never forget this experience.

Miari Persa, Greece



My trip in Porto was an amazing experience that I will never forget in my whole life. First of all, the flights were all relaxing and comfortable. Secondly, the girl and her family, in which I stayed, were very polite and nice to me. They always took care of me and I felt like I was at home in Greece.

Furthermore, apart from this wonderful hospitality I liked their big school and all the activities that we were doing there. To my mind, the best activity was at the fourth day when every country presented traditional dances and songs. This day, I met the other classmates from this program. They were so funny and I enjoyed myself with them.

I really loved this trip and the people that I met there. This was an opportunity that I feel so lucky to have had. I will miss this place which I made so many memories. I hope to have the chance to go there again in the future!

Zoe Panaretou, Greece

In May 2019, I had the chance to visit Porto with this Project. It was an amazing week. I saw lots of historical and beautiful places. Everything was well organized. Learning a new culture, customs and a language is a wonderful thing.

I tried Portuguese cuisine and found it delicious. The activities in the Project were really fun, I enjoyed them a lot. Also, I loved my hosting family. I didn't feel myself alone in another country. They were very kind people.

To sum up, I had great time that I will never forget.

Ayşenur DÜŞMEZ, Turkey