

Hello. I'm Ilayda from Turkey.

I don't know where to start. Everything was so beautiful. I do not know to whom to thank.

First of all, I want to talk about students' attitudes. Everyone was very respectful to each other. I personally had prejudices before I came: Do they respect my preferences and beliefs? or do they make fun of me? But they were extremely respectful and I felt relaxed. We had a very short time to get closer. We were there for a week so we had to meet and become friends in a short time. Everything was so beautiful that we became friends not only with the students who hosted us but also with their friends and family. This was a very beautiful thing. Then the first day of our project was very strange for all of us. At first :-). Nobody knew each other, they did not know what to do ... But after a while, when the presentations started, everyone started to know each other's countries and schools. Everyone had prepared very nice promotional videos.

I watched them with admiration. I wanted to get to know those countries better. I can't choose the best of them. Because they all had different and unique aspects. After all the countries introduced themselves, we went to our food presentation. Frankly, I never thought that everyone would join us and try. 'Do you want to try?' When I asked, we were so happy when almost everyone joined. It was very proud.

Everybody asked for directions and ingredients from us. At that moment I was very happy and proud. Actually, I wanted to hug all of them. But of course I didn't. We cooked our meals and many people liked it. In the free time of that day, we couldn't do much because the weather was very windy. We just changed our currency and returned home to rest. The next days, other countries introduced their meals.

Obviously, the food of Italy was normal. Because in many places, pasta with pesto sauce is popular. But there was a difference: Cheese. Its taste was different.

Portuguese people made rice and chicken. It was really good. At that moment, I thought our meals were a bit similar. Personally, I did not like the fish prepared by Latvia. I can't say anything because I did not drink their soup. I am allergic to parsley. But the bread they gave was very nice. I think we ate most of that day. And the host's food was good. Whatever I ate in Hungary was always sweet. Everything was too sweet. That's why I didn't eat apple pie. But their pastas and stews were good. It was the first time I was happy to have eaten something bitter. Absolutely my favourite was the Portuguese dish. It was both delicious and similar to our dishes. We asked for the recipe for chicken and chicken sauce.

If I talk about our trips, we went to many places. Botanical garden, organic farm, parliament building, Budapest castle, fashion street ... Everywhere was so beautiful. The whole country seemed to be based on historical artifacts. I can say that I did not see any new buildings. The historical artifacts are so important that if the restoration is being done, there was a cover over the ground and a picture in that cover. It was probably because the image should not be distorted. I liked this so much. It showed how responsible and they care about their values.

Finally, I want to talk about what I am most surprised about. Traffic rules and bus tickets. No one was crossing the green light on the pedestrian path before it came on. We were on the sidewalk and if I jumped, I could cross but not I did not. We had to wait until the red light turned into green. This surprised me a lot. The transportation form of payment was different. You could buy the ticket for a week and you could use it as much as you want. It seemed very strange to me. Because someone can use it once a day but someone else can use 10 times. And the buses or trains weren't very

crowded. When people wanted to go somewhere they checked the timetable in the bus stops. So they could leave their houses A few minutes before the bus time. It was good.

We are so pleased with this project that we are now looking for ways to do it again.

We still continue our friendships. We will miss all of you a lot. I hope we will meet one day again. Thank you for everything.