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Our trip to Norway The report of the Austrian students

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In March we (Laura, Lisa, Simon, David and me) went on our second Comenius trip. This time the host country was Norway and I was really looking forward to going there because I had never been to Norway before. Before the trip started our teacher Mrs. Pronegg had a very nice idea. She made woollen hats with the colours of the Austrian flag (red, white, red) with us. On Saturday, 6th March, we started our journey at Graz airport. We had to fly to Frankfurt, because there was no direct connection to Bergen. There we had to wait for approximately 4 hours for our next flight, but that was not a problem because we had a lot of fun.

At 11:30 pm we arrived in Bergen. Bergen is the second

biggest city in Norway with 260.000 inhabitants. (Tobias)



When we arrived at the airport in Norway, we were very surprised that it was not very cold. We were lucky because we had no rain over the whole week. It just snowed a little bit on Thursday.

I was in a host family with my friend Lisa. On Sunday, we just talked to our host families to get to know each other better. (Laura)



The house was a nice little building. Our family lives in the second part of the house. It took us 40 minutes by car to get to the house. It was a little bit cold in our room, I think the Norwegian people are used to it, but we put "Misti" the cat from our family on our feet and so it was okay. We slept very well.

On Sunday we got up at half past nine. We weren't in a rush, so our host mother made a great big breakfast, with traditional food from Norway. I liked the shrimp salad best. We also taste the traditional brown cheese. It tasted a little bit different from things that I am used to. It was very funny, because we had to cut the cheese with a special cheese cutter, which I had never seen before. Laura and I wanted to see the area around our house and we walked around our neighborhood a little. It was so beautiful. There was a fjord directly in front of our house. (Lisa)

After I had met my host family we went to their house. It was a very nice house on a big island near Bergen. My host was called Anna and she was 17. We had texted each other before I went to Norway so I

already knew a bit about her. On Sunday we had time to get to know each other a little bit better. Anna is an enthusiastic cheerleader so I went with her to her training. Honestly, I had never considered cheerleading as a real sport, but now I know that it is a very hard sport. At the weekend there were the national championships in Oslo so Anna had to do a lot of practise. In the evening Anna's father showed me Bergen, which is a very beautiful city with many interesting parts like Bryggen (some houses which were built around 1300 by the Germans). (Tobias)



On Monday we went to school with our hosts. There we met all the other students from Spain, Turkey, Poland, Reunion, Norway and Austria. First the

principal of the school gave a short presentation about Bergen and the school. After that we went into the city where the Norwegian students showed us some interesting places. (Tobias)



On Tuesday we wanted to go to Fløyen, a mountain near Bergen in the morning and to the city aquarium in the afternoon. But the weather was not very good

so our teachers decided to go to the aquarium first. It was interesting and we saw a lot of fish and crabs. After our trip to the aquarium we went up the mountain by cable car because we didn't have enough time to walk. (Tobias)



Hours of taking photos followed (although it wasn't this long, but it felt like it was) and then we went for a

little walk into the forest and had a barbeque.



It was lovely there, but cold. We also discovered an ice slide (it was just a frozen part of the path which was very slippery) and used it. That was a lot of fun. As we went back to the cable car, I bought a reindeer fur, which I am totally proud of. Back home, Anniken and I fell asleep immediately and Simon did a great workout with Anniken's

little brother. We woke up again, but went to bed a little while later. (David)

On Wednesday we learned a typical Norwegian dance, called the "snoof dance". It was very funny, but a little bit exhausting. Then we went to a class, that was learning German. They were very good, and I liked to talk in German. (Lisa)

It was really cute to hear the students speak German, but they were quiet good I think.



In the afternoon we took the bus to the museum "Gamle Bergen". There we had a guided tour which was like a theater. It showed us how the people lived in Norway in the 18th and 19th centuries. We had the chance to taste traditional fish dishes and to bake the thin Norwegian crisp bread called "Flatbrød". I liked the old legend, that if you can make flatbrød in the shape of a circle, you will get a good husband. (Laura)

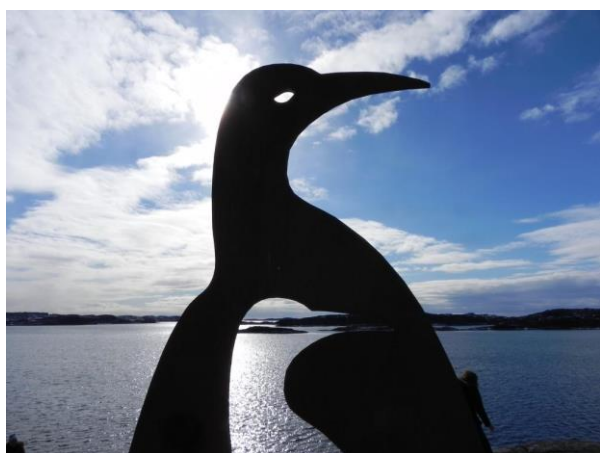


Thursday was maybe the most interesting day of the whole week. First we took a long bus ride to a salmon factory, where we saw how salmon is produced. Some of us also bought the salmon which was produced there.



Afterwards we went to a small bay where some of us tried to catch fish in the cold ocean water. It was maybe the

coldest place I have ever been in my whole life. Unfortunately none of us caught any fish. Only a few minutes away by bus we ate at a fish restaurant. The food was delicious and everyone was happy. Later we took some photos on the cliffs behind the restaurant where we had a perfect view on the ocean and the fjord. Then we took the bus home and a few of us went to the cinema together with some of the host girls. Later I ate maybe the most expensive pizza on the whole world. (Simon)



On the following day, we and the students from the other countries did the presentation for the "Lunch Hour" project. Then we made posters about several themes which run through the project like the

nutrition value or the price of the food in different countries. We compared Austria, Norway, Poland, Turkey, Spain and the island "La Reunion". (Laura)

On Saturday we all left with good spirits, but we knew that a funny and educational time had ended that day and we would miss our host families soon. (Simon)

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Austria guys (: (Lisa)



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