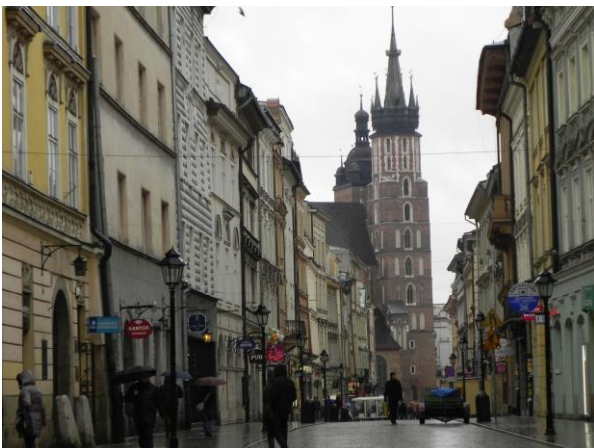




## Our trip to Poland The report of the Austrian students

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On March 15<sup>th</sup> we arrived in Poland.



We went there by train and arrived in Krakow in the early morning. We went to our hotel by foot and while we were going through the streets, we looked at the beautiful old buildings in the city.



We arrived on a Saturday and we wondered why there were so many young people on the streets. Then we realized that they all haven't even gone home yet. They came from a party. We went into a café to get some breakfast. We ate some bagels, which is typical polish food, and were happy to

get free wifi there.

After breakfast, we went to our hotel and did the laundry. Then we went to the big covered market, where the local people sell typical polish things. There we saw a military parade.



We wanted to see the cathedral on the Wawel. This cathedral was on a little hill and we went up there to get a tour through the nice church with an audio guide. Then we were very hungry and went into the city again to get some food. We were very lucky because we found a very typical polish restaurant. In the afternoon we went shopping in the modern shopping street of Krakow.



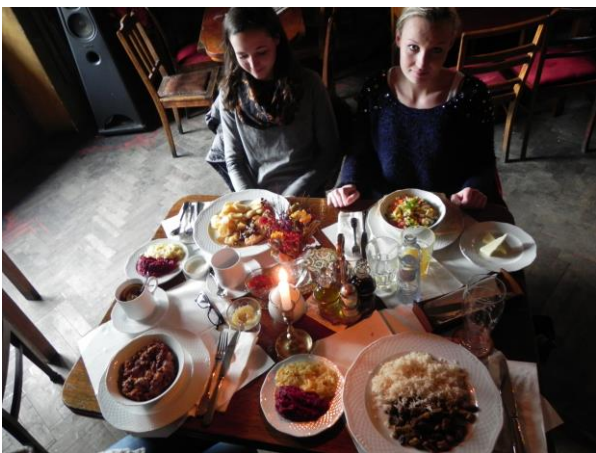
On the next day we went to Schindler's museum and through the old Jewish ghetto. We really got an accurate view of how this poor people had to live.



It was a rainy day and we walked through the city of the Jews, the weather reflecting our mood. After this excursion we went out to eat in a typical Jewish restaurant. We



ate onion-caramel soup and a typical salad.



In the afternoon, we arrived at our host families homes. My host family was very nice and the house was very beautiful. I got a special dessert to eat, some jelly with fruit in it. In the evening we went to a welcome party at another host's house. It was a very fun evening and we got to know each other.

The first day we had to do something was Monday. For breakfast I got to eat sausages, which was very strange for me because I had never eaten that at home before. We went to school, gave our presentation and listened to the presentations of the other countries.



Then we got to see two mills, a small one where only one man is working, and a bigger one. It was nice to see this contrast. After this we had lunch in a nice, typical restaurant. And we got to make bigos and some other polish food on our own, but of course with a little help from our Polish hosts.



On Tuesday we took a trip to the salt mine of Wielicka. It was very funny because we visited the mine for an hour and still only saw one percent of it. After the tour, we were able to buy special salt products, like bath salt.



In the afternoon, we went to Krakow and had some free time. We got a coffee with the Spanish pupils and did a little bit of shopping. In the evening, we celebrated a birthday.





On Wednesday, we went to the concentration camp Auschwitz. I can't say much about this trip, because then I will have to cry again. It is unbelievable the terrible things that happened there and you can't really fully understand until you have visited.



After this tour we made a trip to a museum of old houses, but we couldn't stay long because

it was very cold and we were already wet from all of the rain.



The last day we were in Zator. We went to Zakopane and visited a ski resort. For us, the Austrian group it wasn't anything special, because we have so many resorts already in Austria, but the students from Spain and Reunion saw this for the first time.

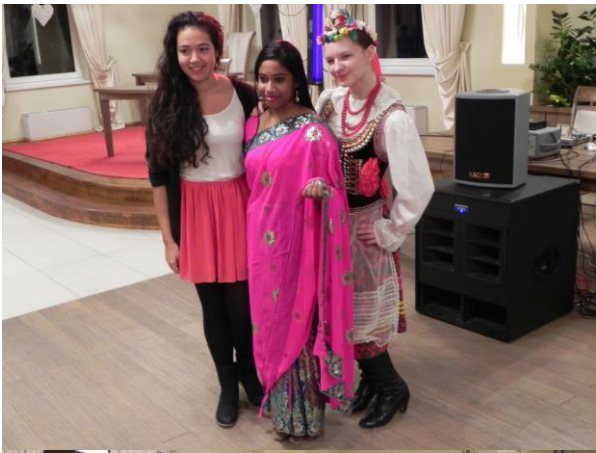




Then we went to a market, and got to taste special polish cheese. We bought some wood figures.

Overall, I'm really grateful to have gotten to visit Poland and hope to visit again someday.





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