

### Our trip to Porto and Lousado

When we arrived in Porto we had our first walk there and from the first minutes I was impressed and I knew I would have an amazing week. The next day, Monday, we woke up and took the train to go to another place, Lousado, where the school was. There all the children from the Erasmus project were waiting for us. We met them, we played a game in teams, we had some presentations and we ate our lunch at their canteen. Then we took the train and went back to Porto. We went again for a walk and we walked on the other side of Porto from the bridge that was made from the students of Eiffel.

The next day we went again to the school and we visited their lab and there we made keyrings that were saying “stop bullying” on them and then we had again some presentations and we went back to Porto. In the evening we went to a place where we listened to the local music, fado, and we tasted their local wine (porto). Then we visited the apartment of the English teachers and students, we ate and had much fun.

On Wednesday we went a trip in Braga and there we visited a place that is called Bom Jesus do monde and it was amazing. Then we also visited a church in Braga and we had a little walk there. Then we went back at Porto and we visited two churches and a famous bookshop that is called “Lello”.

On Thursday we went again at the school we worked in teams and did some new presentations. At the evening we went with the Turkish, the Romanian and the English teachers and students for a walk on the bridge again but this time on the top of it and the view was amazing.

On Friday we went at the school again and we visited a museum of old trains next to the train station and there we learnt to play some instruments. At night we ate all together and danced and had so much fun. Later at night we had to say goodbye to everyone and that was the hardest thing of this trip. We were all crying and hugging each other and at the end we went back in Porto.

The next morning we walked on the bridge and we put a lock on it with all the names of the children we met so when we go back to Porto to see this lock and remember all the unforgettable moments we lived there . It was really the best week I’ve ever had in my life so far and I wish I will see all of the friends I made again as soon as possible.

Maria Egglezou

This week was a week that I will never forget, it was full of cooperation, diversity. As the days were passing we explored the amazing city of Porto, the amazing bookshop “Lello”, Catholic churches with unique technique, the palace, we also learned about the traditional things of Porto, like fado, which is a sad, romantic music. There were a few things that I choose, one of them was the bridge of Porto where we went for a walk and saw the magical Porto view which travels you, and there we put our lock with all of Erasmus children's names, which made it more special for me. But also one of my favorite things were at the school in Lousado, where we had to make something about bullying by ourselves, so we wrote a story about homophobia. The best day was the last. We visited a train museum

and we played musical instruments. But the most beautiful thing was the party, where we ate different food like fish, which is the traditional Portugal food, we sang, we danced all night, and the ice between us was gone. We had a lot of fun and really emotional goodbye, we were all crying and we were sad but it wasn't a goodbye, it was a "see you soon". Last but not least, my favorite thing was the relationships with the children, who were friendly and with great personalities. **There was a promise that one day we will all meet again. until then I'm going to miss them so much.** As I said before with the lock we locked our memories in our hearts. That week was a week of a lifetime that will always be on my heart. So grateful that I had the chance to go to the amazing Porto and meet those amazing people.



Antzela Zili – Ben Chiotellis

During this week we did some creative and interesting things. Firstly, we were at school and we met the other students from the other countries and then we were separated in teams with guys of each country and we played the game of the hidden treasure to break the ice between us. The other day we did some key rings about bullying. That was very interesting for me. On Wednesday we went a small trip with the Erasmus' children to a church in a mountain and from there we could see all the view of Braga and then we saw the square of Braga. On Thursday we were separated in teams and we did something for bullying together. I and my team made up a story about physiological bullying and then we did a small movie. On Friday we visited a train museum and we played music with Porto's traditional instruments. At night we had a closing party where we danced, sang and we ate some different food. That night was unforgettable because we had a lot of fun and in the end we said a big goodbye to the other students because it was the last day with them and everyone was crying. Also we went to some Catholic Churches and we saw some interesting things like the gold that those churches have. We went to a palace which was beautiful, too. The most amazing thing that we saw was the "fado", which is Porto's traditional romantic music. I loved so much Porto because it is a very lovely and magical city. But what I loved more in that trip, were the children who were so kind, helpful and friendly. I hope one day to see all of them again! This trip was an unforgettable experience which I will remember in all my life! If I had the chance to do it again, I would do it without asking!

Life's beautiful moments



Georgia Georgelli