

## My trip to Lithuania

I am a traveller. I like visiting a lot of places and confronting me to different people with different lifestyles and cultures. I also like to discover new kinds of food. Recently I have visited Lithuania. I can say for sure that it is one of the most beautiful places I have been to. Fortunately my school gave me the opportunity to go there.

A study trip for the “Erasmus+” project, for one week. A new experience that I enjoyed a lot. When I landed I was surprised that air was so cold, fresh and it aroused me positive feelings and a lot of adrenaline. That first day I forgot the fatigue of the travel. The host lady who hosted me for that period of time was such a great person, lovely and polite. She was so generous that after spending those first hours together it seemed like I had known her for my entire life. Her name was Egle Navakauskaite, a typical Lithuanian name. Egle immediately sent me to visit the house. It was great! The house was so stylish, all made of wood. The greatest thing was that there was no traffic and no pollution. On the contrary it was a full immersion in nature. It was evening when I arrived and I enjoyed my first Lithuanian meal; it was delicious!

The next day we left home at 8:00 am and we went to visit the school “ZIBURIO”. I had many different lessons as Lithuanian, English and Music, and it was so satisfying. The school system is very different from ours. It could be compared to the American system. Students had to change class every hour to study the next subject. The teachers were kind enough to explain me some things in English. The school was not too big, but it had a comfortable atmosphere.

During the week I had the opportunity to visit a lot of different places.

First of all I visited the capital city Vilnius. There we visited the cathedral, with a unique greek style and we saw also the President’s Palace. Thanks to the guide, I discovered a new part of history that is joined to the Italian one. We also went to the treetop walking path in Anyksciai and to many other cathedrals.

I tried some typical foods like “zeppelins”, which were potatoes filled of meat, but also “kibinai” and other dishes based on meat and potatoes, which are at the base of Lithuanians’ diet.

I can say that I met a lot of other guys that now I may call friends. They were so polite and invited me to their houses. I already miss them.

When I left I was almost crying. It was an experience that I'll never forget. I would like to go back one day there. It was one of my most impressive trips. All this happened thanks to my teachers that had the patience to organise this project and the force to take us, as students, to a new world. Now I also speak English more fluently. Fortunately I had also the opportunity to enjoy this experience with an Italian student, Miriana. I can say that now we are really good friends.

So I had many advantages from this journey, not only in a cultural perspective, but also concerning friendship. I hope this project will continue and permit other students to have the same experience!

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