

Impressions of Greek students during the 2nd LTTA in Vila Pouca d' Aguiar





Virginia

Our meeting in Portugal was excellent organized. This time we looked forward not to make new friends, but to meet again our beloved friends, our colleges, the teachers we are working with in this Erasmus program.

We passed unforgettable days visiting Villa Pouca de Aguiar, the old roman Tresminas mines, Porto, small villages in Doro River. But during this trip we enjoyed most of all each others' company. We ate, we drank wine, we danced, we shared beautiful thoughts about life, about politics, about educational problems.

I admired the Portuguese well organised schools, full of modern equipment which can fulfil all the students' needs and I realised once more the value of cooperation and dialogue between different cultures.



Life is full of surprises and opportunities. Opportunities that come once in a life time and one should be very lucky to “catch” them. The program Erasmus+ was an opportunity like this for me.

I went to places that I don't think I would go without this program and with the lovely company I had.

Going to Portugal was an amazing experience! I will remember every minute and I enjoy every minute. However, there were some unforgettable moments. Our first stop at Villa Pouca de Aguiar was visiting the Portuguese schools and my favorite moment was how they welcomed us. Little kids were holding little flags of all the countries that participate to Erasmus+ and they were singing “Welcome”, as we were entering the building.

One of the places we visited and I loved it was the Roman Mining Complex of Tresminas. Not only the surroundings were dazzling, we learn a lot of interesting things about its history and chestnuts! No one can forget the day we went to Porto. Marvelous place, great tour and, of course, their local wine production “stole the show”. Nevertheless, the best thing of all the experience was the people I met. The kids, the students, the teachers and the locals were all very friendly, kind and I had a great time with them.

Erasmus+ and going to Portugal was the best thing that have happened to my life, so far. I will never forget it!

Catherine Dokou

LOVE PORTUGAL ☺

My week in Portugal was an unforgettable experience that I will always carry in my mind. I met there amazing people and made great friends. All the activities were really nice and I was always learning something from those. I loved Portugal!

The first thing that made me a huge impression there was the school facilities. We visited 3 schools and each one of them was in great condition. Everything was clean and tidy. The cafeteria where we were eating our lunch most of the days was huge. We were all seating in benches and it was nice as we could communicate with almost everyone. Furthermore I loved their salad. I also really appreciated the hospitality there. Everyone was really kind and they were always there, when we needed them. They tried to offer us anything we wanted and they accomplished that. I truly liked that as they helped us because they wanted to and not because they had to. You could see their will in their face.

Of course I can not skip the beautiful places that we visited varying from a walk to the nature to the amazingly unique town called Porto. We went to many museums, which were nice as we learnt a lot about Portugal and its history. The walk beside the river was relaxing and I felt like I was in vacations. Then we saw the sunset from Porto. It was so beautiful that I felt like I was in another world!

All in all, I believe that everyone had a great time with no exceptions. We visited Portugal and we learnt a lot about their culture, the people and we saw unique places. We all left Portugal a bit wiser. This trip owns a special place in my mind and memories.

Thank you for everything!

Dimitris Krikis





Michai

Dear friends from Lithuania, Turkey and Portugal,

I would like to thank you all for the nice moments that we spent together during this marvelous “trip”, “lessons”, “adventure” that Erasmus+ project offered to us.

Everything was amazing, we got incredible experiences though all our activities.

So I need to thank a lot my teachers and the also the teachers of the other schools for the great opportunity they gave us.



Christos Loutas

A nice experience of mine was taking part in Erasmus. We had a great time and we learned so many things like cooperating with each other.

Firstly, one thing that I liked was the fact that Portuguese welcomed us in a nice way. Also they took us at many monuments and museums and they gave us lots of information about their country. For example, we visited Tresminas and we learned a lot of things about how Romans were using water power to excavate gold from mines.

Moreover, we visited Duro Winery where we saw a great collection of wine and we learned many useful information about how the wine comes to our bottles and how many different types we can get. Furthermore we were given traditional food and music and we had great nights dancing and having fun.

Last but not least, I think the most important thing from this program was that we saw how many things we have in common although we are from different countries. We learned different things about cultures from every country. Also, all we had a good time and in the end all countries did their presentation spreading out many information.

In conclusion, traveling to Portugal was an unforgettable experience not actually for all the new things we learned but for making new friends whom we share our experience no matter how far we are.



María

Erasmus+ is a memorable experience. Portugal is a wonderful country. One of the best I could say. The people were very friendly while it was also full of majestic landscapes that we visited. The students from Turkey, Lithuania and Portugal were very friendly and open to everybody, so it did not take us too long to become friends and break the ice.

The moment I will never forget from our trip to Portugal is our visit to the gold mines. I can still remember the bats, how creepy! Erasmus+ made me more reliable and organized, while it also gave me wonderful memories and experiences that changed the way I think about a lot of things and how I react to them. Within a few months, and 6 days in Portugal, I met more people than I could ever imagine, became friends with them, and I also learnt a lot about the history and culture of Portugal.

A big thanks to everyone who helped to make it happen!



Teulado Breshani

We traveled from Athens to Zurich and then to Portugal. The trip was pleasant but a little tiring. In the plane we met with the Lithuanians!

When we arrived, we were greeted in by the Portuguese. We were all very happy and cheerful, because we met new friends and passed unforgettable moments together.

The first day was beautiful, because we met with children at school and began to work. They guided us in their beautiful village and we ate lunch in the school dining room. The food was very nice. Everyone was cheerful.

We visited Porto and other interesting places. We tasted traditional foods made by the parents of the Portuguese students and we thank them very much. Even the hospitality of the Portuguese people was amazing and our relations with all countries impeccable.

Certainly, the trip to Portugal will remain memorable, because I met new friends. I met a new culture. I learned a lot through work and I had very beautiful time .

Thank you very much, because I was given the opportunity to be part of Erasmus. Finally, I thank Liberato for helping the Greek Group!



Flou

Portugal is a magical place where wine and nature dominate.

Our trip was awesome. We met the other children from Turkey, Portugal and Lithuania. We had the opportunity to go to different museums like the world discoveries and the museum of wine. At the museum of world discoveries we learned about how Portugal got separated from some other cities and how it owned the fruit orange got its name from the other countries around it.

On the other side at the museum of wine we learned about how to recognize the rubi wine from the tawny.

We learned a lot about how people live there and spend their time. All were very friendly and kind with us.

This program provided me knowledge and new friends and it was a great experience!



In November we flew all across the Europe, from Greece to Portugal to meet our friends from Lithuania, Turkey and Portugal and discuss about decreasing bullying through art, sports and literature.

It was a great experience. We met a bunch of new people and learned about many cultures. We also had a lot of fun and during the programme we learned a lot of things, such as how different people are and on what their behavior is based. More specifically, in Portugal we got to know about different dances and art, their foods and what they do on daily basis, about wines and small things about each other's character.

Ioanna Dmitryuk



Jessica

This meeting of the program Erasmus+ gave me many unforgettable memories. At first, meeting students from different cultures and mentalities is one of the most interesting experiences. We were all so different but also we had so many similarities. Moreover, I made a lot of friends through this program and we had a lot of fun. It was the first time that I went abroad and I was impressed by the way students there are used to live.

Every place there was beautiful and the activities were enjoyable. Furthermore, we interacted with people who had different cultures and we learned how to communicate and cooperate with them.

This program offered me feelings of satisfaction and happiness.

Also, the theme of the program is a well-known fact that occupies a lot of teenagers and the community.

Last but not least, through presentations of every country, we showed to each other ways to stop violence and the seriousness of this fact.

I wish, that one day all the participants will come again here in Greece and have a lot of fun and won't stop getting in touch with them through the internet.

Thank you for giving me the chance to join this program and the opportunity to know your amazing students.



Dimitris Oikonomidis

The visit to Portugal that we organized with the Erasmus+ project was an extraordinary experience.

We got to meet new people that we can still keep in touch with, we learned about new cultures in a greater depth by doing some very fun activities. Furthermore we visited some very interesting places and in Portugal and by doing so we had the amazing opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the Portuguese cuisine culture as well as their traditions. All in all I would say that it was one of the most incredible experiences in my life, it helped me broaden my horizons and see the world from a different perspective.

Those moments are from the ones that will stay with me forever.



joanna Orfanou

When every time I close my eyes, I see memories, memories from that small village in Portugal from the school that we past our times from every day ,from the welcoming smile and open-arming hugs.

First of all ,we had the chance to get in touch with the history and the culture, by going on sightseeing, visiting a wide range of museums but the one lived way up to our expectations was the museum of world discoveries.

Needless to say, how much we are appreciated, the presentation of three countries. They were really astonishing and fascinating. Either way or other, what we gained from the whole experience was priceless friendship, getting to know people, with attractive personalities and willing to promote the team spirit. All those quite rare memories for somebody to have, and I consider myself very lucky having the opportunity to leave this one of the kind experience .. I hope to someday to meet again ..

Sincerely yours,

Joanna

P.S mister policeman

P.S Lithuanian friendship

P.S Greek flags from turc friends!!!



Sara

This program's aim was to prevent and stop bullying not only at schools but in our lives in general. And I think that we accomplished that.

First of all we connected with people from different countries and that was a new experience for all of us. We learned their customs and traditions and even a little bit of their language.

Secondly we participated in activities all together and even though we didn't know the kids from the other countries very well we co-operated with them.

Furthermore we got an unique chance to travel to Portugal and see their country for the first time. We went to a small town and saw many things about their culture. We even got the chance to go to their second biggest city in the whole country Porto and meet the town's mayor and talk with him. Their hospitality was great and all of the people there welcomed us in the best way possible.

Last but not least we had a great time, got new friends and this experience will be remembered as one of the best in our lives. But the most important thing is that we showed the true purpose of our program through presentations and that is to stop bullying at schools.

The visit to Portugal that Erasmus+ program organized was an incredible experience.

We met new people from three different countries (Turkey, Lithuania and Portugal) that we still keep in touch with. We learned about new cultures and we did some very interesting and funny activities inside and outside school. Also, we visited some places in Portugal where we had a great view and we had the chance to try the Portuguese cuisine culture as well as their traditions.

To conclude, personally I would say that those days that I had in Portugal gave to me the opportunity to see the things from other side. It always stays in my memory, because it was one of the most amazing experience in my life that I had with my friends.



Joanna Selimi



Sibora Dokina

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Taking part in Erasmus + project, was the best experience so far. We had a great time by working for the project. We learned how to cooperate and we did our best for our presentation. What I liked the most was the fact that we had the opportunity to meet with students from other countries. It is unbelievable how many things we have in common.

Our trip to Portugal was fantastic. We visited a lot of beautiful places. My favourite one was Tresminas, where we learned how people managed to get gold from the mine. We saw some bats too! In addition, we visited Duro Winery where we admired a great collection of wine and we learned about the procedure of becoming wine. Moreover, we figured out how much work needs for a single bottle of wine to be done, and we had long walks in nature.

We were provided traditional food and our evenings were full of live traditional music. We had a wonderful time dancing altogether and learning each country's dances. Everything was well organized. Students, teachers and all the people there were so kind and generous, that they made us feel like home.

All countries did their presentation and at the end, we learned a lot of interesting things about each of them. We played traditional Lithuanian games, we did some paintings with a new method we were taught by our Turkish friends, and we danced a lot. We also went to a sports resort where we played with our new friends. We visited Oporto where we had the opportunity to admire the city and its beautiful bridges and buildings.

To sum up, travelling to Portugal was an unforgettable experience not only because we visited a foreign country, but also because we made new friends with whom we will always share the same interests.

Christina





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