

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





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FROM THE CAPITAL CITY OF WINE AND GRANITE; OLÁ

We had the second teaching, learning and training activity of our Erasmus+ project which aims to stop violence at school through arts, sports and literature in Vila Pouca de Aguiar is one and a half hour away from the second largest city (Porto) of Portugal. 16 students and 4 teachers from Greece, 8 students and 2 teachers of our coordinator country Lithuania, 8 students and 2 teachers from our school, we became together to apply the activities in the host country.

I wanted to state that everywhere is green with trees and plants and everywhere is clean and clear, people are waiting for your conversations and they have animal love as much as human love

I was surprised when I learnt that Portuguese is the fifth biggest language spoken by people all over the world. Portugal which spread to the utmost point of west and Mediterranean, Portugal has been developed because they gave much importance to seamanship. The sailors who discovered new trade route sold guns to China of that time.

It takes only one and a half hour to go to Vila Pouca de Aguiar from Porto. Vila Pouca de Aguiar is one hundred and fifty kilometers away from Spain. The name of the town is translated as the small eyry of the eagles. As far as I learnt the capital of granite, Vila Pouca de Aguiar was the centre of gold mines during ancient Roman Empire.

We had the opportunity visit the grape yards which was considered as a world heritage by UNESCO spreading thousands of miles throughout Douro river. We learnt that grapes grown in this region contributing nearly 70 or 80 million euros to national economy.

Portuguese people speak English such as their mother language. It is told us that the main reason of this situation is one third of the words are used the same as in their own language. Having been affected by different civilization, community, country or empires, it seems that Portugal has changed the situation in favor of itself.

After our meeting with the mayor of Vila Pouca de Aguiar, he told us that he would be happy to see tourists in their municipality. Personally I believe that Vila Pouca de Aguiar is one of the best places to live with my family.

I had the friendship as worth as gold and as hard as granite. I will never forget them as long as I live. I hope and believe that you will have much more experiences. Obrigado Vila Pouca de Aguiar.



Sueda Hilal ERDOĞAN

WONDERFUL MEMORIES

We went to visit Erasmus+ partner school. We met with the students. Students have seen our activities and liked it much . Little students have made us a welcome ceremony. It was very cute. Next day, We went to the soda factory. We have seen how to do that and construction of the soda.

We went to the sports day at the gym. There were a variety of sporting events. My friends and I enjoyed the gym. We went to the wine museum. We learnt about the history of wine and old wines. Then we went to the factory and we watched a video about how to the wine. Greece, Portugal and Lithuania team to have made the presentation. We have presented our own art of marbling. They also gave us what they have done there. They showed their unique dance and games. It was great.

On the fourth day, we went to visit Porto, Portugal we listened to the organizations with the sea routes first. It was a place where we go very technological. Then we visited the Porto. We pass under the magnificent Porto Bridge. This place is huge and has a fabulous location. Portugal food was not very different from Turkish food. But we ate different meals and it was awesome.



Zehra ALAGÖZ

MY DREAM LAND

It was a great experience for us to go to Portugal. The town was a great place we went. People were very caring and warm-blooded. The first day we met a very nice girl. We toured the town and the town was a very charming place.

We went for a ride to school. Classrooms and corridors were very nice. We met with students. They prepared very nice things for us. Our presentation drew their attention. This made us very happy. We went to the soda factory. We have seen the construction of soda. We really liked our trip that that. Food was very nice. Desserts were close to our taste. Instructors took care of us. We never had any problems. We visited many different places. We went to the caves. We gathered chestnuts. Many conventional fields. A memorable place for us especially Porto.

Louis walked on the bridge. It went really liked out. The market is very nice and cute. I hope in the future I will have possibility to go back to Portugal. It was a memorable experience for us. I love Portugal.



Cahide Sena ÖZ

MY PORTUGAL DIARIES

Portugal was my first travel to abroad during my high school times. It made us to visit different country and chance to meet with foreign people. This one week was full. Sometimes we helped each other sometimes we had fun together I guess we worked hard and satisfied the people about our presentation.

I really want for you who is same age with me to experience something like it. Portuguese people are really close and helpful. We were going at 5 am and all guys were with us and their teachers prepared some food for our travel as well. I love all of them and never forget. I really like the city and bridges around. We were sailing around Atlas Ocean. I ate octopus first time even I don't like it. We played billiards every evening with Greek friends as well. We had long road sometimes we were tired but worth it. One week was not enough to see all sight around the city that includes very friendly peoples.



Merve Giři

A GATE TO WONDERLAND

We went to Portugal on November. I think it is very beautiful place .It has natural beauty. We saw many different and interesting places. For example they took us to very interesting museum. After participating in the project I feel confident. It made me extroverted person. Portugal people are very good. I was pleased to meet them. They are so funny and friendly. But their culture does not look like much of our culture. I learned a lot of different cultures. Lithuania, Greece and Portugal each country has different lifestyles and cultures.

When we get to Portugal, they took care of us well. We made new friends from different countries. I love my Lithuanian Greece and Portugal friends. Portugal food was nice. We ate plenty of pizza :). They love fish very much but we don't like it very much so I've traveled a little hungry. 1 week, we visited many places. Museums, restaurants, mining, boat tour, mineral water factory, we visited the Porto. It was a very fun week. Through this Project I developed my English. This project has enabled the emergence of my ability. According to my observations, there are strict rules in Portugal and a person fits it. For example things to eat and drink in a bus are forbidden. We don't have a rule like this in Turkey. When I first heard it was strange. So overall I loved Portugal. I wish we could stay more. Even if one week it was very useful to me. It's been a week I will never forget. I miss all my friends at the moment. Maybe in the future I will come again.



ÖMER KIRAÇ

WONDERFUL JOURNEY

Firstly on Friday evening, we moved to Kayseri by bus that we got on in front of Göksun Anatolian High School and then we flew to Istanbul. Then, we flew from Istanbul to Porto-Airport. In Portugal, students and teachers greeted us warmly. Getting to know each other, we arrived at Vila Pouca Aquiar after one hour journey. There we stayed in a hotel. Then we went to have dinner with Erasmus team. After dinner being too tired, we went to our hotel and slept.

On the second day, we had breakfast early in the morning and we had a short trip in Porto. Then we met the students and teachers from Greece and Lithuania. We turned back to our hotel. Having our dinner, we finished our day.

In the third day, we had breakfast. We visited a mineral water factory in Teras Minas. Then we had a trip by a steamboat. After that, we visited a few museums, and then we went to a nursing home to visit the elderly. Having dinner in the nursing home, we turned back to Vila Pouca.

On the fourth day, we moved to Porto city. In Porto, we first went to a gold mining area. The environment there was awesome and beautiful. Mining staff informed us about the mining process. Then, we went to pick up chestnuts. After that, we got on small ships and traveled in a sea museum in which Portugal's history was displayed from early times to the present.

On the fifth day, we saw wine cellars and bought wine. We also visited a wine museum. In the evening, we joined in a party that our Portuguese friends arranged.

Next day, at 05:30 a.m., we went to Porto airport to turn back to Turkey. In the airport, we said goodbye to each other and then left Portugal.



Hüseyin AKYILDIZ

BEATIFUL MEMORY

On the first day, they welcomed very well. Portugal is very nice palace. Teachers and students are very good people. I had new friends and friendships. Vila Pouca de Auigar's streets were very beautiful and calm. The palace where we travelled was very good. I love Vila Pouca. School was very beautiful and gym. Gym is very well. Everything everybody was beautiful but we had some problems with Portugal kitchen. Because only potato in dish. Last day, we were very amused. I was very sad. Because I left from friends. If only it had never finished. Everything was very well....



Nevzat Sadi AKSU

GOLDEN COUNTRY

We went to Portugal 3 months ago. Portugal was very good for me and my students. It has natural beauty. Through this Project; I believe that I improved my English. I loved Portugal people and their culture. Weather in Portugal is very pleasant. Portugal people are very warm-blooded. I was pleased to meet with them. The people of the countries covered by this Project were very fine.

In a week, we visited many places. We usually visited museums. We learned their culture. They took us mineral water factory. We learned how it is made mineral water. We took boat tour. We went to the gold mine. We went to different restaurants each day. Portugal foods were good we ate plenty of pizza. There are a lot of fish in Portugal they love eating fish. We do not like fish as much as they do. I love Education System of Portugal. The rules are not too strict and students obey the rules Education of system. I love most things in Portugal; for example their rules. Most of the rules do not in Turkey. I think Portugal and Lithuania students have clearly English. They can speak English clearly. Every country has different culture and lifestyle. In this Project we learned new cultures.



Yunus Emre EREN

PORTUGAL

First, they welcomed us very well. Portugal is very nice place and teachers and students are very good people. Portugal is my love. We travelled there every day. Portugal Street and country is very good. Street is very different and calm. Museum and church is very good architectural design. Everything, everybody was very beautiful but Portugal dish some problem because potato in dish every meal. Last day, we were very sad. This night I was very sad because I left from friends. If only it had never finished but Portugal travelled is the end. I love Portugal and Portugal people. Thank you ERASMUS +



Mahmud Fetih ATEŞÇİ

I HAVE SEEN MYSELF IN YOUR EYES

It was a spectacular week. There was great excitement among us. As Turkish citizens we were a member there in a way worthy of representing the Republic of Turkey and eventually began awaited trip. Our journey to Portugal lasted ten days. Firstly, on Friday evening we moved to Kayseri by bus that we got on in front of Göksun Anatolian High school and then we flied to İstanbul then we flied from İstanbul to Porto airport. Portugal started our descend to the airport was a sense of strangeness as it cools us humans .Portuguese students but these feelings disappeared suddenly warm welcome with us arrived at Vila Pouca Aquiar one hours journey there we stayed in a hotel arrived in advance then we went to have dinner with Erasmus+ team. After diner being too tired we went to our hotel and sleeping our second day we had breakfast early in the morning and we had short trip in Porto together we met the students and teachers from Greece and Lithuania we turned back to our hotel having our diner we finished our day.

On the third day we after breakfast we visited mineral water in Teras Minas, we went to nursing home to visit elderly. Having diner in nursing home we turned back Vila Pouca. On the fourth day we moved to Porto city. In Porto we first went to a gold mining area environment there was awesome and beautiful after that travelled in a sea museums in which Portugal history was displayed from early times to they present in the fifth day is while we toured the wine factory. Next day at 05:30 a.m. we went to Porto airport to turn back to turkey in airport we said goodby to each other and then leave Portugal



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