

Major street 36
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Dear Anna,

First, I really want to tell you "thank you" for this opportunity, for having met new people, a new culture and having practised this nice language, English. I have to tell you that I think that I improved a lot my spoken English, because before I had a grammatical part but now I know that I can use this part in speaking and I feel so good.

I'm going to explain you all the activities that we did during the week with our Belgium students and how the experience of hosting the students here was. It was amazing, incredible, surprising, I can tell you a big list of good adjectives about this exchange, because I feel really lucky.

At first, in the airport all the students were very nervous, because we didn't know how they were and if we would feel fine with our students, but finally when I saw my student my legs started to tremble. The first thing that my father did was take a picture, so now I want to show it you:



(In the airport)

Then at lunch time we went to the port and there we ate some typical Spanish dishes like Paella, bread with tomato, etc with some of my friends, their parents and their Belgium students, all together. At the end of the lunch we went to the beach "La Barceloneta". All the students said that was great, and that the sea was bluer than the seas in Belgium. In the afternoon we decided that we had to take them to the bowling alley in "Parc Vallès" and there we met some more students, It was a great afternoon.



Now I'm going to explain you the activities that we did in the afternoons because you already know the activities they did during the day.

Monday:

First, we drank some cokes in "Plaça Vella" with some of the Belgium students and Spanish students. Then they told us that they wanted do some shopping, and we took them to the shops in the centre of Terrassa, and they bought some things.

Tuesday:

We had some problems to decide the activity we wanted to do, because the Belgium students wanted to do something else, but finally the decision was in our hands. We went to visit "The Monestir of St. Cugat" and there some students bought more and more things. Then we went to drink something in a nice bar near the "Monestir".

Wednesday:

We went to Barcelona to do more shopping, and at first we were ok, but then we had some problems. Mariko, Marta Felipo's student got her bag stolen. The Spanish students bought some presents for our Belgium students in a nice jewellery shop.

Thursday:

At lunch time we bought some sandwiches and we ate in the garden of "Parc dels Catalans", where we also took a lot of pictures and spoke a lot.

Before going to the "pica- pica" at school I took my student to visit my village with some of my friends there, I'm happy because my friends practised the language and they could understand and could speak to my Belgium student. Then we went to school and we had a great time.



Friday:

We went again to Barcelona, but this time not with our Belgium students. We went without them, because they were in "Parc Güell". At dinner time we wanted to eat "tapas", but we couldn't because all the restaurants were full. So, finally we went to have dinner in an Italian restaurant, but it was okay!

When we finished having dinner we went to drink something in a pub called "Reina" in Rasa Street, and we were there until 2 p.m.

Saturday:

In the morning, my student, my parents, my sister and I we went to "L'Acquarium", it wasn't the best option but the weather wasn't very good. At lunch time my parents brought us to eat "Tapas" in a nice restaurant. In the afternoon we went to the disco with all the students, Belgium and Spanish. It Was so great, we enjoyed ourselves a lot!

Sunday:

I think that was the worst day. All the students cried a lot. We took a lot of pictures of all the students, and some of us were crying. We couldn't stop say: "I will miss you sweetie", I didn't want this part of the exchange to finish.



Finally, I want to "thank you" again. As you can see I've written a lot, because you know that this exchange is and will be very important for me.

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