

# COMENIUS MEETING IN SEVILLE

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# MONDAY

On Monday I had to go to school by train, because my Aunt, who normally takes me with her on her way to work, was on holiday. So I got on the train and went to school. I visited the first two lessons, which were Maths and English, and then I said goodbye to my mates. At ten o'clock we had to be in the gym, because Mrs Rasinger wanted to train our dance one more time. First, a third form (the class that made the masks) and then a first form came to see it. One hour later Christoph's Mum came with some pizza, ice-tea and a Gugelhupf for all the people that were taking part in the journey. At 11.45 my Mum brought my suitcase and a quarter of an hour later we left the school with a small bus. First we flew from Vienna to Barcelona. On the flight a woman from Ibiza told us about Barcelona's history. Later we took a flight from Barcelona to Seville. When we were at the airport we sat in a taxi and went to the hotel. Then we had pizza (again!!) in the hotel's cafeteria. Some people from different countries welcomed us. After the meal we talked a bit and then went to bed.

# Tuesday

Christoph and I got up at half past six. Then we got dressed. At 7.30 there was breakfast in the cafeteria. One hour later we went to school and gathered in a big room with a stage. At 10.30 there was a second breakfast in school. Before the breakfast we went to classes to see what school is like in Spain. It was awful. All the kids yelled around in the classroom whenever they liked to. They also started singing during the lesson. The teacher did not say anything about that. She told us and the other people taking part at the Comenius project things about Seville. Then the Belgian people showed us something about their school. After them I told something about our school. When the lesson was over we went to the room with the stage again. Every country had to bring some masks. Now the masks were exchanged and then we had to arrange the masks. On the stage there were fields that said things like love, hatred, joy and so on. We had to put the masks in the right field. After that activity we had lunch. We got paella with sea food which was very delicious. In the afternoon we went to a huge park in town. There we did some orienteering. I was in a group with a boy from Denmark, a boy from Germany, an Italian teacher, a girl from Italy and a Belgian girl. After the orienteering we went back to school by bus. Then we had some free time. In the evening the Austrian group, that means Christoph, Emma, Daria, Mrs Rasinger, Mr King, Mrs Schneidhofer and me, went to town. We ate something at Burger King. After dinner Mr King and Mrs Rasinger left us, because they went to see a flamenco show. Mrs Schneidhofer stayed with us. On the way back to the hotel we stopped at a little shop where I bought a snow dome. Christoph also bought something for his parents. Back at the hotel we went to Mrs Schneidhofer's room to practise the Alder King. Emma, Daria and I read the poem while Christoph was doing some funny movements and sounds according to the text. After that we went to our rooms. We even had German TV, so we watched a bit. Then we went to sleep.

# Wednesday

On Wednesday we got up at 6.30 again. Breakfast was an hour later. At 8.30 we met in front of the hotel which was called Sevilla Palmera \*\*\*\* Hotel. Then we went to the school on foot. In the same room like on Tuesday, all the countries were up to do their performance. We showed our dance. There were some problems with the music first, but when we had finished all the people clapped. After all the performances we had breakfast in school. Then we made a poster with all the people mixed together. I was in a group with two German girls, two girls from Belgium, an Italian girl, a boy from Denmark and two Spanish girls. Then we had tortillas for lunch. In the afternoon the teachers had a meeting and we practiced some sports like basketball or volleyball. Later we went to a river where we did kayaking. While we did that the teachers went to the museum next to it. Then the teachers did kayaking and we visited the museum. After that we went to the school again from where we walked to our hotel. The people from the other countries went to town to get something to eat. We stayed at the hotel and had dinner there. When we had finished eating the headmaster and his son came in the cafeteria. We talked a little bit and then went to our rooms. Christoph and I watched TV a bit before we went to bed.

# Thursday

On Thursday everything was the same in the morning. At school we had to perform the Alder King. All the people laughed because Christoph made the poem a lot funnier. After the second breakfast we went into town by coach. We visited a university where a man told us something about school in Spain. After that we went back to school where we saw a theatre play. But it was in Spanish, so we were not able to understand a word. Then we had lunch. When lunch was over we went to town again where we did orienteering one more time. I was in a group with Evelyne and Lise from Belgium and some German girls. We did some orienteering, but then we saw a little shop where we bought doughnuts and something to drink. At 8.30 all the groups assembled at a fountain. From there we walked to an Italian restaurant where we got a salad as a starter. There were pizza and spaghetti for main course. After dinner I asked some people for their e-mail address so that we could stay in contact. When we left the restaurant it rained a little bit. We had to walk back to the hotel, because there were no busses. When we were at the hotel we went to bed.

# Friday

On Friday we had to get up at 4.30. Later we left the hotel and went to the airport by taxi. We had gotten some snacks from the hotel before, and now we ate them. The plane left at eight o'clock, so we had enough time. Then we flew from Seville to Barcelona. At the airport we had to wait for the next flight, so we went shopping. I bought something for my brother at the airport. Then we went to the gate for the flight to Vienna. On the journey a man from Vienna sat with us. He told us that he was on the way home, because he had been on his offshore catamaran. Back in Austria we got our suitcases and then went to the school with the same little bus with which we had started our journey. I went into the school building and got the things I had to do. While going home by car I told my parents nearly all the things we had done.

It was a nice trip to Seville. The weather was good, although it rained sometimes. We made up a lot of new friends there. The hotel was very nice and the food delicious. It was great being there.





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