

Exchange program Hungary-Belgium

Hungary: 24th of February to 2nd of March 2019

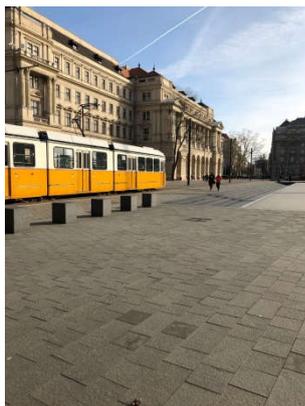
Sunday the 24th of February:



The day we left Belgium to meet our Hungarian exchange students. We met up at 11 o'clock at the train station in Waregem and 4 hours later we sat on the plane direction: Budapest. Once arrived in Budapest our host families were waiting for us, we presented ourselves to the families and after fixing some practical issues we went to our homes. Everybody was tired because of the (long) trip, so we went quite early to bed.

Monday the 25th of February:

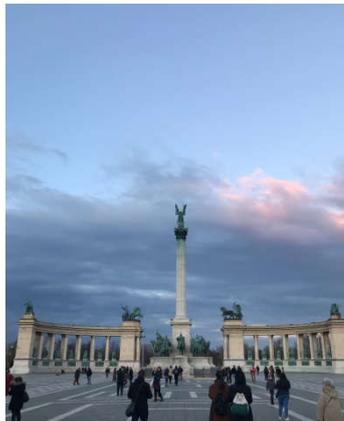
Our first full day in Hungary (Budapest). After a comprehensive breakfast we went with full courage to the "Xántus János Gimnazium". We got a guided tour through the school and got some local folkdance lessons. In the afternoon we explored Budapest a little further with the history teacher as our guide and we drank something after that tour at a tearoom, where we were served by robots. Then it was already 16 hour so we got some spare time. We explored Budapest even more with the exchange students and sat on the Budapest Eye in the evening. The view was amazing!



Tuesday the 26th of February:

We got the first gleam of the project work and worked a bit on it, it is a work about ecological tourism. Later on we learned to know our Hungarians and Estonians better with the help of a teambuilding event, led by the local psychologist. In the afternoon we got an extensive tour through Budapest, where we got a lot of background information about the former and Pest),

Towards the Rudas Thermal Bath. It was an amazing experience especially thanks to the



Budapest parliament, the division of Budapest (Buda the Buda Castle etc... evening, we visited the once-in-a-life-time-rooftop bath!

Wednesday the 27th of February:

Wednesday, half week already, we continued the work on the project work and specialized us even further with the help of ten self-made Kahoots on the topic. After the lunch at school we went by public transport and on foot to a cave in Budapest, we explored it about 1h30min with a guide. It was really interesting and adventurous! Later that day we got some more spare time and we visited Margareth Island, the local sport island in Budapest.

Thursday the 28th of February:

The before last day, we spent on a very beautiful walk through the Buda Hills, it was very exhausting but we were rewarded for our effort by an amazing view on top of the Janoshegy Tower. We went down the hill with the Zugligeti Libego, a chairlift with also a very beautiful view. In the afternoon we worked some on the project work. To finish the day, we went to a mini-golf in the centre of Budapest, where we (of course) mini-golfed and partied.



Friday the 1st of March:

The last whole day, we spent on some more project work as well on a visit to the Budapest Moments Hotel, an eco-conscious hotel in the centre of Budapest where we got a tour through to the hotel and a presentation about all things they did to make their hotel as “green” as possible, for example they do not wash all the towels daily, unless the customer wants it, like that they save (on a yearly basis) a lot of transport and water. We came back to the school to eat and after the lunch we had to present our presentation about ecological tourism to a group of 60 students from the school. Of course before we left again for Belgium, we had to check out the local pubs in Budapest, so we went to an nice pub and had a lot of fun!

Saturday the 2nd of March:

Our official last day in Hungary, but you can’t call it a “day” because we had to wake up at 7 o’clock to go to the airport. We said good-bye to everyone but it wasn’t that hard because we knew the Hungarians would come to Belgium in only one week time. So we got on the plane and ended our Hungarian adventure. But I am very sure this will not be my last Hungarian adventure because it was too nice to never go there anymore.