



Waterways in Europe: Opportunity or danger?

Comenius project

Weilburg, Germany
Day 1, 30 September

We were very eager to start our journey to Germany so we couldn't wait for Monday, 30th September. For some of us it was a first time to fly by plane and we were really excited. At 7:30 we got together at Sofia airport, a little bit worried about the trip, what the week will be like and how they will meet us. After the check in, we took our seats and waited to fly. It was a nice feeling to fly by plane to the biggest airport in Germany at Frankfurt am Main. The flight from Sofia to Frankfurt takes about two hours but we didn't notice the time because it was interesting to look from above at the clouds and the places we were flying over.

After the landing at the airport we took a minibus for Weilburg. We saw Main, the river that runs past the city of Frankfurt. Our way was passing by small towns and picturesque villages. When we arrived in Weilburg there were our German friends. The school is big, with lots of different buildings and playgrounds. My host student was Lara, the girl who was staying at home during the visit in Bulgaria. I like and respect her almost like a sister. Later I met her family and they all were really kind and smiling.

While waiting for the other groups we had lunch at the school canteen, played games and tried some treats, prepared by our hosts.

It was a long and exciting day!

Reneta Kasabova



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Day 2, 1 October

The house of my host family was about 20 minutes from the school so we used to wake up early this week. We had breakfast at home and went to school. It was early and I had to wait for the other students from the project. We entered a math class. It was interesting for me although I didn't understand anything from the lesson ☐. Before the end of the class we got together with the other groups and went sightseeing in Weilburg. Even the mayor came to tell us details about the town. At almost every step we took pictures of the wonderful landscapes. Lost in the beauty of the place we didn't feel when it became noon. We went to an Italian restaurant where they served us pasta, which was strange to taste.

In the afternoon we went to the river Lahn which runs through Weilburg for canoeing. They gave us short instructions, vests, paddles and one by one we got into the canoes. We didn't do a good job, so one of the teachers helped us. The weather was so nice and sunny. We sailed about 8 kilometers. It was really exhausting, but also an amazing experience. We came back by train to the place where we have started. After that we had a barbeque next to the river. The barbeque was very delicious maybe because we prepared it. It was really funny, too!

Later we decided to watch a film in the house of my host family. After the movie I went to bed tired from the amazing day and very eager for the next one.

Daniela Pavlova



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Day 3, 2 October

On Wednesday we had to show the presentations and the things we had prepared for the Art Festival. We had to separate in different groups according to what we have prepared. My group was the art (paintings) group. It was pretty nice to work with people from other countries even though we didn't talk that much. Our group had to color a big painting made from 8 parts. Each one of us got a part. We worked hard as a team and we found out that if you connect the separate pieces you'll get a really beautiful piece of art.

We were all kind of nervous to go on the stage and talk, but I think we did great. We all had to say something about the art in our countries and to present some of our famous artists and their most beautiful paintings. The art festival started with a performance of the school orchestra and it was really nice.

The other groups presented poetry, music, literature and pictures. The poetry group has created a nice poem about water and performed it. The literature group finished the story about Loreley and acted the play. The photography group has taken many great pictures in the town of Weilburg and made an exhibition. The group responsible for music presented songs from every country and sang a German song about rivers. I really think that we all did very well and worked really hard to achieve this amazing ending.

Me, my Bulgarian friends and some of the other pupils thought that it would be nice to eat outside. We got to a bar named "Castello" in which we were on Thursday. It was really funny and we talked a lot this evening. Then we got to our houses and went straight to bed 'cause we were tired after this long, amazing day.

We had a great time in Germany and I was happy to learn a lot about other countries and to meet different people. We really liked the rivers, the monuments and the places we visited. It was a great experience that we will never forget!

Anna Prancheva



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Day 4, 3 October

On Thursday I got up at 7 a.m. and had breakfast with my “German family”. They were really kind and nice to me.

After breakfast they took me to school where I met my Bulgarian friends. We waited for all the groups to come and a bus came to pick us up from the school. We started our journey along the river Rhine and enjoyed at the incredible sights of the river. After a small walk we got to the magnificent Loreley Rock rising above the Rhine river. There we heard the legend about Loreley and took many nice pictures against the backdrop of the beautiful bends of the river.

We went on walking through a forest and got a lift to a nice meadow. Happily the weather was sunny so we settled on the grass and ate our sandwiches. There were some deers and we took some more photos.

After the picnic we saw the monument Niederwald built around 1880 to commemorate the foundation of the German Empire after the end of Franco-prussian war. The Niederwald monument symbolizes the Union of all Germans. I really liked it. The monument is so impressive raising above the river!

After this we got a cable car and then our bus to Weilburg. Unfortunately there was a big congestion and the way took us more than 3 hours.

It was our last evening in Weilburg so we went to have dinner together. All of us spent a nice and funny evening and this was the best afternoon for everyone!

At the end of the day I was sad because it was the last day and I have spent really nice and unforgettable week in Weilburg!

Asia Zareva