

ERASMUS+ project - My experience

BARCELONA – SPAIN



My experience in Barcelona was excellent. I ``lived`` one week in Sant. Esteve, Barcelona. My host family was very friendly. I loves the city and I met new friends of all the world.

Margarida Pereira, Portugal



I think that Erasmus+ was the greatest experience of my life. That's a unique and amazing experience, because I know that I am one of the few teenagers that had the chance to go to another country in a school activity.

The most incredible thing in Spain was the friends that I made, the people that I met and the feeling of being free.

I loved to visit monuments and important places because now I know more about Barcelona and Spanish culture. I also liked my host family.

They were very nice with me. I wouldn't change this experience for anything.

Sara Costa, Portugal



My experience in Barcelona was incredible. I loved the time I spent there. I made new friends from different countries and learned a lot of things about the city, the culture and the language. I had the opportunity to practice my English with some of my new friends from other countries and even learnt some words in different languages. I loved the family and I tried new food. I enjoyed every second. I'll never forget my experience there.

Leonor Santos, Portugal

I travelled to Spain, and stayed in a village on the outskirts of Barcelona and I arrived on the 5th of October and departed on the 12th of October. I was accompanied by Gerald Bajada, Theodore Watson and Clint Bajada and two of my teachers Josefa Spiteri and Manuel Mizzi.

I learnt about this project from Clint Bajada and Gerald Bajada. Their interest made me willing to participate in the experience. We had a few meetings at school about the project. The first few were for us students in general who were all going to different countries. However when we were about a week away we started to go to a few discussions with our teachers about the departure itself and what we should bring with us.

They gave us some advice on what we should take with us and the amount of clothes we required. I packed a few outfits and a few hair products. Towels were to be provided by our hosting families.

I was accommodated by Raquel and Bruno. They were very friendly and they had a very homely residence. I felt comfortable there in no time. Of course the first day was a little awkward but we got used to each other very soon. Raquel made amazing meals. The meals were simple sometimes but they were made extremely well. I really enjoyed them. They prepared their home very well and I am very pleased with my stay.

We went to many different places of interest like Barcelona, Montserrat mountain, Camp Nou and so many more amazing places. I particularly enjoyed the trip to Rambles. I like places with many stores relating to clothing, technology and so on. We went to a massive foodmarket and Maremagnum shopping mall there as well. However, I wish we could've stayed there for longer because we barely had time to look at the entire shopping mall.

As amazing of a place Montserrat mountain was, I must say I was slightly disappointed because we waited a long time for a tour of around ten minutes around the monastery.

In my free time I really enjoyed myself, when we all ate we would go to a park near my house and we would find some other foreign students there. We had a lot of fun with the Greeks and the Portuguese there.

I really enjoyed this trip. We met a lot of new faces we all became good friends with with whom we've kept contact with to this day.

I would definitely recommend the Erasmus+ project to others. It is an amazing experience and you meet unforgettable people. I am very pleased with my experience and I will definitely take part in similar projects.

Joseph Galea, Malta



My name is Clint Bajada and I live in the village of Xewkija. I attend Gozo Seminary School. Some of my hobbies are fishing, playing football and also riding my bike. On the 5th of October we took a flight from the Malta national airport to the Santa Brava airport which is not a very large airport. We went to Girona which is located in Spain. We were 6 student's all in all two teachers and four students. I first heard about this project from my English teacher when he told all of us about this project. We had plenty of meetings the

first two were about where we were going and on the last weeks before our trip we had several more discussion exactly where we were going and also what to bring with us. I packed many things for this flight including a small present for the hosting family. We stayed at the hosts house which is located not very far from school were we used to meet in the morning so we did not have to wake up very

early. I would rate my stay a ten out of ten since my hosting family was very friendly and we also went back to a clean and very tidy house every time. Even though she was able to cook for every night she used to take us to a restaurant called "Bar el Casino" which served typical Spanish dishes.

Some of the activities that we did while we were in Spain were play paddle which is a sport that originated in Spain. It is a mix between squash and also tennis. Another activity was that we went up Montserrat but unfortunately we did not track up to the cross because of bad weather conditions. Some historical landmarks that we managed to visit were Guell Park, la Pedrera, Casa Batllo and also the Sagrada Familia Montserrat mountain, the monastery and also the Barcelona cathedral.

My favourite activity was when we went to play paddle since it is a total different sport from sports that we play in Malta. We used to spend our free time in the park which is right next to the restaurant we also had a lot of fun since all of the Erasmus members used to join. My favourite



landmark was the Sagrada familia since it has a lot of history behind it and also the fact it is been in construction since 1883 and is not even finished truly amazes me. I liked this trip very much and if I had the opportunity to go again I will do so, I wouldn't change anything about this trip since it was a truly amazing experience and one that will live in my mind until I die. I learned many things when I was in Spain about the culture, food and many more things. I made many friends from Spain, Italy, Portugal and

also Greece. I would recommend this project to my friends since it is an experience that will only happen once in your life. On the 12th of October we came back to Malta.

Clint Bajada, Malta

Age: 15

Where do you live: Qala, Gozo, Malta.

What is the name of your school: Gozo Sacred Heart Minor Seminary.

What are your hobbies: I like to play chess, reading and watch films.

Travel logistics

Where did you travel to? Barcelona, Spain.

When did you go? We went between the dates of Saturday 5th October until Saturday the 12th October.

Who joined you on this trip? My teachers Manuel Mizzi and Josefa Spiteri. Also students; Gerald Bajada, Joseph Galea, Clint Bajada.

Preparation

How did you get to know about the project? A presentation was announced at school about it and I was interested in joining.

Did you have any meetings/discussions at school? Yes we did

What did you prepare/pack: I packed the basic and necessary clothes for the duration of my stay and toiletries etc.

Accommodation

Where did you stay? I stayed in a reasonably sized house with ample space and had the perfect amount of privacy.

How would you rate your stay: 8/10

Friendly family? Yes, and very helpful at settling us in.

Clean environment/room? Yes, very clean room/environment.

Excursions/activities

What activities did you do? Walking tours, visiting cites in Barcelona and the stadium. Visiting the monastery and mountain. A day full of workshops. Visiting major attractions such as Sagrada Familia and Park Guell.

Favourite activity? Why? My favourite activity was visiting Sagrada Familia because I had never seen it before and for me it was absolutely amazing.

Least favourite activity? Why? The bus tour was a bit tiresome but it wasn't that bad.

How did you spend your free time? Any leisure time? I spent my free time reading, playing games with the family and just relaxing.

Favourite historical landmark visited? Sagrada Familia

Personal thoughts

Did you like this trip? Yes I did a lot

What would you change? The duration, it would be better if we went longer.

What did you learn? I learnt many historical/ architectural facts

Did you make new friends? Kept contact? I made many good friends from all over the world and do manage to keep in contact with all of them

Would you recommend ERASMUS+ projects to your friends and why? Of course because this is one of the most social, interesting and fun activities for children my age.

Would you like to participate again in similar projects? For sure, I would love too.

Theodore Watson, Malta