

Thibault MAJCHRZAK, Première S/Euro

Poland was a great experience ! It's different from France but it's a great country. When we were there, in late September, the weather was warmer than in the north of France. However, it was already dark at 7 pm. The food is different too, there are specialities, such as pierogi, pierniki, kluski na parze, they were all very good !

The people are friendly, my host family was very nice, we talked about France, Poland, our families and relatives.

We got on very well with the Greek, Spanish, Italian and Polish students from the Comenius project. We talked a lot !

The visits were interesting. Yet the guided tours in English were sometimes a challenge. We discovered a country with a different architecture and admired the colourful blocks of flats. There were lots of green spaces with flowers.

Lubin is a pleasant city, with little pollution thanks to the green spaces, I was impressed by the large brand-new shopping mall, and the stadium. The city of Lubin has a very good football team. When we were in Lubin, there was an important Lubin v. Warsaw match. It was a draw: 2/2.

The School is very large. In the morning they start later than we, and in the afternoon they knock off earlier.

With this trip to Poland, and thanks to the European Comenius project, I was able to know a little more about the country of my ancestors. And to speak with teenagers of other European countries. We were able to share our tastes, favourite music, opinions on Poland and the other countries.

I'll miss Poland, that's why we plan to see if it is possible for me to go to Poland again, and for my Polish host-family to come and visit us in France again.

Pierre-Marie APPOURCHAUX, Première ES/Euro

26 September :

Around noon, we took a minibus from Lillers to Charleroi Airport (Belgium). After checking in, the seven of us flew to Wrocław. The flight was quite short : one hour and a half ! When we arrived in Poland, one of the Polish students was there to welcome us at the airport and we took a minibus again to Lubin. Everyone of us met their host-families. So I met Kamil who had visited our Lycée Anatole France in Lillers last February for the previous Comenius meeting.

27 September.

Kamil took me to his school, and met all the other Comenius partners, students and teachers, in a large assembly hall. All the participants introduced themselves, and showed to the others the activities they had prepared. After the working session, we visited the school. Kamil took me to a kantor to change my euros into zlotys and we went home.

28 September.

In the morning, we visited a Christmas bauble factory. They said it was the largest in the world. They make beautiful things ! Then we visited a former Nazi concentration camp, we saw a film and walked around the site. In the afternoon Kamil suggested we played a football match with his friends.

29 September;

A daytrip to the Regional Capital – Wrocław ! The Polish teachers took us to a Museum where we could see a huge historical panoramic painting on an important battle in the history of the country. Then we went for a guided tour of the city centre. We saw plenty of beautiful buildings and monuments.

30 September.

After waking, I had to say goodbye family, then went to the school to say goodbye to the Polish students and started for Wrocław Airport. We had a safe journey back to France.

That was a really good stay in Poland, THANKS A LOT !

Thomas BAYART

My trip to Poland was terrific, not only because I discovered a new country, and a new way of life, but because I met a lot of nice people coming from other European countries.

We enjoyed very great moment thanks to our Polish hosts.

I can only say that Polish culture is really interesting and should be known by everybody.

Marine SIX

I went to Poland from September 26th to September 30th. We flew from Charleroi Airport in Belgium. I was the only girl student in the group but it was not a problem because the three boys were good friends of mine.

I felt a bit nervous when arriving in Poland at 7 pm, but also excited at the prospect of seeing our Polish friends again, so I felt very happy when I saw them.

I was put up at Lukasz's home, his family was very nice, though I didn't see a lot of them.

During the stay, I met a lot of fabulous people, Greek, Spanish, Italian and Polish people with whom I spent a lot of time, especially every night when we met in a pizzeria bar. We had a lot of fun there, ate very big pizzas – a Polish pizza is the equivalent of four French ones ! We could dance because there was some music, and spoke together in English.

I enjoyed the numerous visits during our trip, the largest Christmas factory in Europe, it was very interesting, we also visited a concentration camp – a very impressive and moving visit. During our stay, we also visited various churches, in different towns, two commercial centres, could see a huge painting (a panorama) representing a great event in Poland's history.

During the Comenius sessions, we could discover new very interesting songs, we also discovered Polish pastry, excellent ! and ate Polish traditional food.

We flew back on Sunday. I was happy to return home, but also I felt sad at leaving my Polish friends, whom I will perhaps never see again. For me this trip was a wonderful experience and I am very happy I went to Poland and met other European youngsters.

The experience enabled me to discover a lot of things about another country and other European people. I also found out that French students speak bad English compared to the students of the other European countries and it's too bad !