



Nowadays travelling abroad is hard. Thanks to the Comenius programme I had the chance to travel to France. I am more than pleased with my trip.

The village where I was hosted was called Lillers. It is a beautiful place full of green valleys and trees in the outskirts. When you enter the main square you feel like you were in a middle ages city because all the houses have brick walls. There are not many shops but they have the basic supplies.

The most amazing building in my opinion was the school. They have different facilities for each division. Different buildings for physics, for chemistry and for literature. I was also charmed by their library and the variety of the books they have. The students respect their teachers and they are always disciplined. The only thing that I thought was not convenient was their timetable.

The purpose of the Comenius programme was to help us understand and learn about other countries' cultures. I believe that the idea of us students staying at another student's home was very good and helpful at the same time. The family that hosted me was very warm and friendly. French hospitality has many similarities with the Greek.

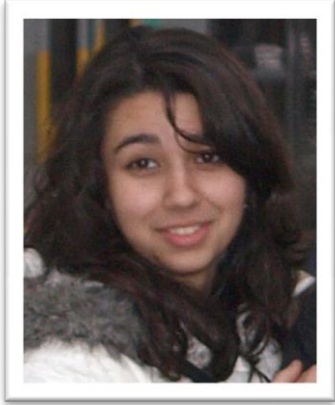
One day we had the chance to go to Lille with some kids from other classes. They showed us a beautiful park and then some old monuments. It was a very pleasant experience because we had the chance to come closer with the kids from the other countries.

At the end of our amazing trip we had the chance to go sightseeing in Paris for a few hours. We took a boat and we cruised down the river Seine. We also saw the Eifel tower but unfortunately we did not have much time to climb it.

Due to this trip I had the chance to practice in my English, meet with people from other countries and create new friendships. I am very pleased for participating in this programme.

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France! One word, so many memories. There are even more beautiful things someone can say about this country, its people and their hospitality!

Those five days we were hosted in a beautiful village called “Lillers”. It was a small and picturesque place. But it wasn’t only the village; the people showed us their love in every way. We felt welcomed in their school and their homes. However, it was a little bit difficult to adapt in their everyday lives but they did their best to make us feel comfortable and I have to say that I still have kept some of their habits such as eating a good breakfast.

Furthermore, their school was so much different from ours. They had five buildings for their lessons including the canteen. One of the things I loved in their school was the library and the variety of books that you could find there. For instance, books about Greek philosophers. It was amazing.

One of those days we had a trip to Lille one of the most beautiful cities which hostess some of the oldest buildings in France. Their architecture was breathtaking.

But everything has an ending. The days passed really quickly and the day to leave was there. I have to say that it was a really emotional day because we had to leave our new friends behind, knowing that we may not meet again, and return back home.

I still don’t want to believe that we have returned. The Comenius program made some of our dreams come true. I cherish every moment and I won’t forget a single little thing, because maybe we’ll meet again.

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It was Tuesday night when our trip to France commenced. The five days we spent there were unforgettable!

The school was enormous and well maintained. It was comprised of so many classrooms in separate buildings. Moreover the school yard was vast. The school canteen was also fantastic!

Even though Lillers is a little village located somewhere in the North I found it so very interesting and different place from these you can find in Greece. First of all, I was amazed by the houses. All of them were detached houses with their own garden. Moreover, it is close to nature and you can breathe fresh air.

The family which was hosting me lives in another village (not too far from Lillers) named Haverskerque (too difficult to pronounce). I was very lucky to live with such a generous and hospitable family. I'm so pleased and grateful. Moreover, my French friend Perrine was so friendly and she helped me to get accustomed to the French daily routine.

Also, we spend one day in Lille, where we marveled the monuments and the traditional buildings of the city.

This trip to France was a chance of a lifetime as we got in touch with other people from foreign countries. I will remember it forever!

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