

## **EXCHANGE IN FRANCE**

We left our school on 24.4 2018, and got in to a van at six at the morning. In front of as long ride to France. It took as about 10 hours to get to the border between France and Italy. The ride seemed longer than it really was because of the monotone landscape. When we arrived to our destination about 6 in the evening and we were all very tired so after a quick visit of a store we all went to sleep early.

The next day we had a very good breakfast in the morning we went to visit an event at a local school. We learned a lot about cows and cheese production that day. We had a lot of fun that day, and to take a break we went to a local lake and some of us even tried to swim. It was very cold. We had a great dinner in our apartment, and after we did some work at school and then went to sleep.

This day we went to the school and joined some French students on their practical work. We had a lot of fun with them and made some new friends. We learned how to check how many worms are in the ground, and why is that so important. After school we went to our apartment, had our dinner and then played some table tennis and other games.

We woke up to a nice sunny morning and went to school after breakfast. We helped some students on their practical work. They were cleaning a storage and we tried our best to help them out. After that we moved a herd of sheep to another pasture and then went home. We had lunch and went back to school to visit their mechanical workplace. We were all very impressed by how much equipment they had. After the visit we went home and had a good dinner and then went to sleep.

We woke up early today and at 8 we went on a 3 day trip with some students to take a look at some farms. After a 3 hour drive with a bus we arrived in our new home for the next 3 days. On our first farm we had a lot of cows and they produced milk and cheese. On a second farm they had about 800 sheep and they produced wool. We were all very tired when we came back to our apartments so we went to sleep quite early.

After a not so comfortable night we went on a long trip with a French guide. We did not understand a lot but we saw some awesome views, and a lot of old abandoned farms. Students had a long 3 hour presentation of a national park, but we didn't understand anything but we had a lot of fun just laying at a nice meadow. After the trip we went back to our apartment and went to sleep.

At the morning we packed our things and went back to school with a school bus. When we arrived we went to a house high in the hills, that our guide nicely gave to us for the next few days. It was very nice and comfortable. It had a beautiful view and a lot of place. We finally had our own kitchen so we could cook our own food that we missed. After setting up our



On our way back we stopped at a farm for sledge dogs and take a look at some very nice dogs. After we came back we cooked some dinner and went to sleep.

We woke up at 6.30 that day. After an effort to find a parking lot in a city Lion, we took a walk of the city and we all liked it. After that we visited a big park with its own zoo and arboretum. We all liked it a lot. And then the best part of the day: the Lion city aquarium. We all loved it. We saw some awesome fish, sharks and learned a lot about fish in France.

Today we all woke up excited. After a dinner we drove for an hour to meet a guy that will teach us how to find gold in the river. He gave us some gear for washing gold and led us down to a river. We had a lot of fun for the next 3 hours washing and searching for gold. We all got some, and we were happy to find it. After that we ate some bread and salami and then continued our trip to visit Anesny, an old city next to a lake. It was beautiful. Some of us bought some souvenirs there and then we left. After a 2 hour ride home we cooked some dinner and then played some games.

And now the last and in our opinion the best day in France. We woke up early and very excited. We drove for 2 hours and come to a cave where our guide was already waiting for us. We got some gear for climbing and walking through caves. After that we went up to a beautiful lake in a cave with crystal clear water. We jumped in a small boat and paddled to the entrance of a cave. We climbed up a 5m wall to go up in to a cave. The cave looked awesome but we had to walk for two hours to come to an underwater river where the adventure really started. We put on our swimming suits and went down in the water. It was amazing... all the waterfalls and clean water and narrow passages really amazed us. After we came out of the cave we were all very tired. We went home, ate our dinner and fall to sleep.

And because all nice things must end, was that our last day in France. We packed our things and then went home. We drove for about 9 or 10 hours back to our school in Slovenia.

We all loved our exchange to France. We all had a great time and we all agree that we will visit France again sometimes.

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