

Estonia

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Our trip to Estonia started at the airport at 5:00 AM. Even we were still asleep we were excited about the take off and to leave Budapest for a week



The first day we arrived to Estonia I was grateful I could meet my foreign friend again. It was not just me but the whole group with our 10 people. Unfortunately, we had to wait for the other nations to travel together to Tartu so until then we were at a Marine life and Ship Museum. We really enjoyed ourselves and had fun there. After every nation had come we finally went to Tartu from Tallinn.

The next day on Sunday our group of 10 people had been to Viljandi, in a town not so far from Tartu. We took a walk at the Castle of Viljandi and spent the day there walking in the nature and having fun.

On Monday at the first day of school we made our groups for the rest of the week, because there were other nations participating too. In every group there was at least a Belgian, a German, a Hungarian and an Estonian. The groups were not made in an ordinary way, instead your group of people were chosen by the timeline of when you were born. I got into a group full of unknown people. For me it was a new challenge getting well with people of other nations alone. At last I think we had been good friends at the end of the week.

Our project was organic food, about what problems would it solved in the world if all the people around the world were eating only organic food. We had to make a digital video about it and I can say our video was excellent and extraordinary from the other videos.

There were some differences in the school rules too. Like when you have a spare lesson you can leave the school and go out to the city for that time, but have to be back if you have other lessons after. Beside this difference sometimes our exchange students had to go to classes and write tests too. However, they had to learn that time of the week we spent there, for them it was not a week without school, lessons and tests. Actually the building of the school was quite modern with two bigger lecture

hall. In one of these halls during the week each nation had to present their presentations of their school and country.

Outside of the school we usually had some programs where everyone had to be there, but mostly we spent our times with our exchange students walking around the town of Tartu visiting sights.

To be honest I really liked Estonia with all the green parts it has, like anywhere we went. It has lot of green parks, beautiful big forests and landscapes with a nice view. Surprisingly all these places are clean and people highly protect the nature too, so I was blessed when I walked through any of these places. One of the most beautiful forest was Taevaskoja.



I cannot say there are real Estonian foods. Some food just stayed from other nations before Estonia became Estonia, like the black bread which actually is a German product, but mostly they eat a lot of vegetables and smashed potatoes.

Living with a host family for me was a new thing. I liked it, of course. I was my own boss and learned to be mature in cases and could be alright without my family, but I also missed them as we spent more and more time there.

The message I would like to send is be brave and join any kind of exchange student program. I cannot say a bad word. It taught me so much things and experienced a lot too. I really loved it and recommend it to anyone who wants to be a part of something that beside school is a big adventure to live once in a life.

