

A Special Adventure in a Special Place

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I started my adventure travelling to Poland on 20th March with my schoolmates Erika, Federica, Giulia, Agata, Chiara and two teachers Mr. Belotti and Mrs. Sollazzo. We all met at 11.15 at Linate airport, Milan. We all were very excited. We didn't have a direct flight to Gdansk, so we had to go to Frankfurt first and then take a second flight for Gdansk, but we had good flights. We only had two problems when we arrived in Gdansk: Federica's luggage was damaged and without wheels and Erika didn't receive her luggage at all. We were all very excited about meeting our host families, and a little bit frightened, too. Mikolaj Hrycina was my host. He's fifteen years old, he's very tall and he has blond hair, like his brother Karol, who's six years old. I was really surprised when we arrived home, and I discovered that everybody could speak English in their family, except Karol.

In Poland the most difficult thing was to get accustomed to their way of life. We always got up at half past six, and we had breakfast at a quarter to seven. I didn't like their breakfast very much. Polish people eat a lot for breakfast. On the first two days I couldn't eat anything, but then I started to eat like them. I think that the food was the biggest problem in my trip. They have a big breakfast, then they have something similar to lunch at half past eleven, and finally they have dinner at four o'clock. I was shocked, and at eight o'clock p.m. I always wanted some spaghetti.

The school in Gdansk isn't very big. It's a private school and there are about 300 students. Their evaluation system is a bit different from ours. They have marks from 1 to 6. The marks from 1 to 3 are bad, and from 3 to 6 are good, and 6 is the highest.



On Monday we started working on our project 'Bridges'. We started with some integration activities. They received us with some Polish music, played by Polish students. Then we had an art workshop at school, and we drew a flag that represented us, and we showed it and described it to all the other students. After that, we visited the old town of Gdansk, and I can say that it's beautiful. On Tuesday and Wednesday we gave our presentations on bridges and on famous people. I think we did a good job, and I hope they enjoyed our presentation. We were then divided into four groups and we worked all together to create an artistic work about bridges. On Thursday they chose the best work, and then we visited Sopot, near Gdansk. It's a nice place. On Thursday night we had a farewell party with karaoke at school. It was great fun.

The week went by quickly, and we had to return to Italy. The last day started badly, because Chiara had a high temperature and a headache. First we went bowling, and then we met our teachers and we went to the airport. When we arrived there, we discovered that our flight for Frankfurt had a delay of about one hour, and maybe we had to stay at the airport in Frankfurt or maybe in Gdansk during the night. We were very excited, but the teachers weren't very pleased. While we were waiting for the airplane in Gdansk, it started snowing. However, we managed to fly to Frankfurt, but we had to spend the night in a hotel there. It was a very exciting experience and we had a lot of fun. I really enjoyed this trip to Poland and I hope that one day I will be able to go there again.

