

OUR BIG TRIP TO THE LAND OF VIKINGS

SUNDAY

We started our journey at our school. Full of enthusiasm and energy we got on the bus. After less than 5 hours, we were sitting at the airport waiting for the flight. Despite the tiredness, we felt excited. At 9 pm we boarded the plane and started the flight. It was not easy. Everyone wanted to take a nap for a moment. At 2 am we were welcomed by cold clear Icelandic air. After a short bus ride to the hotel we could check in and go to bed to collect energy for the next day.

MONDAY

It was a tough day. Despite a few cups of coffee everyone felt exhausted, the night was shorter than usually. We started the day with a school visit. There we participated in prepared integration activities. Moreover it was the day of presentation. Representatives of each country presented their country, hometown and school. Then at school we had a small snack in the form of lunch.

In the afternoon each partner presented their important holidays and the ways they celebrate them.

Later, together with Icelandic students, we visited their vocational workshops which really impressed us. That's a pity we can't learn in such facilities.

After visiting the school, we returned to the hotel where after a short rest we spent the evening on integration with the participants of the project.

TUESDAY

On the second day in Iceland in the morning we went to the main school building located close to [Hallgrímskirkja](#) in the heart of Reykjavik. After visiting the new part of the school building we had a chance to try our hands at recording studio, playing virtual reality and creating various things of different materials. What's more, this part of the building is for students who want to relax and develop their skills. Then we went to the museum called „Perlan- Wonders of Iceland" where we had a chance to see remarkable and eye-catching movie about origins of Iceland and the aurora phenomena. Additionally, we were inside of a glacier and we had possibility to get to know more about this stunning country by interactive whiteboards. Observation deck located beneath the dome was like the icing on the cake. There was marvellous view of the city. After taking numerous photos we headed to the restaurant at the hotel where we ate supper and hung out with other members of the project.

WEDNESDAY

On the third day of our trip, we went to the excursion to "Golden Circle" on Iceland. "Golden Circle" includes the most beautiful and amazing places in the north-west part of Iceland such as Gullfoss waterfalls, geysers and Thingvellir national park. At the beginning of our trip we visited Gullfoss waterfall whose spectacular appearance and giant size filled us with admiration. The next point was the Haukadalur valley where we admire geysers Geysir and Strokkur. Last but not least place which we visited that day were Þingvellir National Park. This Park has a great historical significance for Icelanders and has an interesting geological structure. It is also the place where the Eurasian plate touches the North American plate, which leads to increased the seismic and volcanoes activity. After we came back to the hotel there took part in the final supper with all of the project participants. During the meal we were encouraged to taste traditional Icelandic dishes. Everybody was impressed by amazing food,

and spectacular views that we experienced. It was such a lovely day which we will never forget about.

THURSDAY

On the fourth day we went to the Reykiavik to do some sightseeing in the most characteristic places there. We were astonished by the majestic architecture of the operahouse called Harpa. This building consists of colorful exterior and interior windows. Then we tried tasty lobster soup which is a local delicacy. After lunch we had free time which we spent on buying souvenirs. That day was quite remarkable because at 6 p.m. we had supper with Icelandic families with whom we could get to know more about their culture. It was unforgettable evening on account of the fact that the families treated us very warm.

FRIDAY

It was our last day on this beautiful and at the same time frosty island. We spent the morning on the project summary, completed the evaluation questionnaires and took part in the final meeting during which we were handed in the participation certificates. Later, sunny weather prompted us to the last communing with nature. We took a walk along the coast to take the last souvenir pictures. After a sweet lunch we went to the pool. There, we basked in the hot Icelandic thermal waters. After the pool we had dinner which consisted of a lamb that is typical of Iceland. It was our last joint meal with the participants of the project. We only had to say goodbye and wait for the return flight. Around 10 pm we were already at the airport. . After a relatively fast flight at 7 am we landed in Warsaw where a bus was waiting for us to drive us to Lubliniec. At 12 pm our families greeted us in front of the school building. After spending a few days in the remote Iceland, full of great memories and experiences we returned to home.

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