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Day 1

The Day Orange -Trees Bloomed in Cordoba

A strong smell has crossed our way today. It was the smell of the orange flowers. A strong, citric odor that increased the beauty of the narrow, windind streets in Cordoba.They are crowded in the evenings and the people are kind and polite, making us feel really welcome. I liked the way they made us feel comfortable and at ease everywhere we went.

The arhitecture of the buildings is stunning and contributes to the charm of the city.

I couldn't help and bought some souvenirs for me and my family since the 1st day. I bought some figurines and two necklaces. They are lovely!



Cordoba is an interesting town, full of history and knowledge. I'm so curious about the meeting with the students and teachers in Centro Educativo

"Maria Inmaculata".

Till then, good night!

Day 2

A Magical Day

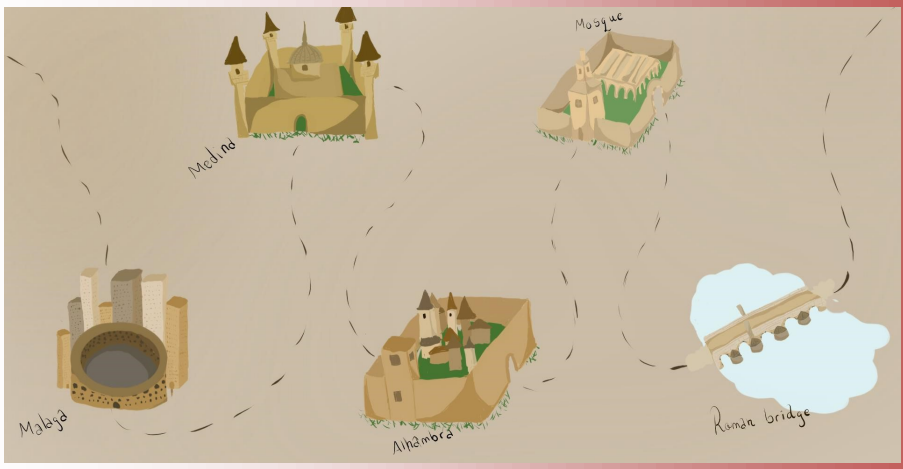


We started our day with a light breakfast at the hostel and then we planned our visit to two of the most important sights in Cordoba - the Roman Bridge and the Mosque Cathedral of Cordoba. First, we headed to the bridge in the historic centre of Cordoba. It was built by the Romans, across the Guadalquivir river, in the 1st century BC. During the Islamic age the bridge was reconstructed to its present size and shape. At the end of the bridge there is a museum called ***Museo Vivo de Al Andalus***. It is an impressive place that displays the diverse cultural life in Cordoba during the Islamic period. I, personally, learnt a lot about religion and old mechanisms/ devices that made the life back then easier. The people were so ingenious back those days! After that we went to the Mosque that fascinated me by its majestic architecture and the dazzling ornamental details. There were a lot of complicated sculptures and patterns on the walls that caught my eyes and attention. Sometimes I felt lost because of the size of the rooms and the walls full of imagines. Even if I wasn't physically tired, my mind was wondering through another world full of domes and arches, tall, white minarets, radiant colours and rich patterns on the walls. After the visit we went back to the hostel to eat and rest. It was a magnificent day and I learnt a lot of new things about Cordoba and Spain!

I'm excited to see what's going on to happen the next days!

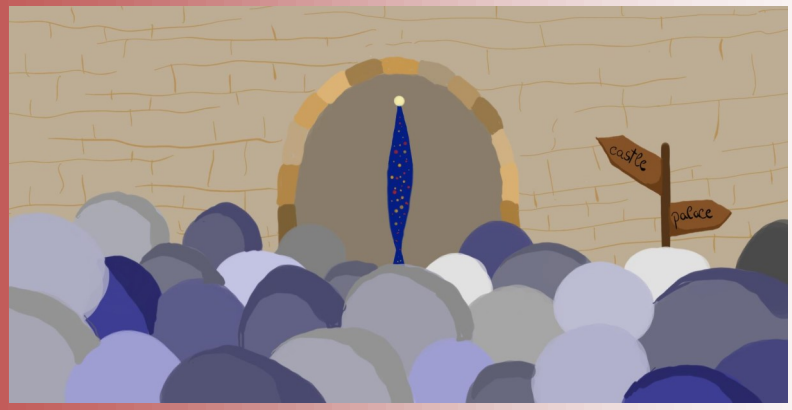
Day 3

A Day in Granada



Our third day of cultural activities started early in the morning. We went to Granada, one of the most interesting towns in Andalusia. Situated at the foot of Sierra Nevada Mountains,

Granada became a major city of Al-Andalus in the 11th century and flourished during the Islamic period. We couldn't see much of the city because our goal was to visit the Alhambra, an ancient Nasrid citadel and palace. We were excited because we knew that it was one of the best-preserved palaces of the historic Islamic world. I liked the Court of the Lions and the tile mosaics the most .



The palace of Alhambra filled me with amazement and joy and made me think about the people who created such incredible works of art. The bird's eye view of Granada was incredible!

Even if the journey was a little tiring, the entire day was an amazing experience for all of us! I am looking forward to going to school and meeting our Spanish hosts!

Day 4

The First Day of School

It is time we met our Spanish peers in Centro Educativo ”Maria Inmaculata”in Cordoba. We had breakfast and set off to school. As usual, Don Rafael, our driver, drove us there, the traffic in Cordoba is not very heavy but the some of the streets are very narrow and you need to be a skilfull driver to be able to get through.

As soon as we arrived, the principal and the deputy principal welcomed us and offered us a tour of the school. We went to two classes where we introduced ourselves. After that we met the students in year 4 (16 years old) who we will spend our week with. The kids were friendly and happy to see us.



We had classes of Maths, Spanish Language and History. We had an interesting conversation about Romania and geometry within the Math class. We were also assigned projects to work on.

After a 30-minute break we had a History class. We assisted a debate about Dictatorship vs. Democracy in Spain. Even if we were nervous at the beginning of the day, everything turned out great.

I can’t wait to go back!

Day 5

New Friends, New Perspectives

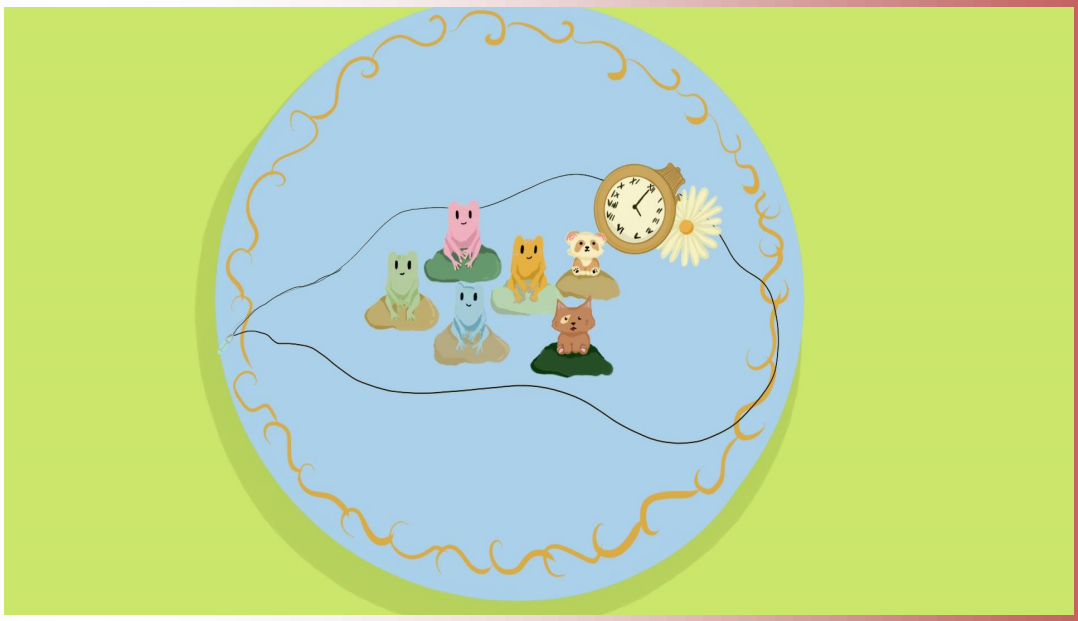


The next day, we went back to school and started classes at 8:30. The Spanish students who, although they were 2 or even 3 years older than us, greeted us with joy and warmth. We took part in Spanish (Poetry Day was celebrated), Mathematics and English classes. The school celebrated the 175th anniversary. Vincenta Maria Lopez y Vicuna, the woman who laid the foundations of the religious order that contributed to the establishment of the school, was evoked. We had a great time with our Spanish peers and we were able to form an idea about the cultural differences between us and about the similarities and differences between our education systems.

Accompanied by our teachers, we visited Medina (the old town) in the afternoon. We had the chance to visit the old palace and got an idea of how the city looked in its glorious days.

Day 6

Literature and Science



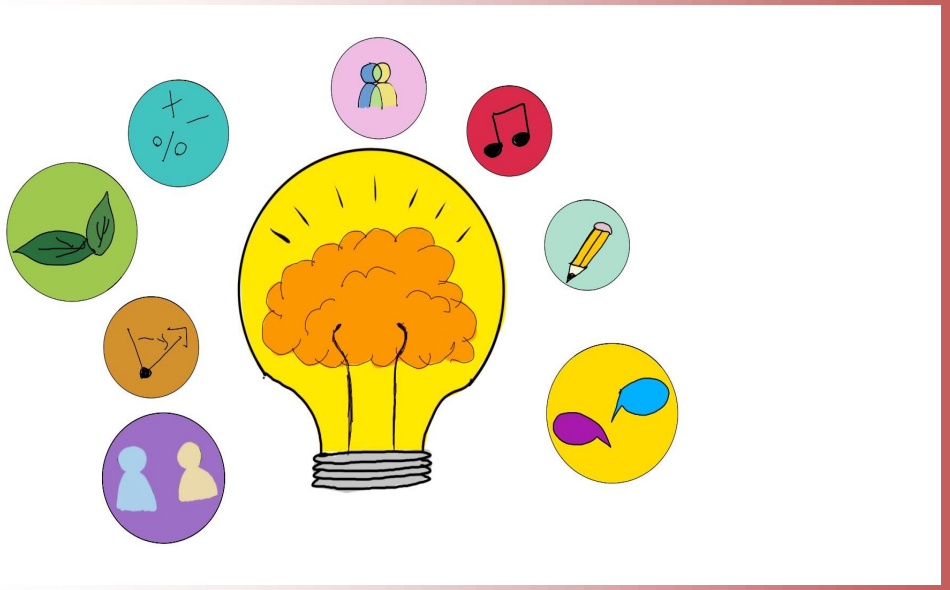
It was a rainy day but we weren't discouraged and started with a short walk to the Mezquita Catedral de Córdoba, because the school programme started around 11:00 - so we had time to do some shoppings, souvenirs for our families and friends.

We got to Centro Educativo and started our school program.

First we participated in Spanish language and literature class. The teacher told us about Frederico Garcia Lorca, considered to be the best Spanish poet of the 20th century. We also watched a documentary about his life and works. The film referred to one of his well-known plays, entitled "The House of Bernarda Alba", as well. Then we had an English class and we made a presentation about traditional Romanian food. Classes of Technology and Robotics followed (we discussed about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence) and got assignments for Friday.

Day 7

The Busiest Day Ever



Our school program started at the same time as usual - at eight o'clock in the morning.

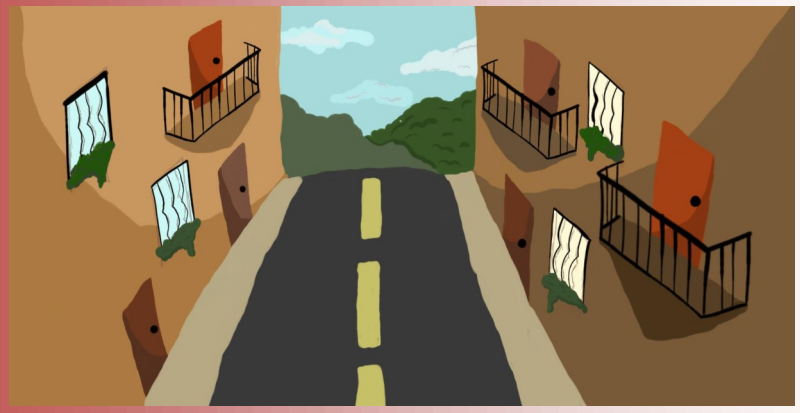
The program was extremely busy, we had Maths, English (students had to prepare a role play "At the Travel Agency"), Computer Science (we all worked in Excel), Geography, History and Physical Education.

Right after we came back from school we were taken by surprise by we were taken by surprise by Mihai - he had organized a surprise trip to Malaga for us. So, we got in the van and hit the road to Malaga. Our journey took about 2 hours and everywhere we looked there were huge olive trees orchards. We spoke about our day and shared opinions about how Malaga would look like.

Malaga is an incredible town, it looked almost surreal because an imense cloud of Saharian dust covered the entire place and everything was wrapped in a reddish fog. But, this didn’t stop us from enjoying our trip.

We visited the Cathedral and then we walked to the beach where we took lots of photos. While we were waiting for Rafael to pick us up, we started singing old Romanian songs on the streets of Malaga. The road back was more peaceful because we were tired and we chose to enjoy it in silence.

Day 8



Farewell Party Day

Our final day in Cordoba.

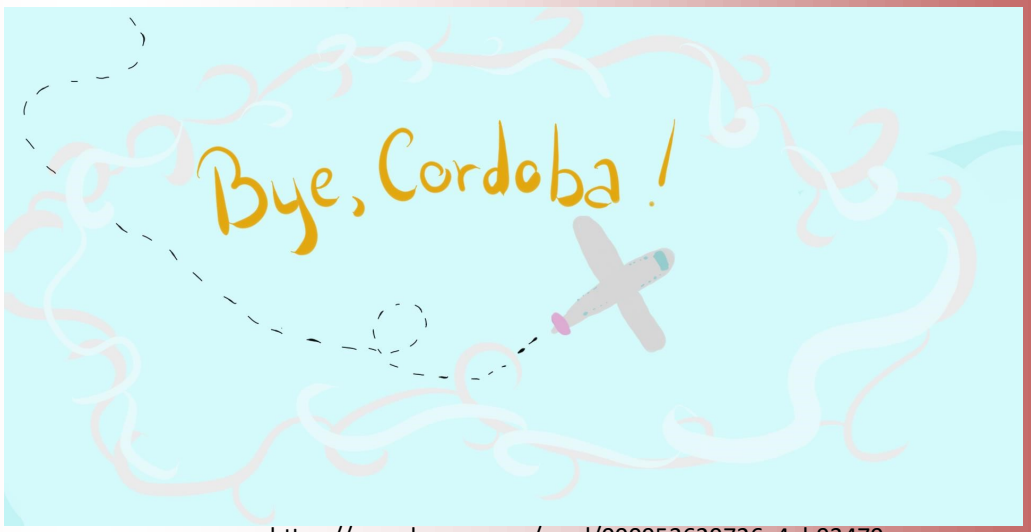
We all went to school to say goodbye. But, first we had our Math class and we presented our Geometry projects. After that we went to the gym where we had a ”desayuno molinares” - a traditional Andalusian breakfast (bread and olive oil sprikled with sugar or tomato sauce).

Then we danced flamenco, limbo and hora. It was emotional to say good bye to the children who I spent an entire week with. We overcame all barriers and had a great time together. My friends and I got small tokens and they signed on the back of our photos. Before leaving, the kids invited us to go out with them in the afternoon. We gladly accepted their invitation. We went to a beautiful park, we climbed a hill from where we could see the whole city. What a fantastic view!

It was a beautiful day, filled with lots of thoughts and emotions.

Thank you Erasmus + for a wonderful experience that has enriched my life!

It was an extraordinary chance for me to develop as a young person, to feel that we all are part of a great family



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