

ERASMUS+ Lithuania

On a cloudy Sunday on the 30th of September a small bus arrived at Silalės Simono Gaudesiaus Gimnazija in Silalė, Lithuania. It contained students from the Czech Republic and Germany and two teachers each from Lithuania, Germany and the Czech Republic. After a warm welcome with our hosts we went to their homes and got to know everything important. We were full of expectation for this great week even though we were exhausted after this long trip.



Monday 1st October

After a peaceful night we started refreshed into a sunny but freezing Monday morning which would hold many new things and a completely foreign town ready for us. After a warm welcome by the headmaster and teachers we had an introduction of the school. At 11am we met at the arts room and began our project work: crafting baroque tiles out of clay. Our work only got interrupted by lunch at 1pm at the school canteen. After 2 more hours at 3pm we went to the town hall where the mayor of Silalė welcomed us. Next we were able to visit the Silalė public library, museum and the catholic church of Silalė.



Tuesday 2nd October

After this exhausting but exciting day the next day started with a relaxing bus trip to the village Nida or Nidden. A ferry brought us to the other bank and we went through a beautiful and really mysteriously looking forest with wooden sculptures in it that showed, among other characters, the devil. After that we visited the Thomas Mann Summer House and our guide told us a lot about his life and family. After the bus brought us to the Paradise Dunes which were truly amazing our guided tour was over and we had a little freetime in the village.



Wednesday 3rd October

Wednesday work began at 8 am. At first we had an IT-lesson in which we constructed models of Baroque churches using a 3D-printer. After that we should present crafts that are typical for our region. The Lithuanians demonstrated their crafts in a practical way. Later we went to the cafeteria and had a really tasty meal. Then our project work started and every team did two Baroque hairstyles (one for a female and one for a male).



They all looked really great and were presented in the evening for which the Lithuanian team prepared a baroque dance theatre too.

Thursday 4th October

The next day started with some presentations that were prepared by each country's team. Thereafter we had another IT-lesson to finish our baroque buildings. Afterwards we had lunch and later we did a bus trip in the Silale district and visited the Buablali museum, the Girdiske church and the hill of Medvegalis. Next we had an ethnocultural evening. We got to be served several Lithuanian dishes and danced folk dances while a real band was

playing traditional folk music. The time went by really fast and almost everyone danced. We laughed a lot and played funny games. All in all it was a great evening.



Friday 5th October

On Friday morning we had at first the usual classes with our hosts. The special thing was, that this day was the International Teacher's Day so the older students took over the classes and all teachers, even the headmaster, went to a health resort in the harbour city of Klaipeda.



After these lessons were done, a bus drove us to a lighthouse at the coast of the Baltic Sea. It was pretty cloudy and rainy but even then it looked beautiful because we could see the sea. After that we drove to a shopping centre and had three hours freetime before we drove back and had a little more time with our hosts before we finally had to say goodbye. At one o'clock in the morning our trip back home started and we all arrived safely in the morning in Leipzig.