Zaragosa - Spain

Travel Diary

In the early hours of the 27th, of September the Icelandic team took off traveling to Zaragosa Spain. Approximately 20 hours later we arrived at Zaragosa.

The day after we started early by visiting the host school IES LA AZUCARERA and then we went to an old sugar factory which had been changed into a conference hall. There every school showed their work regarding the theme lights, lines and life. After a small break we visited the school and after that, went to play SEPPO a game of orienteering where we used computer/ smartphone technology to learn more about the city. We liked that a lot

On the 29.09 we started early because we needed to take a bus from Zaragosa to Veruela which is a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12. century. These are beautiful and great buildings, a church, a monastery, and a cloister, constructed at different times and in different styles, the compound is surrounded by a wall that dates back to feudal times.

After that, we went for a hiking tour in the forest of Monkayo. Beautiful trees, bushes, and other vegetation. We walked on a path with signs of information about nature. The path ended near a fountain where you could drink natural water which was the best water we tasted during our stay.

On our way back we visited Tarazona a small city where we visited the cathedral and the old town. Our guide pointed out how building styles showed us that the Muslims had influenced the architecture.

On the 30.09 there was no program on Sundays so we were scattered around Zaragosa. Some of us went to a theme park, stayed with their family or went shopping.

On the 1.10 We met at the school and from there we went to Etopia an innovation center. There we attended two interesting workshops. Making a film with Stop Motion app and learning 3 D printing. It was both interesting and fun. From there, we visited the Aljaferia Palace. We were quite surprised when we entered. Very plain from the outside but beautiful on the inside.

It was built by the Arabs in the 11th century and is still preserved. It is built around a quadrangular garden (courtyard) which is open to the sky. This palace is beautifully decorated and worth seeing.

The house is used as the headquarters of the Aragonese Parliament and we visited the meeting room.

On the 2.10. The last day we had workshops in school about rays of light and old-fashioned photography. It was interesting and fun. This day was also used by saying goodbye to those that we wouldn´t meet the following day.

The 3.10 was a travel day. Bus to Madrid, plane to London and then another to Keflavik where we took a bus to Reykjavík.

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