

Erasmus + Trip Report

On a pleasant Friday afternoon in April, the I/10 class of Gimnazija Kraljevo came to the conclusion of who we were going to send on a trip to Spain. The four students were chosen based on their English-speaking abilities and involvement in the project. Our names are as follows: Lana Blagojevic, Nina Kekeric, Lana Jevtic and Viktor Nikolic. We opted to combine forces and work on a joint project, a website made for the purpose of informing people on the intricacies of recycling.

Preparations for the trip were ongoing long before any one of us stepped foot on the bus to the airport. There was paperwork, a lot of paperwork- tests, additional contact information, tickets, the list goes on and on.

Eventually, after what seemed like an eternity, the 16th of May finally came along. We waved goodbye to our parents and boarded the bus for Belgrade.

Once we reached the airport, our excitement could be smelled in the air. But our journey was just starting with a nine-hour journey awaiting.



The first flight, a transit to Munich, was the first flight ever for most of us. Upon landing, was a five-hour layover until our flight to Madrid was taking off. Some of us had bought lunch and souvenirs, while some used the free time to rest and talk amongst each other about the plans for when we get situated.

After arriving, all of us fell right asleep, as the immense tiredness had got the best of us.

On the first day of the trip, and most tiring one at that, we went to visit the high school that was hosting this amazing project – IES Pablo Neruda. There, professors from all participant countries got a chance to introduce themselves. After having some time to get to know other students and receiving lunch packets from the school, all of us boarded a big bus and set off to Barrancas de Burujón – a series of beautiful cliffs facing a big lake. Following a long walk under the blazing sun, we sat down to have lunch and continue our journey. Our next stop was the medieval city of Toledo. It's a beautiful city with a plethora of history behind it. We had



some free time to walk around and enjoy the beautiful structures and interesting shops.

The next morning, after having breakfast at the reception area, we set off to a bus station in Zarzauemada from which we arrived to Madrid city centre, switching to the metro after a while. Once we arrived in Moncloa, our first stop was Faro de Moncloa. This 92-meter tower provides an amazing view of the surrounding area, as well as the four big skyscrapers in the Financial district. While having a walk around town, we visited the local park, Plaza de Mayor as well as the Royal Palace, which was mostly closed off due to the time being rest hour for the Spanish royal family. The Royal Armory, located just opposite the main palace building had an array of various weapons and sets of armor that Spanish soldiers used during history. The world-renowned Prado museum of art and the National Bank of Spain were our next pit stops before going back to the station and leaving for our hotel once again.



The third day was very eventful. We visited Parque Polvoranca where some interesting activities were organized by the park rangers, but we also had some free time to enjoy the beautifully kept nature. After hanging out with other students for a little while, we realized that walking to the park was a mistake, so we took the train back to our hotel. Even after the long day we had had up until this point, some students still decided they had enough energy to visit the local shopping centre, while some were overruled by the exhaustion of this day and the ones prior. And with that, while getting in a taxi for the airport at 4 o'clock in the morning, we were slowly coming to the realization that this marks the end of this trip.

After two more flights and a relatively short layover between, our plane finally landed in Belgrade and as the last two hour journey to Kraljevo passed, the bus finally stopping and telling us that we've arrived marked the end of this incredible journey. In fact, so incredible and memorable that we will forever remember it as one of the most interesting trips for a very long time.

