

## Budapest (Thursday, 12th September)

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On Thursday, Jule, Niki, Zora and I (Hilke) went to school by train and bus. We arrived at 8 o'clock, I think. Our host sisters Niki and Zora live far away from school, so the connections aren't so good. They are always too early or too late, it is not so awesome. Then five of us had a geography lesson and the rest a German one. The German lesson, and generally the school, is very similar to ours, in the beginning they are checking their homework and then learn something new or repeat some things. One big difference is, that they don't have to put their hands up to say something, they can just talk, but that's very weird, because then two people talk at the same time. After that we had a 15 minutes break, after each lesson (45 minutes), the students have 15 minutes free time. In the next lesson we had to work with the Hungarian people and it was very nice to talk to them and help them. Then we had an English lesson, where we had to create stories with other people, with different tools. At 12:20 we were eating lunch in the little canteen.

In the afternoon, we went to the Szechenyi thermal bath. It is one of the biggest thermal baths in Europe. From the outside it looks like a castle and inside, what is by the way also outside, it looks like a Roman swimming bath. Inside of the castle, there are many different saunas and little pools, which should be healthy, for example one with sulfuric. In the centre there are two big pools with really warm water like in a bathtub.

On Thursday there were many people. So it wasn't easy to move without touching other people. Another problem was to find a place, where we can put our swimming things, because there was no free lounge.

In our opinion it was a nice experience, but we don't have to go there again. It wasn't that special as we thought before. It was really stressful, especially to move or go into a little pool because in a pool where there is only space for approximately 10 people, already were 20 people in. Also it was really expensive. For one day you have to pay 6000 HUF(=18€).



