

# Erasmus: Trip to Budapest

Wednesday, 11th September 2019

Our day began at 8:00 a.m. at Kossuth Lajos Gimnázium. With our teachers we went to the parliament with a tram. There we got a worksheet with some questions about the parliament or some statues that were in the same place. With a question we were led to another street. After we went through that street, we came to a beautiful kind of park. There were the next questions. The last question led us to a statue of a police officer. There we took a group photo and we got half an hour of free time. In two

small groups we went to get some ice-cream, or we just walked around and had a look at the beautiful houses there.

We met again at the corner of a street and visited the Basilica together. We had to donate some money to enter the huge building, but it was worth it. We saw this big church from the inside. The walls were decorated, and the furniture was beautiful. You felt so little between these walls. In the



Basilica we had some questions to answer, too. We got a time limit, so when we answered the questions, we got a little time for ourselves again. After meeting our teachers again, we went to an underground station and went to the hero square. There we had to answer the last questions of the paper chase we got. It was about the statues that were built there and the museums around the square. In general, it was pretty interesting because you got to know more about these places, but because it was so hot most of us got kind of annoyed after some time, even if it wasn't a bad thing.



After we had finished the paper chase, we all walked towards the zoo together. Right after we entered the zoo, we went to eat Langosh. Opinions were divided. Some found it delicious and others didn't like it at all. The weather was really perfect for a visit to the zoo. A little later we split into small groups and started to explore the zoo. In the zoo there were different theme worlds to which the animals were then assigned. The animals we could see were really fascinating. In the tropical theme world, we could see an extremely large anaconda. We didn't think that this reptile was that big. In the zoo you could choose different ways that lead around a theme world. At certain times we could have watched animal shows with sharks, seals and

similar animals. But we spent our time looking at the whole zoo. We had a total of 4 hours, which was really enough time. Even though the zoo is quite big, we managed to see the whole zoo. Our favourite animals were, for example, the turtles, polar bears, sloths and many others. In addition to the animals, there was also a Japanese garden and several buildings where interesting facts about the zoo and the animals were available. For the smaller children there was a petting zoo and climbing frames. Finally, we would say that the visit to the zoo in general was very nice. Even if the zoo itself didn't get the best rating from us, because the animals were very close to each other and didn't have enough space. Our feet hurt a lot during the walk, but it was very worth it. At 5:00 p.m. we took the old underground station to Boraros Square and were picked up by our exchange partners.



In conclusion, the day was very exhausting, but really wonderful at the same time. It was one of the best days of the whole exchange.

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