

# Erasmus: Trip to Budapest

Tuesday, 10th September 2019

We met at the Kossuth Lajos school at 8 am, where we met with two Hungarian teachers. While they brought us to the bus station, they told us why there were so many thrown out appliances and furniture lying at the side of the road: in Hungary there is a certain time of the year in which people put all the stuff they don't want any more out on the street where it is collected. We went to Budapest by tram. When we arrived there, we had a bit of free time. We went to Starbucks and walked up and down the promenade. Then, we got on a boat which took us to the small town of Szentendre over the Danube. The boat

trip was pretty long, but we saw many cool things, for example the parliament or a swimming bus. In Szentendre we had a bit of free time for our lunch; we ate pizza in a small restaurant. After that, we went to an open-air museum



called "Skanzen" by bus. It was very interesting, but it was also very hot that day, so it was a bit exhausting too. Skanzen is a museum that looks like a traditional Hungarian village. Some of the houses are originals and some are replicas. There are many buildings, but we only visited a few because we didn't have much time. The buildings we visited were a chapel, a blacksmith's shop, a barber's shop and some residential buildings. Most of these were houses from German immigrants. One of the houses was a replica of the childhood home of an old woman who now lives near the museum. Her family originated from Germany, and after the World War II everyone in her family except her and her sister was deported to Germany. She never saw them again. So sad! After we visited the buildings, we went to see some traditional farm animals. Some of them looked very different to today's farm animals. We thought the sheep were very funny because of the weird noises they made. Then we went back to Szentendre, where we had a bit of free time. The town was very beautiful; for example, there was a street that had colourful umbrellas hanging between the roofs. We took many pictures. We also bought some postcards and souvenirs. Sadly, we didn't have enough time to visit all the stores, but it was nice anyway. Then, we went back to Budapest by boat. In our opinion, it was the best day of the exchange. Back in Budapest, we met with our exchange students.

