

Patchwork



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Au Portugal



Erasmus+

La langue officielle est le portugais.
Sa population est de 10 375 000 d'habitants.
Sa superficie est de 92 358 km²
Sa capitale est Lisbonne.
Sa monnaie est l'euro.
Le président de la République est Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.
L'hymne national est « A Portuguesa ».



The Trip to Leiria

We left for Portugal on Tuesday, April 19th at 11.45 am. We left the school and we went to Lille airport. Arrived at the airport we checked in and passed through the controls to the departure lounge. We had to wait until 3.00 pm before the airplane took off. During this time, we ate and we had lot of fun. We sent a last little message to our parents before leaving France.



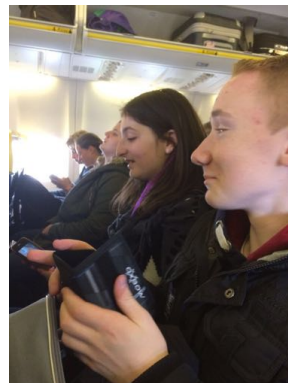
After two hours' flight we landed in Lisbon's Airport. The flight was very nice. When we arrived, we took our baggage again and we got out of the airport where a Portuguese sports teacher welcomed us warmly .

Then we got on a bus and drove for two hours before reaching our destination: LEIRIA. We arrived there at 8.15 pm (Portuguese time because there is an hour difference with France). Finally we met our correspondents and their families. We stayed in LEIRIA for 8 days in order to discover the people and their traditions.

We left LEIRIA on Tuesday April 26th at 7 o'clock am. At the airport we had to wait until 11 am for the flight. We arrived at Lille airport at 2 o'clock p.m. and we had to go through a lot of controls. We were sad because the trip was over...it was so nice and wonderful.

On the road there was an accident so we were late. We finally arrived at 5 o'clock pm at the school. We were happy to see our families again and sad at the same time because we had to leave our correspondents. Now we have a lot of memories of that trip and we are preparing to receive them in May.

Ambre.



The school

We studied for one week in School Correia Matteus in Leiria (Portugal) with five hundred students (thirty kindergarten students in only one class who study three years from 3 to 6 , four primary classes with a total of eighty students and three hundred and ninety students in secondary school).

In the morning we (the English, French and Portuguese) went to a physics lesson , it was interesting to attend a familiar class in another language. After that we participated to a physical education class and since no activity was planned, we could play football, table tennis and other games ... The sports grounds are divided into two basketball courts (two goals and four baskets on every pitch).

Their school is substantially similar to ours, there is a canteen and classrooms on two floors (there is even a vending machine selling beverages and cakes ...)

At 7 p.m, we had to go to the school party, along with the English group which was also invited. There was a large buffet with several sweet and savoury specialities brought by the parents also invited to this evening . We could see several musical performances by Portuguese students (there is a music academy in their school) . There were all kinds of instruments (violins , acoustic guitars , saxophone , tuba , piano ...) We even heard solo performances by some students. It was beautiful to listen to them and to be given the opportunity to see their musical technique. To end the evening each international group sang one or more songs dear to their hearts.

Damien and Clara



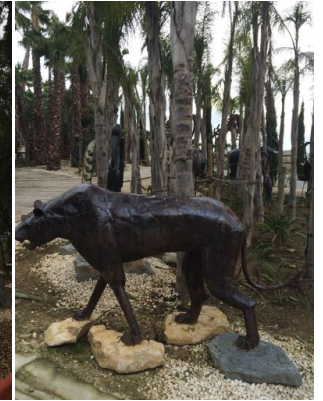
A week end in Leiria

On Friday evening we had an evening at the school with our pen-friends. The evening was superb. All the Portuguese played their musical instruments.

On Saturday morning, we went to a park to do an activity all together and we walked to Leiria Castle. In the evening we all met on Leiria square to eat ice cream. On Sunday, with the family it was time to visit Lisbon or Porto. We visited the Lisbon Aquarium Museum, we walked all day. In the evening we ate with friends of my pen-friend's mother's, they spoke French.

On Monday morning, I stayed with my correspondent. In the afternoon, I did some shopping with her, with Damien's friend and Theo until 6 p.m. We talked and chilled out in Leiria until 8.30 p.m. We all went home and had dinner. It was time to say goodbye and thank you to the parents of our correspondents. We went to bed and in the morning we left at 6.45 a.m. to go back to France.

Amélie R. et Thomas W.



Park Bacalhao Buddha Eden

We had our picnic in the Park Bacalhôa Buddha Eden and then we visited that wonderful place. It was created by a millionaire who did not know what to do with his money. So he decided to create a Zen park so that people who came to Bacalhôa Buddha Eden could relax in this peaceful place full of serenity with its Buddha sculptures. We saw all sorts of sculptures: small ones, big ones, some very colourful and some less colourful. At one moment, we saw a big red staircase that led to a giant golden Buddha. In short, this park is fantastic and full of surprises and it is worth seeing at least once in your life..



Sport activities

During the Erasmus+ week in Portugal, we had a sport day on Wednesday: We started by taking walkways to the beach and we stopped at a place where we could form teams for orienteering.

We were divided in groups of 4: a French correspondent, a British correspondent and two Portuguese, we could communicate in a foreign language to improve our English or Spanish. We started orienteering under the sun. We had to find control points having pens and we had to tick boxes with the colour found to prove our visit to the control point. Orienteering was made in the up and down streets and in the forest. But the weather changed and it started to rain a lot but we continued.

After that, we all went to the beach and ate the sandwich or pizza that the families had prepared for us. It stopped raining but we were wet.

After lunch we played on the sand: the Portuguese against the French in a football game and we also played frisbee and baseball. Then we went to the bar to warm ourselves up and we all discussed. The teachers picked us up and we went back to the bus.

We arrived inside the school for the first time. We were out during recess and played on their sport courts. We played games : football, basketball. We talked and started to get to know each other while waiting for the families.

Aurore- Thomas



Obidos

On Thursday, April 21st in the morning, we went to Obidos Castle with our Portuguese and English friends. Obidos is a village that was built in the Middle Ages in 1148 and fortified in 1527.

The village is surrounded with walls and towered by a fortified castle.

Four doors and two porticos give access to the town. The fortified castle strengthens the wall on the north side.



Obidos is about one hour's drive from Leiria and is situated quite near the capital city, on a high place.

The name Obidos comes from the Latin word oppidum which means fortified place. There are about 3,400 inhabitants in Obidos. There are two churches and a cathedral. The day when we were there, there were two street performances, such as people in disguise pretending to be statues. There was also an event on the theme of chocolate that took place near the library.

We had two hours' free time to walk around the castle. The streets were very narrow and cobbled.

Most often they were lined with souvenir shops, restaurants and bars. There were not many cars in the streets but a lot of tourists.

Manon D. Et Théo C