

During my month abroad in Spain, one of the values that struck me most was that of diversity. Spain is a very diverse country in every sense of the word, whether religiously, culturally or socially. As Jules Beaucarne once said: "the diversity of some makes for the wealth of others". So we'll see below how Spain represents the value of diversity. First we'll talk about cultural diversity, then social diversity and finally we'll come to a conclusion.

First of all there are a lot of cultural differences. When I was at school in Spain, hey, I was able to observe firstly the difference in culture among the pupils, as everywhere there are pupils of all nationalities, but the difference between Spain and France at this level is that wearing a flight is accepted within the establishment. This is a difference that shouldn't be overlooked, as in France this subject has been the subject of debate for quite some time. Then, arriving in a new country also made me discover a lot of things and different ways of life depending on where you live. Just like the different ways of life over there, the time you eat is different, the relationship at school is different comma with the teachers comma with the students, etc. It really opened my mind and taught me to adapt to different cultures by spending a month abroad.

It's also very enriching to be able to talk to students of different nationalities, which has enabled me to learn about cultural differences, traditions, customs and even a new language. Christmas, for example, is not necessarily celebrated on 24 December as we do, but during the festival of the Three Wise Men, which takes place around 6 January. It's also enabled me to learn a new language, and there's nothing more culturally enriching than learning a new language. With all this, we can speak of cultural diversity.

Secondly, we can talk about social diversity. Spain is a very socially diverse country, and I noticed this during my month abroad. First of all, in the town where I was, Castel des Feys, the social level is very different from one person to another. But whether they're richer or poorer, everyone goes to the same school and everyone's friends with everyone else, but that doesn't change the relationship between them.

I was also lucky enough to be able to visit other cities such as Barcelona, Madrid and Sitges, where I saw that the LGBT community had a very important place and was highly respected. In Madrid, for example, I saw streets dedicated to the GBT, in Barcelona flags were flying from windows, and Sitges was the city said to represent the gay community. Social diversity is also evident in the number of foreigners in Spain.

In Madrid, it is said that one in every 6 inhabitants is foreign, and the 4 most common nationalities are Ecuadorians, Moroccans, Romanians and Colombians. There are also a huge number of foreign students, including myself for a month. In fact, most foreign students who want to study medicine go to Spain rather than France because the system there is much easier than it is here in France.

In conclusion, Spain is a country rich in both social and cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is a real source of personal enrichment, and social diversity teaches us to live with each other without making differences. Having lived my exchange experience in Spain for a month, intercultural school exchanges are unique experiences that we should all be able to have during our lives.