



# Czech Republic

5th-9th December 2022

ERASMUS+: Peer-teaching  
our language via culture



Erasmus+



# The plan

We took the flight on Sunday evening ready to start our week in Czech republic.

Our days were strictly organised:

-8:00-11:30 Czech lesson at school

-11:30-12:30 lunch at the school canteen

-12:30-18:00 visit to the main tourist attractions



## Goals

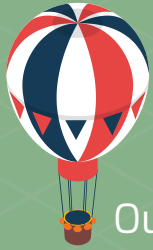
Getting to know their culture



Learning some phrases in Czech



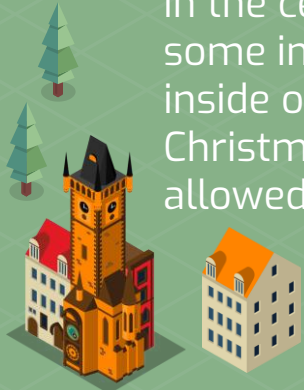
Meeting new people



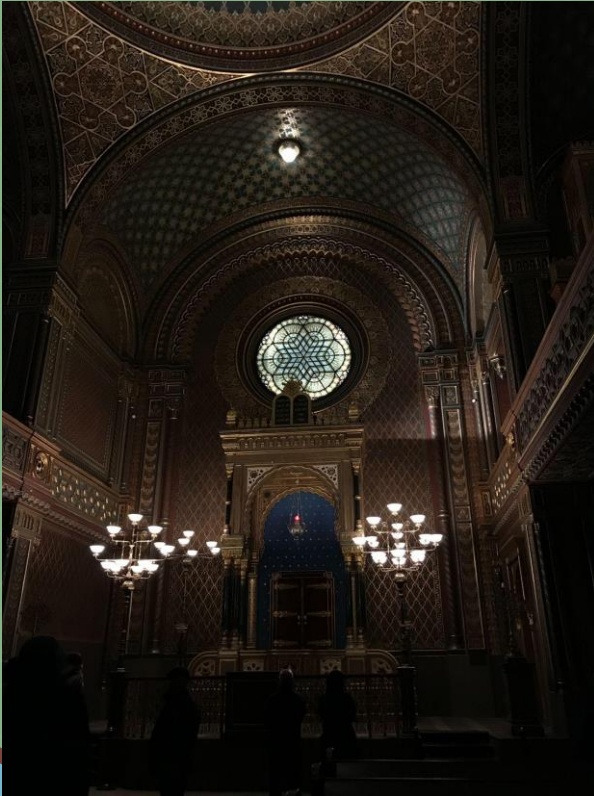
# First day

Our experience started on Monday. From around 8:00 to 11:30 we had our first Czech lesson after the headmistress welcomed us in the school. As the students explained the language basics, we were all astonished by the difficult sounds of the language.

During the afternoon we went to visit the Loučeň castle, which is a massive baroque building located in the centre of a big garden that also houses some intricate labyrinths. There we visited the inside of the castle which was decorated with huge Christmas trees, but unfortunately we weren't allowed to take any pictures.



# Second day



The second day, after spending the morning trying to learn some czech, we went to prague for the first time. From Čelákovice we arrived in the city center in 20 minutes by train.

Once we were in the capital, we walked a bit until we reached the Jewish quarter. There a guide accompanied us to see the Jewish quarter of Prague, with its synagogues and the Shoah memorial.

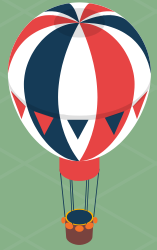
In the evening we hung out in Prague with our hosts, before returning home for dinner.



## Third day

As usual, we started studying at school some more Czech words and we practiced thanks to our peer teachers.

During the afternoon, we went by train again to Prague: we discovered the others interesting things about Prague's history: we went to visit the old town square, full of Christmas markets, and then we watched to the famous Astronomic Clock and went for a walk along the Charles' Bridge.

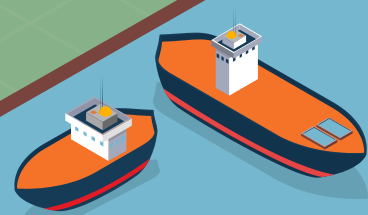


## Fourth day

On thursday we did an all day trip to Kutná Hora which is one of the most beautiful and historically important Czech cities. Visitors come here to admire the Cathedral of Santa Barbara and the Vlašský Dvůr Museum.

The city centre, is very picturesque due to its well-preserved system of medieval cobbled streets and squares, numerous small shops, cafés and taverns.

In the evening we had the official closing buffet dinner at Zeleneč hotel with everybody from the erasmus project.



# Fifth day



We spent our last day in school to receive our certifications and to say the last goodbyes to our friends and hosting families. Before leaving we painted a wall with our hands, all together.

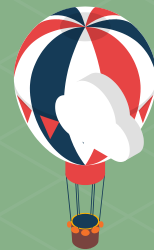
We were really happy to spend our time with the others Erasmus students and satisfied for our work! Then, we went to the airport and we took our flight at 20.30 to come back home.



# Our experiences

Marco A. Cancelli 4^B

I found the Erasmus+ project a truly formative experience and a genuine challenge: I enjoyed hosting foreign students (and friends) as much as going to Czech Republic. Personally I hosted during a week a Greek guy, really kind and friendly. We were able to know each other as to know the other foreign students: I had fun with all of them and I've tried to spend as time as possible with them, because I was really curious. In few times I noticed that my English had really improved: now I can speak it without thinking and in a very more fluently way. Instead, when I arrived in Czech Republic I found a different world (for example in school people wore slippers, shocking for me!). I was able to quit my comfort zone in order to improve my skills and learn to be more independent. Anyways my Czech friends were really funny, so I enjoyed spending time with them and learn more about Czech culture, even if the weather and the language were so different! In conclusion I think Erasmus+ project is a real opportunity to improve your English and also improve yourself, so I really suggest it to everyone.










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Alberto Pagnoncelli 4^B



The Erasmus+ project is really special, it is perhaps one of the best experiences that we can have in the school context. Today traveling abroad is not anymore something new or a special event for us, but how many of us have had the opportunity to visit a country and immerse ourselves in its culture at the same time? The fact of being hosted for a week in the home of a person who was almost completely foreign initially scared and embarrassed me quite a bit. All prejudices or fears towards a culture disappeared when I remembered that we were both participants in the same project and therefore with more or less the same mentality: we both believe in the importance of establishing a bond between Europeans. These are strong words but I can assure you that spending a week among 50 students from 6 different countries makes you understand how similar we are in reality and we must invest in our relationship, which is basically none other than the EU.



Despite the cold suffered we had a fantastic experience, thanks to an excellent relationship with our hosts and the opportunity to visit one of the most beautiful European capitals. Without taking anything away from ordinary school and classroom lessons, I believe that the Erasmus+ project is truly enriching from the point of view of both knowledge, for example knowing others and their countries, and skills, in other words being able to interact with them; for this reason I highly recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity to participate.





# Our experiences

Ruggeri Laura 4^F



As we took our flight to leave Italy I was worried about all the difficulties that I was going to face abroad, from the language to what I thought would have been a very different culture. When I arrived I was pleasantly surprised to be welcomed by a warm and kind family, which helped me everyday. Unfortunately I didn't have the chance to stay with my host because she was sick, but that actually helped me to meet new people and face new problems on my own: I had the opportunity to get to know other guys who were friends with my host and to hang out with them almost everyday. The host family was very kind and friendly, they really made me feel at home, although the many differences between the two cultures.

During these days I was able to master my english because I had to use it in real life situations, as a result I can now say I speak english more fluently. Although it is unlikely that I will be studying Czech in the future, I've still found it really interesting and more similar to italian than I previously thought.

The days I spent in Czech Republic just flew away and I couldn't believe that I was able to remember something in Czech after just three language lessons, considering that I've never studied it or listened to a person speaking it before.

Without a doubt the weather was absolutely freezing than it is here, but I was warmed up by their hospitality and their traditional food, which was quite different from ours. Fortunately we always ate together in the school canteen, which is something that allowed us to talk about the diversity between the two cultures and learning something new by discussing different types of food.










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Giorgio Vavassori 4^B



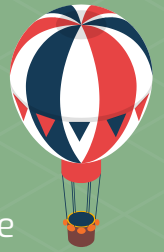
The only way i could sum up this experience is by saying that i recommend everyone who wants to have an immersive and exciting international experience to join it. the week i spent in czech republic helped me to develop my english skills and also to learn the basics of the language of the nation that hosted me but also to have some authentic friendships with people from all around europe. my host family was very kind and supportive, and the activities we did were mostly interactive and interesting. i increased my social and international awareness and visited some incredible places, and even if i had already been in czech republic in the past with my parents this has been a completely different thing, because i was able to develop friendships with people my age of different nations and get in touch with a lot of different cultures. i can conclude by saying that this experience is the prove of the existence of a true and effective cooperation between european nations from which everyone can benefit, mainly young people like us who are offered opportunities to grow like this one.





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Elisa Pulcini 4^B



The Erasmus project was a marvelous experience and I'm really thankful and grateful to have participated. Despite the initial fear due to the fact that we were supposed to be hosted by complete strangers and have to speak not our first language, it really helped me to bond with other people and discover new lifestyles, culture and cities.

The week I spent in the Czech Republic literally flew by.

For instance, I was really excited because I had never been in Prague and also because I was willing to see the Czech friends I met in Italy with our mobility.

My host family was really lovely and affectionate, they truly made me feel at home. For example, I just loved how we spent the evening sitting around the table with some snacks and just talked about anything.

This experience definitely helped me to improve my English and to be more fluent and jump into new situations.

During the time I spent there I also had the chance to interact with dozens of other people from different countries and regardless of our differences we found points of closeness and we immediately became inseparable, in fact, although being physically distant we are still in touch.

