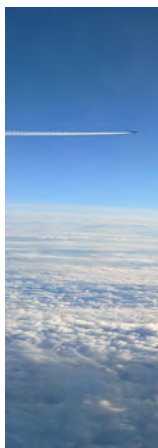
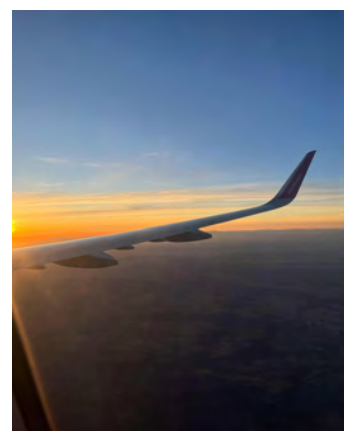


**Reflection on our Erasmus+ project**  
**Trip to León, Spain**  
**18-24 February**

On the 18 of February the 11th grade English specialty class began its cultural exchange program to León, Spain. The 16 students and their 2 teachers were really looking forward to it as they were preparing for the program for a long time. The aim of this project was to learn about the Spanish culture, school system and everyday life. Furthermore to extend our perspectives while exploring a whole new country.

**Sunday**

Sunday morning we woke up so excited, however we had a long journey ahead of us. We went from Veszprém to Budapest by car and there we met the group. We had some time to spend at the airport before flying to Madrid. The flight took about 3 hours. Being in the air we could capture some beautiful moments flying over the Pyrenees mountains or seeing the sunset from such a high altitude. After arriving in Madrid we swiftly hopped on the coach to León, which meant another 4 hours spent travelling. By the time we arrived at our destination it was already late night thus we checked into our hotel and quickly went to sleep.



**Monday**

On the sunny morning of Monday we had the first visit to our host school, I.E.S. Ordoño II. After a warm welcome from the principal and some students, we started our tour inside the building. We got to see an English class, Chemistry, Art and Music along with Physical Education where we even participated in some games with our



fellow Spanish students. We visited vocational classes such as early year education or infirmary training. During breaks we were led to the chess room where students are allowed to play in their free periods.



Later we took a short walk to the university canteen to have lunch there. In the afternoon some of us went sightseeing during which we visited the colourful stairs of León, called Escalera de la Vida, and the breathtaking church, Iglesia de San Juan y San Pedro de Renueva.

In the evening we decided to have dinner in a nice local restaurant in the old town area. We tried different

leonese foods and drinks while having an absolute blast together.



## ***Tuesday***

On Tuesday, the Spanish teachers and students took us on a tour in the city. We visited the gothic cathedral, the iconic monument of León. During our walk in town, we watched a presentation about El Camino, which has a stop in León. They showed us the life of the original Pilgrims who took the route of Camino and we had the chance to dress up in their clothes. After the tour, we had lunch together and had free time, in which some of us met up with Spanish students to hang out. In the afternoon went on another tour organised by the art-history teacher and some students. We got to see an old hotel alongside museums and Roman remains which made us take a better look at the history of the town. In the evening, we





had free time to spend so we gathered together and chatted and played games until it was time to go to sleep.



### **Wednesday**



On Wednesday our group was taken on a bus trip outside of the city León. First, with some Spanish students, we visited El Museo de los Pueblos Leoneses which shows how people lived in the province of León during the old days. We could get to know the tools and games that were used before. We were very well informed as we had two tour guides. The director of the museum, who told us everything in detail but only spoke Spanish, and one lady who

translated it to English for us.

Later on we visited a beautiful monastery named Monasterio de Santa María de Sandoval where we also had a guided tour in English. After we walked around and discovered the building we headed to our next destination, which was the Monasterio de San Miguel de Escalada. There the history teacher of Ordoño II told us some interesting facts about the place and its former days.

By the time we finished there it was pretty late thus we headed back to León. The bus dropped us down next to the canteen where we had lunch and then walked back to the hotel to relax for a couple hours. At night we met up with each other and the whole group went to have dinner at a nice restaurant. We enjoyed the Spanish

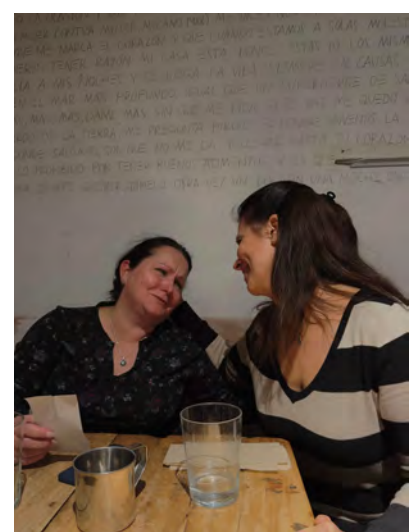


cuisine and had a lot of laughs and a joyful time together. We could say we had a great end for a great day.



### **Thursday**

On Thursday, we started the day with a Latin class where the teacher held a presentation about the old roman parts of the city of León. We got to know the interesting history of the roman walls and remains that were shown in the lecture. After that, we visited a PE class where we had the chance to try traditional leonese sports and games. After a short break we met up with the art-history teacher and the students and discussed our visit's ups and downs alongside some present-giving. Next, we visited an English class where we talked to other students about life in Hungary and Spain. After finishing the conversations, we went to lunch. Later we had a few hours of free time during which we walked around the city and met our new friends. We ended our last night with a lot of laughter while having dinner in a nice pizzeria.





## Friday

On the beautiful morning of Friday we said goodbye to León as we had a four-hour bus trip ahead of us to reach the Spanish capital. Luckily time passed fast as we entertained each other and by the time we noticed we were in Madrid.

First we needed to check into our hostel. It has been situated in the city centre near Gran Vía and



many other sights. This way we really had

an easy time exploring the city. We got to see the vibrant life in Calle Gran Vía, also the Palacio de Cibeles next to the Banco de España. Later we continued our walk to Retiro Park and Puerta de Alcalá. After that we even had time to go and have a look at the Puerta de Sol, which is a famous square in the heart

of Madrid and to visit Palacio Real, one of the residences of the Spanish Royal family. In the evening we had dinner at a local restaurant where we could try some typical Spanish dishes like Paella con mariscos and Chocolate con churros.



## Saturday

Sadly, this day has arrived too. On Saturday we ought to say goodbye and leave Spain. In the morning we had a last look at the capital city as we had breakfast there, but not much later we needed to start our long journey home.

By stepping on the airplane something wonderful just ended. However all of us can agree that this trip was just as perfect as perfect could be. Also for sure, we will forever remember the beautiful places, the nice and open people and last but definitely not least the cheerful moments with our friends, classmates and teachers.

