

Erasmus+ individual mobilities



Thanks to the Erasmus+ accreditation of the French-German High School, our students can now grasp the opportunity to spend a few weeks in a European school.

In return, foreign students have also discovered family life in France or Germany and have attended classes in our school.

This school year was the launch year of the exchange programme and we have already had students spending some time in Madrid, Florence, Vienna and Salzburg.

We are committed to putting into practice the slogan that is on the front of our school « We make Europe Happen » and if you think that you too would like to try this adventure, don't miss the information meeting that will take place at the beginning of next school year.



To give you a better idea of the programme, here is the report of Madeleine's experience during 2 weeks in Madrid.

Hola, me llamo Madeleine, tengo 15 años y fue en Madrid para 3 semanas en abril 2023.



I'll switch to english because I'm much more comfortable telling you about my experiences in english than in spanish. Before saying anything, I'd like to point out that those are my experiences and if you decide to participate in Erasmus +, your experiences will probably not be the same. With that being said, I hope you'll enjoy reading my report.

The first day at school, was quite a surprise for me: kids wearing uniforms, students calling their teacher by their first names, the way people act and talk and many more small differences.



their uniform
- skirts for girls
- leather shoes

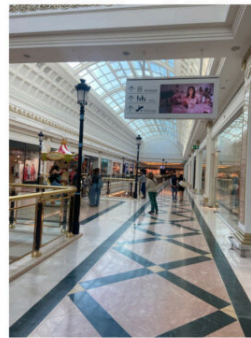
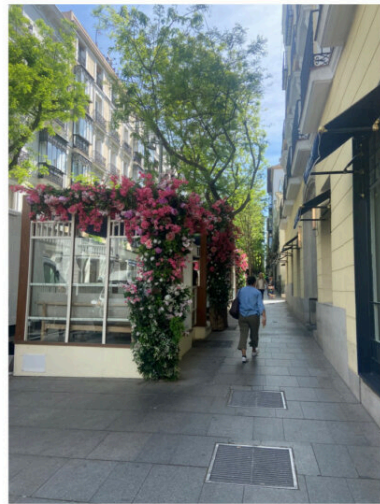
△ get called out if they are wearing it wrong or if they have a sweater (not from school) on

I didn't wear one, but you can if you want to!

I got used to it eventually, but what i couldn't was getting used to the fact that they don't have any bells that inform the students & the teachers that class started or finished. I guess we all have our differences!

A typical day for me went like that:

- 6:30 time to wake up
- 7:00 breakfast (usually biscuits or cake)
- 7:30 out of the house
- 7:40 bus
- 8:00 start of school
- 14:45 end of school (had a 20 min break at 12am)
- 15:00 bus
- 15:15 back at home
- 15:30 lunch (usually the biggest meal of the day)
- 16:00 Gretel goes to the library to study
- 17:00 I take the bus to Madrid, go on a walk, sight-seeing or i take a „siesta“
- 20:00 I'm back
- 21:00 Gretel comes back
- 21:15 We go to a bar with her friends
- 23:00 We are home
- 23:15 Diner
- 23:30 Time to sleep



Obviously not every day looked like that, sometimes we would go somewhere together or sometimes we just stayed at home in the evening. On the first weekend we went to „el mercadillo de majadahonda“ which is a cute market that sells clothes, bags, jewelry and much more. Afterwards we went to Madrid with her mother and some of their friends. That was my first time in the center of Madrid. Gretel lived at „Las Rozas“ a city at 30 min from Madrid. We did everything by bus and it is typical for students to have a monthly ticket even if they don't use it daily. I enjoyed going to Madrid in the afternoons, it didn't really bother me that I went alone because I'm independent and I also kind of need time alone for me. The mornings, so the time I was in school were honestly boring, so my advice is to take books to read or homework to do while in class. Of course, you talk with classmates and stuff but most of the time in school you are sitting in a chair not knowing what to do. I found that quite depressing but some would say it's also part of the experience. If I could change something, I would install something to do during these classes for the exchange students.

My advices ~~based on my experiences~~:

- even if you don't speak spanish perfectly, you will be fine
- the hours on which you eat will be strange at first but I personally adapted quickly
- I advise you to go in april because the weather is beautiful and they aren't yet so busy with revisions
- you won't find friends immediatly, it takes at least a week
- the prices in Spain aren't so high so you don't need to take much money with you
- take books or homework with you for during class
- food in Spain looks not so appatizing but it is quite good

I hope my resume will help you for your decision-taking!

