

Diary

Norwegian students visiting Burgas

April 2018





Sunday

On Sunday, after arriving late the night before, we had the entire day to ourselves. Each of the host families therefore took us out to see and get to know ~~more~~ of this new country. Since everyone had different host families, everyone got to see and experience different things. I (Jonas Larsen) and my host family travelled to Sozopol. Sozopol is an old Greek city on the eastern coast of Bulgaria. We ate at one of many restaurants, and the seafood was great. The city was beautiful and the houses had all been built with the same design and architecture. Sozopol was one of the many highlights of the trip.

Monday

On Monday we met the French, Bulgarian and Italian students for the first time. To get to know each other better, we had speed dates. We were nervous to begin with; however, it was a fun and interesting experience. Then we had lunch, and a big group of students went out to eat sandwiches. The speed dates made it easier for us all to talk to each other. After lunch, we went back to school to get separated into three groups. Each group walked around all of Burgas to see and take photos of different parts of the city. This lasted for many hours and it was quite exhausting. Finally, we went home to our host families to eat dinner and relax after a long day!



Tuesday

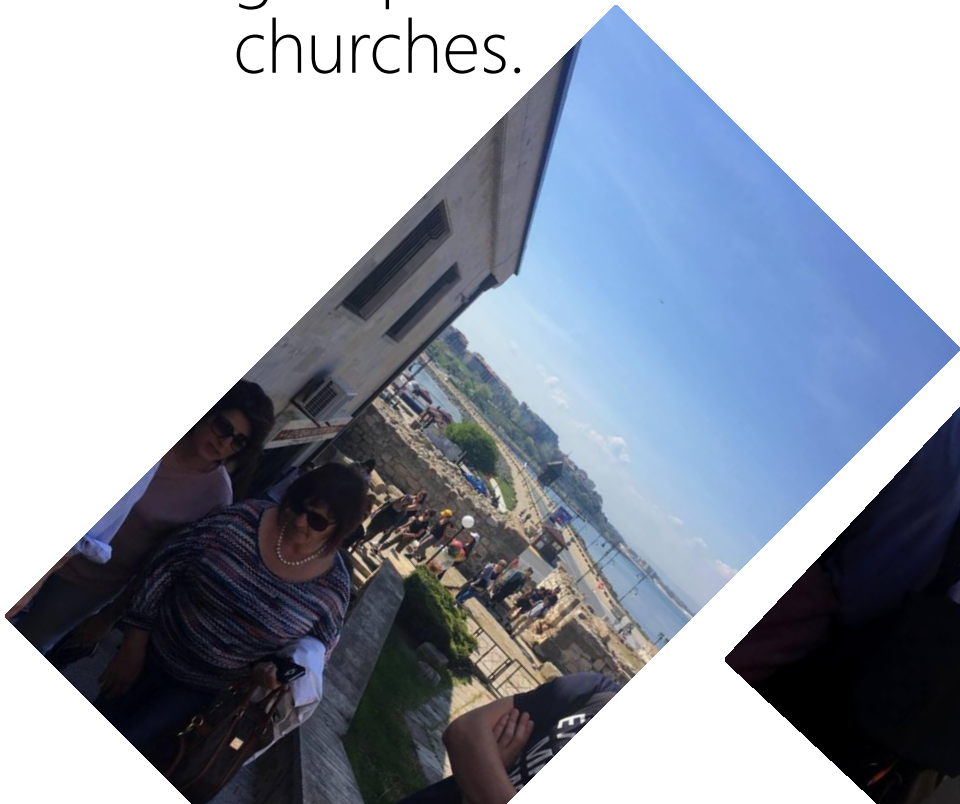
We began our day at the Sea Casino, where a representative from the Migrant Work Association spoke.

She told us about the work with migrants in Bulgaria, and how they try to integrate them and to help them into the labour market.

Tuesday

After the Sea Casino, we had free-time where we, the Norwegian students and some of the Bulgarians, bought ice-cream and pizza.

Later, it was time to go to Nesebar. It was a beautiful place, where we had a guided tour. Foreigners and Bulgarians were separated in two groups. We learned about the history of Nesebar and all the churches.



Wednesday

- On Wednesday we went to visit ruins and a museum. At the museum, a guide told us the story behind the ruins and showed us around. After the tour we ate lunch and made bracelets, before we went home with our hosts. Each of the host families did their own things, like eat, spend time in the city and chill.



Thursday

On Thursday we began our day at school learning songs: one Bulgarian song and one French song. The Bulgarian song, *oblache le byalo*, is a famous migrant song from Bulgaria. The French song, *Mercy*, was a song about a real girl who was a boat refugee, named Mercy.

After the songs we were divided into our groups and had a Kahoot competition about Burgas and about the three texts from the booklet before. In the same groups we made posters about migration, and presented the posters for the rest of the students.



Thursday

We ended our schoolday getting a text we had to write an end to. The text was a science fiction text about migration.


After school some of the students went to the beach, before everyone was going to a restaurant with the host families, the teachers and everyone who was part of the Erasmus project as a farewell dinner.



Friday

- On Friday we started the day by watching some musical performances. Each country preformed/showed a musical performance connected with the topic migration. After, all the groups showed the pictures from the selfie challenge we had on Monday, the story from the writing workshop and the posters. We spent the rest of the day on the island St. Anastasia, where we ate and listened to a guide about the island. The island was used as a prison in a period from 1923. After the visit, we received a certificate for visiting St. Anastasia.



A large group of young people and adults are posing for a group photo in what appears to be an airport terminal. The group is diverse in age and appearance, with many young people in the front rows and adults interspersed throughout. They are standing in a hallway with a tiled floor and a drop ceiling with recessed lights. In the background, there are signs, including one with a red cross and another with the number '1'. A few people are sitting or kneeling in the front row. The overall atmosphere is cheerful and social.

Saturday

Saturday was the last day in Burgas. The French, the Norwegians and our hosts met at the airport at 6pm and said our final goodbyes before we departed to separate destinations.