An Account Of our Trip to Kolozsvár

Our group of participants in Erasmus + set off for Transylvania on 2 October 2015.

After a few hour- long bus drive we arrived in Kolozsvár at 6-ish in the evening, where we were welcomed by an outsatnding opening ceremony and a delicious dinner. It did not take long before we were greeted by our host families and driven our new homes. I was truly impressed by the fact that we were accommodated by host families, thus we were given the chance to get to know each other through typical school days, which supposedly have made our relationship far stronger.

The following days, on Saturday and Sunday we visited a nearby village called Torockó, where many of us probably met one of our greatest challenges, that is climbing to the top of the mountain of Székelykő. From the top we were amazed by the spectacular view all around us. During our stay here, we also visited Torockó-Szentgyörgy. It goes without saying that during our two-day long escape we got closer to each other, talked a lot and naturally spoke English, which was inevitably beneficial for all of us.

On our third day back to Kolozsvár we were guided around the town, which was fascinating. The next day we were lucky enough to discover every nook and cranny of the school building with expert guidance while in the afternoon we had a bus drive to Bonchida and Kallós Zoltán Folklore Centre. This visit to the museum raised my interest as I am the member of a folk dance group. At the same time I got an insight into the arts and culture of Transylvania.

We spent Wednesday morning preparing for our presentations on the authors chosen by ourselves, which we shared with the rest of the group later that day in the afternoon. A great number of intriguing presentations were heard.

I, personally, feel passionate about literature, books and reading, therefore it was a refreshing change to hear more about Finnish literature and authors.

On Thursday we left Kolozsvár for Marosvásárhely and Nagyszalonta, where we looked around in the Museum of the Bolyai Brothers and Arany János Museum.

In the evening we were entertained by the local students performing on stage, which was followed by a farewell dinner. It was an excellent end to our unforgettable days in Transylvania.

We returned to Bonyhád on 9 October 2015 refreshed, but feeling regretful that these days had gone.