

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN SLOVENIA

What impressions of Slovenia or other countries, and the way of life/school did you get?

What impressed us the most about the Slovenian school system is how well foreign languages like English are taught. All the students with whom we talked were fluent in English, even the youngest ones, and were familiar with the concept of "debate" because they use it every day in their classes.

Another part of the Slovenian culture that grabbed our attention was their remarkable commitment and dedication to maintaining a clean, hygienic and organized school environment. The schools were spotless, and in order to keep them that way, students were required to wear slippers or another pair of indoor-only shoes.

All the Slovenian students and teachers were friendly and extremely welcoming. We enjoyed all the fantastic workshops proposed and the international evening all together!

Italian students

I loved the school, it was so big and nice. The people were very friendly and everyone welcomed us in such a loving way.

Bella, Finland

Slovenia left me in love with the kindness of the people and all around the experience. It is a beautiful country with very nice people ready to help you in every possible way they can. School wise I felt that the teachers were quite close to the students, which is a thing that's missing in most Finnish schools.

Sebastian, Finland

Communicating and collaborating with the students from different countries, gave us the opportunity to get to know better other cultures, traditions, education systems and many more different aspects of life. It was also very interesting to see how at first glance we seem different, but then you realise that even though our cultures and lifestyles are contrasting, deep down we are very similar.

Lithuanian debaters' team: Austeja, Rusne, Mante, Almantas, Nojus, Tomas

I think that one of the most shocking impressions that I have seen is that people at school wear slippers and they explained it is because they think that if they don't wear trainers they are going to be cleaner. In addition, another interesting point is that they eat soup a lot of times during the day and that is because Slovenia is a cold country.

Ernesto, Spain

The trip was very well organized. We did lots of activities and I learned a lot about Maribor, a very beautiful city by the way. The school was very different from mine. People had to wear slippers so the floor didn't get dirty. I think that's a very good idea. Something I really liked about the school was the pink gym, it was adorable. People were so nice. We got on well very quickly. And the teachers were amazing.

Sofia A., Spain

About the impressions of Slovenia, Maribor and Limbus, the things I saw are pretty beautiful, I think we were there for a short time and we didn't get to see everything, I want to go back and see all of them.

The school was very homely and the people there was very different to the people of Spain, they were so friendly and they had no prejudices about us, on this trip I realised how lovely it is to meet people from different countries. The food is very strange compared to the food in Spain, on this trip I tried different soups that I had never tried before. Friday dinner was so good, cheers for the cooks of the school, too!

In resume the trip made me very happy, I think that is a very beautiful experience. Greetings to all Slovenians, it has been a pleasure to meet you all, you are wonderful people.

Sofia H., Spain

The impressions that I got from Slovenia and Slovenian way of life are that the people are very cool, the school was very beautiful and they have a lot of animals at school. The classmates are so cool, I made a lot of friends there. The trip was amazing, Slovenia is so beautiful.

Javier, Spain

Slovenes are super nice people and they give you conversation when there isn't one. The school we were at was big and quite interesting, because they had a lot of animals, which I didn't know all of them. The school food was something we were not used to, but it wasn't bad. In the city's restaurants the food was delicious, but nothing new.

Both the people from Slovenia and those who came from the other countries were super nice to us and with some of them I had more contact and we talked a lot. As for Maribor, it was a very beautiful city. There were very nice places and also the activities we did were great.

Miren, Spain

It wasn't hard to talk to different people because they all can speak English the only problem were the accents because all had some sort of an accents. Only the Finns didn't have an accent because their school is international. We didn't talk a lot with Finns but I know how their school works and I know some Finnish words. I also learned that in Spain you need to wear a school uniform and I think I need to go to Spain to try their food. We didn't talk to others about their schools because we know something about their culture or we talked about other things.

Valentin, Slovenia

I have learned most about Spain and Italy. Mostly about their food and about some places. I got to see culture from every country and I must admit they are pretty different. Yeah, it is true we're different but all people there were nice and really open.

Klemen, Slovenia

People were nice. They told me a lot about their countries. Like in Finland, they have two official languages, Finnish and Swedish. Or how much the school systems in different countries are really different. Like in Spain, one school lesson is 55 minutes long, but in Slovenia it is 45 minutes. In Finland, it is even longer than in Spain. What mainly surprised me is that in Finland they have five semesters, and they can choose which classes they want to have. There are some rules about that, but they can pick their classes. I also learned a lot about other cultures and their habits. Some of the things that are normal for us, aren't normal for them. Like wearing sleepers in school. It is normal for us, but they had a lot of questions about that. They told me they wear shoes in school, so it is safe to say they were surprised about us wearing sleepers.

Tina, Slovenia

The biggest difference I found was the rule about phones at school. During the classes we are not allowed to use them, but other students would just have their phones on their tables and during breaks they were scrolling through social media or filming videos.

Another difference I found interesting was with the people from Spain, and how although we were mostly the same age they didn't know nearly as much English as we do, but I guess that's normal since Spain is bigger than Slovenia meaning more people who understand you, number two - they can watch movies in their language while we watch movies mostly in English and number three - more people outside Spain know how to speak Spanish, than people outside Slovenia know how to speak Slovene, so they can still communicate outside their country while we have to learn English, German or both.

Tisa, Slovenia

I talked to the Finnish students and they speak very good English. It was fun listening to other people's lives. You can learn a lot about the country by listening or just observing the people. I have learnt that Spanish people are good dancers, Finnish people like heavy metal music, Italians like to sing and Lithuanians are tall people.

Maruša, Slovenia

People from Italy are big party fans, I saw that!

Nina, Slovenia