

Rovinj 2019

Our journey started on the 29th of September, our guests arrived from their respective countries in various times and we were excited to meet our new friends or to reunite with them.

Things started well from the beginning, the weather was better than in the summer and the programme seemed interesting. My guest Valeri came in from Bulgaria at around 10 a.m. I found him surrounded by women, very polite but extremely shy and we returned him in the same condition, just more relaxed. We started most of our days in MMC where we played games and learned some relatively interesting things about the media. From there, we either went sightseeing, or just worked on our team projects like those brilliant movies. The big storm stopped us from going to Pula, but to look at things from the bright side we did get to rest a bit more. The food was good everywhere we went and as someone wise once said: „People who don't like the food just aren't hungry enough.“ The trip to Brijuni is my personal favourite from all the trips because we got to see history and nature, all in one, like in a perfect symbiosis. The last day with the Motovun trip and traditional meals and music has to be a runner up for the top day of the exchange. The best part of the student exchange were of course the parties, not just because of the fun and freedom, but because we really got to know each other there. There were all kinds of people present at the project and that gave us an opportunity to get out of our comfort zone and talk about some things we usually wouldn't with people we didn't even know we liked. Even if we don't see our newly founded friends ever again, at least we got to meet each other a bit better and see how approachable some of our own people actually are.

All in all, this project is a 10/10 in my eyes and I would recommend anyone who is in a position to attend a similar project to do so, you won't regret it.

Emanuelle Cvek, 3b

The week when our friends visited Rovinj was one of the best weeks I had experienced. It was full of laughter, joy, new friendships, memories, laughing until crying, it was simply great.

I had a chance to host somebody and as it was my first time doing that, I was very excited. I hosted two girls, one from Germany and one from Bulgaria. We got along very well, and it was really enjoyable to have them at my place because they were so nice. Even though all three of us were from different countries, through conversation we saw how many similarities there are. I had a chance to learn about their culture, their opinions and likes. Throughout the whole week I met so many awesome people and all of them were so different and unique. The whole week was great, from workshops to the lunches and trips.

Referring to the project itself, to media manipulation, which was the theme this time, I think that we were able to see really well how media manipulates with us without us noticing. Even though all this happened almost 2 months ago my friends and I still talk about it almost every day. I hope those who visited our town liked it and that we succeeded in showing them the best sights of it. I heard a lot about German and Bulgarian culture and I can't wait to go to Iceland to experience theirs. I am extremely happy that I had the chance to be part of this because I love meeting new people, making memories and just experiencing different things. This whole project has been an amazing experience so far.

Ana Sošić, 3b

The week when the students from the SWIM project stayed in Rovinj was unforgettable. It was filled with so much fun, laughter and good company. The week passed by so quickly, but we are left with beautiful memories.

At first I was a bit scared to host an exchange student because I didn't know what to expect, but I'm glad I did it. The girl who stayed at my place was so nice. We are interested in so many same things so we had so much to talk about and we also have similar personalities so it was a perfect match! The whole company was amazing. We all got along well, we had so much fun together and when we were divided into groups everyone was helpful and cooperated. The activities were really interesting.

Every trip was well planned and I'm glad that they didn't only see Rovinj, but also other parts of Istria that are a bit different. The lunch in Krčuli was well thought out and they got to see our traditional dance and try traditional food. It was definitely a unique experience. All the workshops were interesting. The topics that we talked about are familiar to all of us so it wasn't hard to do the work in groups. The movie that we saw was unusual and everyone was talking about it even after the workshop. It was easy to do the tasks after and we didn't find them boring which is good because we learned something new in a fun way.

All in all, I think that that week was a success. We met a lot of amazing people, had a great time and I'm sure we will never forget this experience.

Maura Blažević, 3b

The mobility in Rovinj lasted from 29th September to 5th October 2019. During that week I met a lot of dear students from Europe, made new friendships and had a great time.

The workshops were about media manipulation and tools of manipulation. They helped us discover the ability to recognize manipulation through photos, radio and films, and we ourselves tried to create a manipulation video.

I have learned and become even more aware that manipulation is everywhere around us and that we cannot escape it, but we can overcome it with our own opinion.

Rahaela Zaharija, 3c

The project week with students from Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Iceland and Croatia which took place in Rovinj was a week full of fun, laughter, joy ... New friendships have been made and some who had already met before met again. After arriving and accommodating guests, we all went to the first get-together in the city. Other days, media workshops followed, where we did posters, watched a movie, commented, and eventually made a movie about the SWIM project, which was really fun. After the workshops, we showed our guests the city, socialized, and several birthdays were celebrated. It was not all about work only but we went on excursions to Motovun, Brijuni, Red Island ... as well.

I am very pleased to be a part of this project and to have had the opportunity to meet many dear people and to have this wonderful experience.

Sara Radovan, 3b

These seven days of adventure in Rovinj were an unforgettable experience.

Except that we've seen every little piece of beautiful Rovinj, we've tried traditional food, seen and tried to dance traditional folk dance. We were also working hard trying to solve different tasks but all through games and all with smiles on our faces. From the very first moment until the last day we were all getting along. Even if I live in Rovinj, I've learned a lot of things I hadn't known earlier. Everything was organized perfectly, we got everything done on time and had time to party as well.

I'm so glad and happy that I'm part of this project and I can't wait to see my new friends again.

Sara Ćavar, 3c

The project week in Croatia was amazing. I have met a lot of people and made a lot of new friends, some of which I still talk to. The project week was a great experience where I learned a lot about the media and the ways it can manipulate people. We had a couple of field days that were a very nice way to meet the culture and nature of Croatia. The days that were meant for projects were wonderful, we had enough time to execute our plans and ideas into what our task was. There was also no pressure in the presentation of our tasks which was great for those that do not do so well in those types of situations. The food was great and had a lot of fun during lunch time. During our free time we also organised a few parties which were a lot of fun.

All in all, the experiences during the project week in Croatia are and will always be a beautiful memory that I will cherish forever.

Simon Constantin Đekić, 3c