

Diary of a week in Sicily. Spain-Sicily Exchange

Day 1 (Sunday 16 April)

On Sunday at 2 a.m we took a bus to go to Madrid to the airport, we went through control and waited to board, at half past eight we took the plane to Sicily.

When we arrived in Catania we took another bus to go to Scordia where we met the italians. I met my Italian's family and we ate pasta. In the afternoon, my Italian and I met up With a group of friends and went for a walk, played football and went to a restaurant for pizza.

Day 2 (Monday 17 April)

Today in the morning we went to school and the Italian teachers gave us a presentation about Carlos V and they also told us about the educational system in Sicily. Then we went to an orange research center, they explained to us what they do and we also tried them. Later we went back to school and continued working on the project. When I finished school, my Italian and I took the bus to go to Militello, the town where she lives. At noon we ate pasta and vegetables. In the afternoon we met my Italian friends and we played cards, Monopoly and ate ice cream (very good). I feel comfortable in the house, it is very big and I have a room and a bathroom for myself.



Day 3 (Tuesday 18 April)

Today we went to Augusta to see the Spanish gate and to Syracuse to walk around and see the ruins of the temple of Apollo, the cathedral, the Greek theatre etc. We also had some free time. We had lunch in a restaurant in Syracuse and we tasted typical Sicilian food such as parmigiana. We arrived in Scordia around 6 pm.



Day 4 (Wednesday 19 April)

This morning we went to school and in groups we made a Charles V ID card. When we finished we met the Italians and had an Italian lesson. Later we ate typical Italian food at school, for example the arancino and canolo. When we finished lunch we took a bus and went to visit militello, we saw the church of Santa María, the monastery and the museum of St. Nicholas. When the visit was over, my Italian and I went home.

Day 5 (Thursday 20 April)

Today Italians and Spanish went to see the Etna and Taormina. When we arrived in Taormina we went to a restaurant and we ate pasta with pistachio and roast pork. When we finished we went to see the Greek theater and they gave us free time, we went for a walk and bought souvenirs. When the tour finished my Italian and I went home. I feel very well with my host family, they are very sociable and give me everything I need.



Day 6 (Friday 21 April)

Today we went to Randazzo and we visited the cathedral and churches. We went to Catania where we went to a restaurant to eat lasagne and meat and potatoes. When we finished eating, we had free time. Around half past six we arrived in Scordia. My mother's Italian mother came to pick me up.

Day 7 (Saturday 22 April)

This morning I had breakfast with my Italian and her father in a pastry shop, I tasted the pistachio croissant. After breakfast we went to school and did a questionnaire about the opinion of the project. At 11 o'clock we went home. My Italian's grandmother made pasta with pesto. At five o'clock we went to Cartagirona with Irene, Iris, Iván and Paula, their Italians and their families. We went for a walk, had an ice cream and then went to an Italian restaurant for dinner. After dinner we went home to rest.



Day 8 (Sunday 23 April)

This morning we went to school to take the bus because we are leaving for Spain. The week has flown by. I said goodbye to everyone and got on the bus. I have had a great time this week, I have been very comfortable.

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