

DAY 1 SUNDAY 16 ARRIVAL IN SICILY

First, we all went to Aguilar's bus station to start our journey. After a long trip to Madrid, we finally arrived to the airport, where we caught our plane to Catania at 8:30.

It was a very tiring trip, but finally, we reached Scordia around 12:00 am where we met up with our Italian friends and met their families.

After eating and resting for a while, we went to have dinner and take a walk through Militello, the town where I and other Spanish colleagues and their respective Italians live.

After this, each one returned to their home to rest since the following day would be a hard one.

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DAY 2 MONDAY 17



In the morning, we were welcomed to the center and afterwards we went by bus to the CREA citrus research center.

There they told us what they are doing there and showed us many varieties of oranges, which they let us try and take to Spain.

After that, together with our Italian colleagues, we investigated about Charles V to make his introduction letter.

In the afternoon, a few of us met in Militello to play some card games, take a walk and finally taste Italian ice cream.







We leave in the morning by bus to see the Spanish gate in Agusta and then continue our trip to Syracuse.

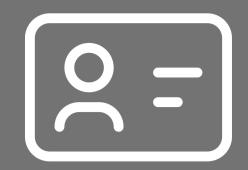
There we visited the ruins of the temple of Apollo, the cathedral, the areusa fountain, the umbertino bridge and we tasted their ice cream too.

Later we went to eat typical Sicilian food and we continued our visit through the archaeological park of the Neapolis seeing the ear of Dionysus and its Greek theater.

But because of the rain, we had to go back to Scordia without finishing the visit. When we got to Scordia, this time, instead of leaving for Militello, we took a walk around Scordia



DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 19

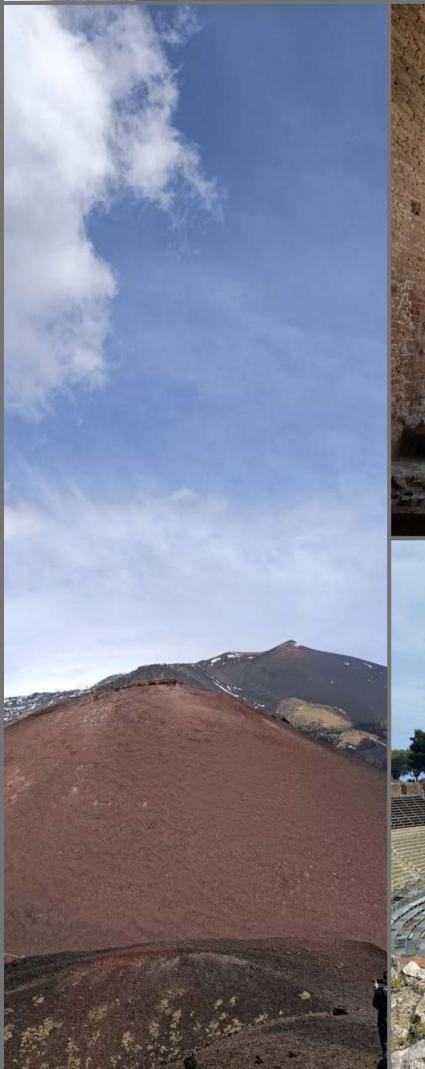


On Wednesday morning we were in class, making an ID for Charles V, helping other students at the center by answering some questions in an interview and giving a simple Italian class.

Later, we all ate together at the school with more typical food from the area.

When we finish, we went on bus to Militello in Val di Catania where we visited things like the town hall, the church of Santa Maria della Stella and the museum of the church of San Nicolò







DAY 5 THURSDAY 20

On Thursday, we went to visit the island's volcano, Edna. Instead of going up to see the craters of the volcano that were a bit far away, we went to see a small crater that was quite close.

From there we went to Taormina where we ate more typical italian food.

There we visited the large and well-preserved Greek theater (where we took too many photos). After seeing it, we had free time and later we went back to the bus to return to our host families.



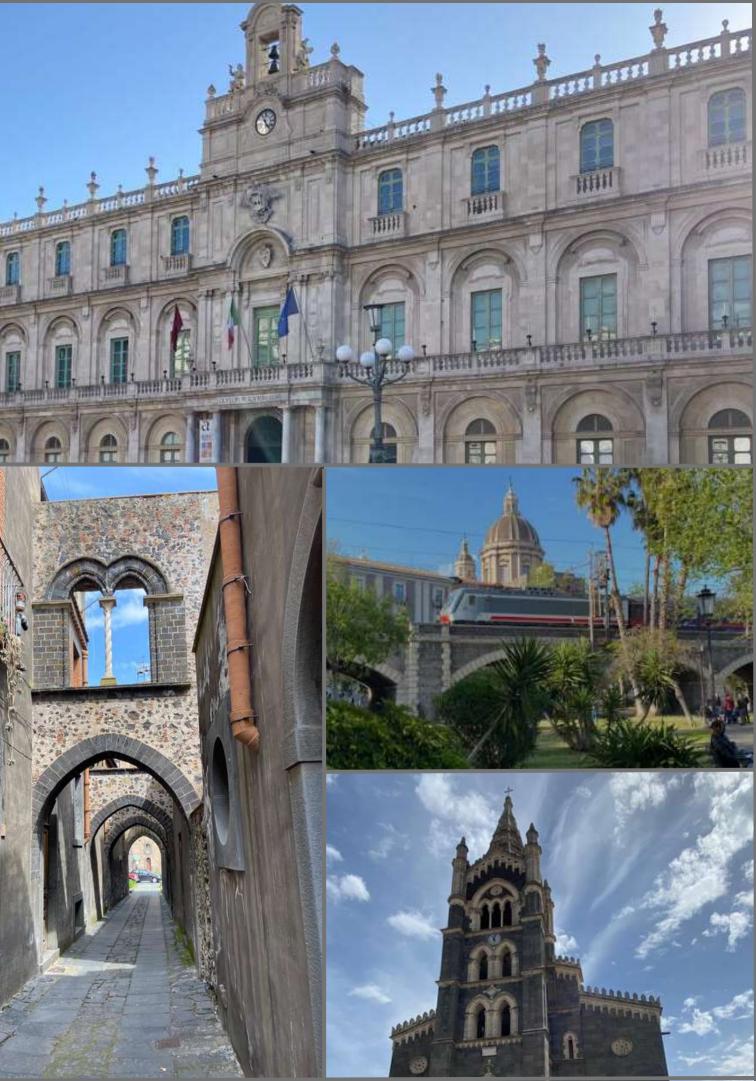
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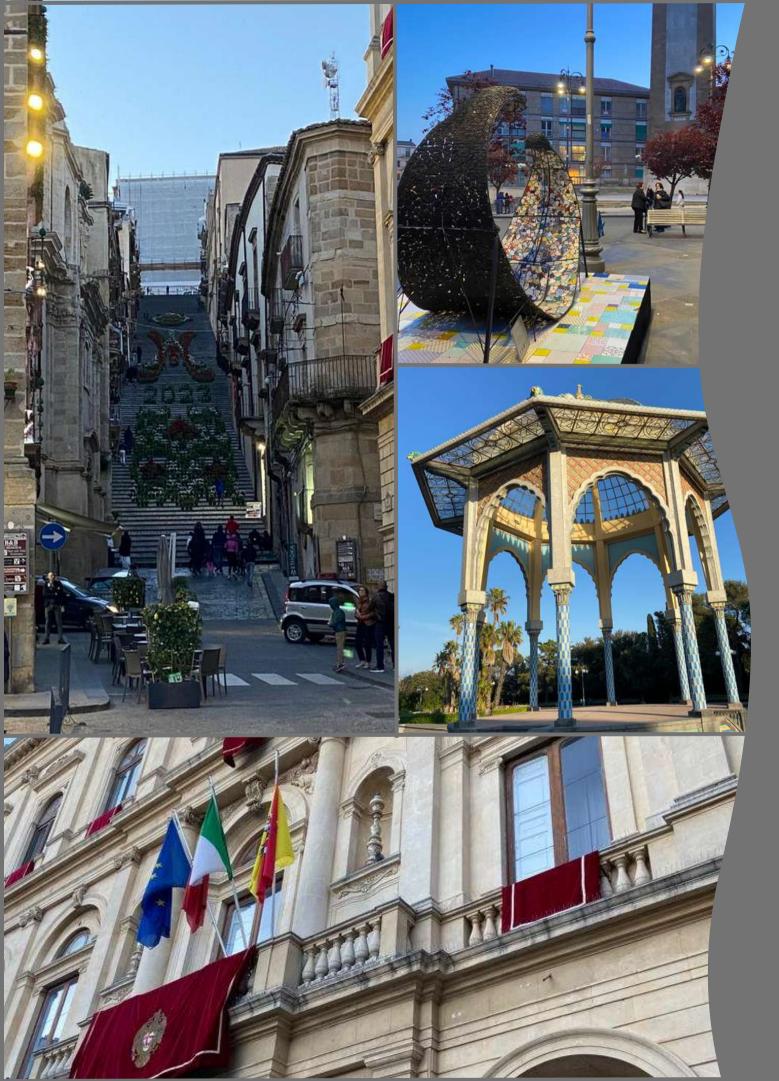


Friday morning we visit Randazzo and its amazing churches and arches. after seeing the town, we went by bus to Catania where we ate and spent the rest of the afternoon.

There we had some free time until we returned to Scordia where we stayed with our Italian companions for a walk and later had dinner.





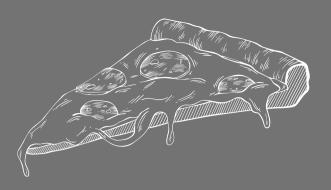


DAY 7 SATURDAY 22

On Saturday, our last day there, we went to the school to answer a questionnaire and write a reflection on our experience during the trip. We got there at 8:30am and finished around aproximately 3h later. When I got home, I started to collect my things and prepare my suitcase to go back to Aguilar the next morning.

In the afternoon I went with my host family to visit Caltagirone, a really pretty town, together with other Spanish students and their respective families.

After walking and seeing amazing places for a while, we went to have our last Italian pizza of the trip for dinner.



DAY 8 SUNDAY 23 BACK TO AGUILAR, BACK HOME

After saying goodbye to our Italian colleagues and families we left scordia at 8:30 am towards Catania to get on the plane and return to Spain.

After a trip with a few turbulences, we arrived at Madrid's airport where we took the bus that, after a long and hard journey, took us to Aguilar, where we arrived at around 8:00 p.m.







THE END

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