



On Sunday morning, at 2 a.m., we took a bus to Madrid Airport. At noon, we arrived in Catania and then we took a bus to Scordia, where our host families were waiting for us. When I arrived at the house, which was in Palagonia, 20 minutes far by car from Scordia, they showed me their place and we, then, had lunch. After lunch, I took a nap because I was very tired and then, we went to have dinner with the family at a restaurant where I ate a delicious huge pizza. After dinner, we went to Ramacca where there was an artichoke fair.





On Monday we got up at 6.30 a.m. and took the bus to school. We were welcomed by the school's headmaster and we had a talk about Charles V. After that, we went to the research center of the Ministry of Agriculture in Palazzelli. When we went back to school, we worked with our Italian exchanges on an identification card of Charles V and his family tree. We had lunch at home. In the evening, I went with my Italian exchange to have a walk around Palagonia, and then with some friends of hers to eat ice cream. Then, a friend of mine and her Italian exchange came and we went for a walk. Afterward, we came home and had dinner.





On Tuesday we got up at 6.30 a.m. and took the bus to school. Then, took a bus and went to Augusta. We visited there "La Porta Spagnola". The next city we visited was Syracuse. We visited the Greek ruins, the cathedral, Areterusa's fountain, and Diana's Fountain. Then, we had free time and we tried ice cream. After our free time, we went to have lunch at a restaurant. In the afternoon, we visited a Greek theatre and Dionisio's ear. When we returned to Palagonia, I went for a walk with my Italian exchange and some of her friends. Then, two other Spanish people came and our Italian exchanges ordered dinner to eat at a friend's house.



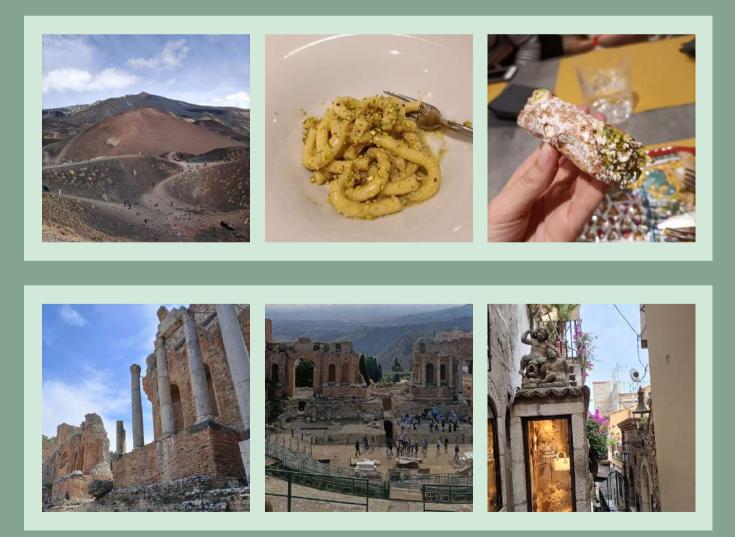


On Wednesday we got up at 6.30 a.m. and took the bus to school. At school, we created a DNI for Charles V, and some of us took part in an interview about Erasmus for the Italian school. Then, they gave us an Italian language worksheet, and we completed it with our exchanges. We had lunch at school, and then we went to Millitello, where we visited the town hall, a church, and a museum. When we got back to Palagonia, we got ready to go out with her friends.





On Thursday we got up at 6.30 a.m. and took the bus to school. We went to the Etna, and then to Taormina. When we arrived in Taormina, we went to have lunch. Then we visited the Greek theatre and had free time. We arrived in Palagonia around 8 p.m., we had dinner and went to bed.





On Friday we got up at 6.30 a.m. and took the bus to school. We visited Randazzo and then we went to Catania and had lunch there. After lunch, we had free time to do some shopping. When we arrived in Palagonia, I went with my exchange, her boyfriend, and a friend of hers to have a drink and some finger food. Then, we returned home.







On Saturday we got up at 6.30 a.m. and took the bus to school. We completed there some survivals and they gave us a goodbye. Around 12a.m., my Italian exchange's dad came to pick us up and return to Palagonia. We did some shopping there and had lunch. After lunch, we went to Catania with her friend's sister and went to a shopping center. When we return home, we got prepared to go to Ramacca with her friends. There was a market and many people. I stayed with her and her boyfriend for about two hours because they didn't want to go with the rest of the Spanish and Italian people. Two hours later, an Italian friend of my exchange came with her boyfriend and her Spanish exchange and we went to have a drink.





On Sunday we got up at 7.00 a.m., I finished packing all my stuff, and the parents drove me to Scordia to take the bus. We went from Scordia to Catania's airport. We arrived in Madrid at 2:30 p.m. We had lunch at McDonald's and then continued our journey to Aguilar. We got home at 7.45 p.m.





I had an amazing week getting to know Sicily and its beautiful cities. I enjoyed the food and my host family was very nice. However, it would have been great if our Italian exchanges did not depend on the decision of their boyfriends, and took into account that as it is a week-long cultural exchange, even if they introduce us to their friends, they wouldn't isolate us from the rest of the participants in the project. In addition, I didn't like that the person who drove us to different places during the evenings was her boyfriend instead of her parents.

