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What was it like?

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# Before the start of the experience

- ▶ Before we went to Italy, I had been really nervous. I was constantly thinking about it. I was worried "what if I forget something?" or "will they like me there?". But in the end it was all good. My parents were really supportive about the idea. They were especially interested when I told them that when I came back, they would have a student from Italy to take care of.

# Preparations

- ▶ During summer holiday and before the flight to Italy, we had all sorts of tests, language lessons and technical lessons. Tests of our ability to speak English, but also tests of mechanical and electronic skills.



# The day before the flight

- ▶ It was horrible. My mind was all over the place. I couldn't concentrate about basic things. All I could think about was the trip. I probably checked three times if I had everything I was supposed to bring with me like shirts, pants, toothbrush and stuff like that.

# The big day

- ▶ It was here. The day of the trip. I woke up twenty minutes before the alarm I set. I was ready in 10 minutes. I was so quick I had to wait an hour for my parents to get ready. But in the end I'd say that the morning went pretty smoothly.

# The trip to Italy

- ▶ I'd say that the trip was pretty good. Except of me panicking all of the time. The road trip from Michalovce to the airport in Budapest was really long. I was really tired so I slept most of the time. The flight was awesome. It was my first time in an airplane. The flight from Budapest to Rome was quite long as well. I think it took two and a half hour. When it comes to the second flight it was like nothing compared to the first one. We were in Turin in about thirty minutes or something like that.



# The first impressions

- ▶ I was scared when I was supposed to meet the family that I was supposed to live with for two weeks. But when I met them, all of my troubles and worries went away. They were really nice. They had a big house with two floors and a lot of space. Overall, it was really awesome. When I came there I was very surprised when I learned that Enrico had two brothers. One younger Luca and one older Andrea. They were really cool.



# My first day in Nazari

- ▶ I woke up, ate breakfast and around eight a.m. me and Enrico were on our way to Nazari. It was twenty minutes to walk there so it wasn't that bad. We came to the front door and they were already expecting us. It was a small office for twenty people that worked there but they said they were planning to expand to the whole floor. We met our mentor Claudio. He was really awesome. We later learned that he was from Brazil and that he lived in Italy for over a year.

# My work experience in Nazari

- ▶ I learned a lot of new things. I was working mostly with computers which I wasn't used to. They explained everything about their work, how they do things and stuff like that. When we came home our teacher said that we are supposed to work with the program that I had used in Nazari. I'm really looking forward to it!



# The weekend

- ▶ Then the weekend came and the Italian students took us to Turin. We travelled by train. It took us one hour to get to Turin. We spent there the whole day. We visited the National Museum of Cars which was awesome. We also visited the building in which Fiat made cars but it was closed and remade as a shopping center. The trip was great and I'd like to visit Turin again.



# The way back

- ▶ I was really sad when we were supposed to leave. All the way from Turin to Michalovce I was looking forward to seeing my family, but I was also sad that I will probably never see the people I met again. I was mostly sleeping all the way because we woke up early in the morning.



# Italian students in Michalovce

- ▶ I was really eager about meeting Enrico and the others again and show them around. When we got home, my mom prepared food in plates that we use only on Christmas. My parents don't speak English so I had to translate literally everything at home.



# The work experience in B/S/H

- ▶ The Italian students were provided with proper work clothes, gloves and safety equipment. They all attended work for the two weeks they were in Slovakia. I asked Enrico if he liked it there and he said that it was okay.



# Free time

- ▶ Throughout the week, we were mostly at home and played videogames, watched movies or play cards with my neighbours. But then the weekend came, me and my family took Enrico to the Spiš Castle. We went there on Saturday. Enrico said he really liked it. On Sunday we took all of the students to Košice. They said that they really liked the city. Mostly the historical part of it.



# The visit of our school

- ▶ When we visited our school to receive our certificates, we also showed them around. We showed them our gym, our canteen and also the upper floor of our school. It was very interesting and they said that it was nice to check out where we learn. We also have a little refreshment there.



# The end of the experience

- ▶ Early in the morning me and my whole family woke up early to say goodbye to Enrico. When we got to Michalovce, my teacher was already there waiting for us. Once all of us got there we said goodbye to the Italian students as they left to get to Budapest for their flight. I was really sad, because I probably won't see anyone of them again.



# Summary

- ▶ Was it worth it ? Of course, it was! I have never experienced something like this ever in my life. If I could go once again, I would be really happy because I really like meeting new people, seeing how they do things, what food they eat, their traditions and stuff like that. Overall, I'm grateful I had the opportunity to visit Italy and I would like to do this kind of exchange experience again!