

ADVENTURE IN POLAND



THE ERASMUS CODE

ADVENTURE IN POLAND - PROLOGUE

How did it all start? Why did we meet in Poland? We have already had two meetings with our partners, the first one in France and the second one in the Czech Republic. We have all met Diana, Boris, Ariadne and Anna. At one point we realized that it was a long time ago that we had no news from any of them. We started to get a little worried. Later on, disturbing press and television reports came in. It was no longer a joke. We decided to act. We sent the following telegram to our friends, which started a wonderful adventure in our beautiful country:



*Dear Friends from **France, Greece, and Czech Republic,***

WE NEED YOU AGAIN!

*It seems Europe is in great danger and somebody needs our help...
How long has it been when we last met Diana, Boris, Ania and Ariadne?
We haven't been in touch with them for such a long time! This has made us
really worried and even frightened. We've tried to contact them but no reply...*

*We know that last month they met here, in Poland, in order to discuss
European security and take further steps to protect the European alliance.*

*We've been lately informed that the hacker, **THE SAME ONE**, was seen in
Kraków last week. Mere coincidence or carefully planned action?
And the strange mail asking for help yesterday.... Diana? Boris? Ania? Ariadne?
What happened here? Now, we're sure - they need our help!*

*Let's all meet on **Monday, September 29th 2019** at **9:30** in **Zespół Szkół
in Kochanowice, Poland.***

*Diana, Boris, Ania and Ariadne are counting on us!
Hurry up, friends - the future is in our hands again!*

Your partners from Polan

*Small is beautiful so get to know
Kochanowice*



30 September 2019

All partners were happy to arrive so we could officially start the third project meeting at our school. On October 30 at 9:30 am we all met in room 7 where the headmistress officially greeted the guests. Then we presented our guests with the reason for the meeting, thus referring to the subject matter of the implemented project. We presented prepared materials - articles from newspapers, information strips, press and TV reports which made us here. After this introduction we introduced the participants to our country, region and our town by means of a multimedia presentation. Then our guests took part in a Kahoot quiz where they tested their knowledge of our country. After a short break, integration classes took place during which the ice was broken.



The second part of the day was marked by a city game in which students divided into international groups performed tasks left in different parts of Kochanowice. It was great fun but unfortunately the unfavorable aura thwarted our plans a little bit. Guests could get to know our town, its inhabitants, the peculiarities of Kochanowice and all characteristic places worth attention. They visited the Commune Office and met with the Mayor, visited the Municipal Cultural and Information Centre, the Municipal Library, the historic Church of St. Lawrence, a kindergarten, other school buildings, a local bakery where they learned the secrets of baked goods, the Tytan Inn where they could taste local dishes, a health centre, the Municipal Library where they faced the recitation of Julian Tuwim's *Locomotive*, a petrol station where they had the opportunity to see the monuments of Polish motorization, as well as they were treated to tea, Silesian cakes and a chat at the home of one of the residents of our community.

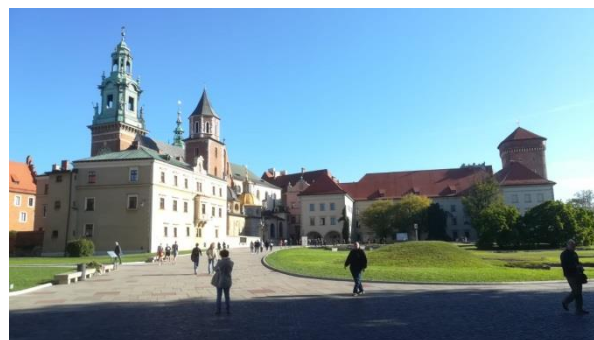


The first day of the visit ended with a bowling and dinner at the Manhattan Bowling alley. Satisfied students went home with their new temporary families and the French group went to their accommodation in Tytan.

The next day, in the early morning, we left for a day-long trip to Kraków and Wieliczka.



Discovering Kraków and Wieliczka



1 October 2019

We spent the second day on an all-day trip in Kraków and Wieliczka. We left at 6:00, arrived in Krakow at 09:00 and started sightseeing with an English - speaking guide along the Royal Route and Wawel Hill. This route is the quintessence of Kraków, an obligatory point of the program during a visit to the city. The Via Regia is a historic road leading to the Wawel Castle which was followed by the royal messengers and royal processions. On the route of our walk there were:

medieval city walls with the Barbakan and Floriańska Gate, Floriańska Street where Jan Matejko's house is located, Main Market Square with St. Mary's Church, Cloth Hall, Church of St. John the Baptist, the Church of St. Adalbert, The Town Hall tower, Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University, the Franciscan Church and the Papal window. Then we went to Wawel Hill with the Royal Castle courtyard and visited Wawel Cathedral. The weather was fine, it was warm and sunny. Kraków welcomed us with a very positive aura, the city bathed in the sunshine spreading its beauty before the eyes of our guests. We stopped in the market square for a long time blend in with atmosphere of the city and feel a part of it for a while. Pupils looked out for a mysterious character in a red scarf, who,



as announced the previous day, was to give them valuable information about the whereabouts of one of missing characters. And it finally worked! One group of students became owners of a mysterious envelope with valuable content. It looked like the contents of the envelope were hiding information about Diana's whereabouts! Yes, it was a good day ...

After sightseeing Kraków, we went to Wieliczka, where we had lunch and started a 2,5 hour tour of the salt mine. We admired the beautiful chambers carved in salt, amazing underground lakes, majestic carpentry constructions and unique salt sculptures. There were more than 20 chambers along the route of our tour, including the most beautiful and famous Chapel of St. Kinga. There was another surprise waiting for us in the underground - another envelope with the info about Ania's whereabouts! Yes, it was definitely a good day for all of us...

The stay in Kraków and Wieliczka turned out to be an amazing experience for our guests. Tired, but happy, we returned to Kochanowice, with hope that this day will remain in the memory of our partners for a long time.





Mystery envelopes continued



2 October 2019

We spent the morning hours at school taking part in a mathematical quiz, where students divided into groups had the opportunity to compete with each other in developing their mathematical competence. It was an occasion to solve further project puzzles oscillating around mysterious disappearances of our avatars. Two more envelopes appeared, with valuable information on the whereabouts of our characters. Ariadne seemed to be pretty close, but Boris... We'll have to wait a bit longer to meet Boris. It's a secret so far. Well, we can lift the veil of secrecy a little bit ... Boris has hidden far away from here, where the cradle of the whole western civilization, the birthplace of democracy, philosophy, the Olympic Games... Boris will be waiting for us in Greece and exactly in Crete, where we will all go next May. There we will write another chapter of our European adventure... After solving the riddles and making sure that our lost friends are well, sports activities were held, which traditionally have already enjoyed great interest of the project participants. The morning classes were made more pleasant by the homemade cakes, cookies and other sweets prepared by the mother of one of our students. After lunch, which we ate at school, we went to Częstochowa to explore Jasna Góra and walk along the main avenues of the city.

We returned to Kochanowice around 6 pm. The students spent the rest of the day together with their host families who prepared special attractions for for them.





United in diversity - Europe Day in Kochanowice



3 October 2019

On this day we celebrated European Day together with our partners and other invited guests. The date of this magnificent celebration was not chosen by chance, as it is impossible to imagine a better opportunity to celebrate such a special day as a joint celebration and fun with representatives of different European Union member countries. The ceremony was also honored by the presence of representatives of local authorities, neighbouring schools and many local institutions. Preparations for this unique event have already started in mid - September. Pupils of particular classes under the care of tutors prepared display stands representing selected countries. Apart from flags and symbols characteristic of a given country, everyone had the opportunity to become a real taster of Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Czech, French, English, Greek and Polish cuisine. The choice of dishes was really huge - from Norwegian and English salty



specialities, Polish and Italian sweets, through spicy Hungarian cuisine. The preparation of the refreshments was not only the work of our pupils and teachers, but above all the contribution of parents who have been very committed to the European Day. After a tasty and healthy meal, our guests presented a song from their country. The next stage of the event was a competition presentation of the represented country. The classes were outdoing each other in ideas: there was a royal couple, famous footballers, folk costumes, famous bands, dance arrangements and hits in different languages. The international jury had to face a challenge in selecting the winner as the level of presentations was really high. And although each class deserved to win the best was the class representing Great Britain.



Perfectly prepared European Day passed into history leaving a lot of warm and pleasant impressions. We hope that our foreign guests, leaving Poland, packed into their suitcases a lot of positive and pleasant memories from their stay in our country, among which was this day spent together connecting all the inhabitants of Europe.

In the afternoon, all project participants and the teaching staff met for a gala dinner combined with dancing and playing together. We had a great time.



All good things must come to an end



4 October 2019

This day was not very optimistic because it was a goodbye day. In the morning, we met at school for joint classes and a summary of the visit to Poland. We watched the prepared film, discussed the actions planned and carried out, shared our impressions from the passed week and planned further actions. And the moment has come to say goodbye. Everyone was very sad because during this week the students got to know each other and their host families. They made many new friendships. They promised to keep in touch and hopefully they will. It's been an amazing week for all of us. We are glad that our friends from Europe could get to know us and our beautiful country a little bit. We hope that they will be happy to return to the moments spent in Poland. Like us, we are happy to go back to our days in France and the Czech Republic. Because we're all one family which we've once again found out by writing down more cards from the life of our project...



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Is this really over? The week accompanied by our friends from Europe passed so quickly....Kochanowice, Kraków, Częstochowa, Lubliniec, Warszawa.... Yes, now we are calm. We found Ania, Ariadne, Diana... Only Boris is still waiting for us far away from here... Don't worry Boris, we will meet soon and then you will tell us about beautiful Greece. See you dear!

