

REPORT ERASMUS+ MOBILITY GIJON, SPAIN

Our hardly-anticipated mobility started on April 17, 2018 at 2 am in front of the Ljubljana Secondary School for Hairstyling. First we went to the Venice Marco Polo Airport, then we boarded our first plane to Madrid. We were all very much anticipated, as this was the first flight experience for all three girls, but Žan has already experienced this. After arriving at Madrid's Adolfo Suarez Airport, we were all very pleased when we saw Starbucks, because we have always wanted to try their coffee. As we walked to the terminal, we were surprised by the size of the airport, as they even have an underground rail link. We were all very confused. Without our teacher Vesna we would not have been able to get to our airplane in time, so we named ourselves Chickens. When we boarded the plane, we flew to the next and last Asturias airport. There we waited for our luggage, and there was a taxi already waiting for us, which drove us to our apartment in Gijon. When we arrived in front of the apartment, our coordinator Mariano and apartment owner were waiting for us there. Together they gave us instructions for the next month and our stay in Gijon. After that, we decided to go out and see the city of Gijon to get to know it well. We went to the nearest beach, which is approximately 100 meters from our apartment. The next day, together with our teacher Vesna and coordinator Mariano, we went to the hairdressing school in Gijon. There we had one hour and a half presentation about us, Slovenia and our school. Everyone was very enthusiastic about our presentation and wanted our contacts. Our teacher Vesna helped in translating the presentation, because Spanish people don't understand that much of English. We exchanged contacts and went back to our apartment. We stayed in very good contact with our new friends, together we went to have a coffee. We met a lot of new and good friends who showed us the city. We found that people in Spain and Gijon are more night people. People in Spain are much more open, friendly, generous than people in Slovenia. We have also found out that they are very superficial in their salons. We all wanted better salons with more customers, because most of the time we didn't have much work and we were bored. When there was some work in the salon, we dyed, dried the customers' hair, washed them.

We got used to life in Gijon. We all took the taxi here for the first time. Almost every day we went on walks and hung out with our friends from Gijon. We were all very sad when the last week came and we knew that a hard goodbye from our very good friends was ahead of us. Everyone told us that we were going to remain in touch even when we are in Slovenia and that they will "kidnap" us because they love us very much and don't want us to go back. In Gijon we also celebrated Žan's 17th birthday with our friends. On Monday, all the four of us went together to our salons to say thank you and goodbye to our mentors and to give them presents. In the evening we went to the last walk along the coast and looked at the city and we were all very grateful that we could get such a good life experience. So that we could almost all fly for the first time by plane, that we all got very good new friends, that we have seen how different they work in the salons, so that we could see and experience such a wonderful place and people. When Tuesday came, we were all very sad because we knew that the last day of this beautiful experience in Gijon was waiting for us. It was also a day that we might see our friends and Gijon for the last time. When we were saying goodbye to our friends, we all cried and hugged each other, and made a lot of photos together. When we got back to our apartment, we cleaned it and packed the rest of our stuff. The next day we got up early,

got ready and left the apartment. There was already a taxi waiting to take us to the airport. There we quickly went to our terminal and on a plane to Barcelona. In Barcelona we had to wait some time, because we had the next flight three and a half hours later. At the airport we went to have lunch and then to the next terminal. By plane we flew to the last airport, which was in Venice. There was GoOpti already waiting for us, which drove us happily to our school in Ljubljana. Our crying and happy parents were there waiting for us to take us home. We were all sad because we left so many good friends and memories behind in Gijon that we will keep for the rest of our lives, but at the same time we were happy and grateful that we got a very good, new experience that will accompany us all our lives. We would all like to thank The Ljubljana Secondary School for Hairstyling, our teacher Vesna, the mobility coordinator Stanka Platiša Pogačnik, the coordinator Mariano, all the salons, the Erasmus program, the principal Saša Hiti and all those who have provided us with an unforgettable one-month stay in Spain, Gijon.

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