

Leonardo Project

Lifelong Learning Programme

(2014.06.29 – 2014.07.26)



By *Viktor Szalacs*

First week

1.day 29th of June, Sunday

We started at 11:00 from airport 2B it took 1hour 30min to get to Istanbul--->Sabiha Gökchen

We were met by our future project leader Seckin the god, and taken to our accommodation by bus.

We had a dinner and started to get to know the player.

2.day 30 th of June, Monday

After breakfast we went to a sightseeing walking tour with some local teachers/project members, the first stop was the city museum where we could see some maquets about buildings, after this we walked around and walked to the clock tower where we could also see a little waterfall after this long walk we had lunch in a street restaurant we went back to the hotel and we had english lessons in the afternoon.After dinner the boys went playing football with the project leader Achmed and his company.Free time...



3.day 1st of July, Tuesday

After breakfast we got on a bus which took us to Karamürsel which is about 30km from Izmit. First we visited the local secondary school where we listened some interesting english laungage presentations about the school and the turkish education system then we saw the laboratories and all the classrooms of the school after this presentation we went to the top of the hill where we could see a very nice view on the bay, we had lunch near the beach and after the lunch we had about two hours free time on the beach.In the hotel we had english lessons and then.Free time...



4.day 2nd of July, Wednesday

In the morning we went to Elginkan center and we had the first IT lessons with our new teacher Selim.

We went back to the hotel for lunch and then we visited the Ford factory by bus we spent there some hours

and we could listen to history of the factory which was very amazing we could see the different assembly

lines and the final produce of the factory aswell, in the end we could also listen to an english laungage

presentation about the factory itself then we went back to the hotel by bus and we had some english lesosns.

Free time....

5.day 3rd of July, Thursday

This day we visited a lot of public institutes in Izmit, first we went to job center where the main boss

gave a long presentation about employment situation in turkey.From here we went on to the local goverment

building where we looked around and finally we set in the conference room and again we listened to a veryinteresting presentation from a high position clark he told about the city the future plans and again the

employment situation after lunch in the hotel we had some english lessons on the balcony, in the evening

the boys went playing football again with the turkish guys.Free time...

6.day 4th of July, Friday

In the morning we had some lessons in the Elginkan center and after lunch we walked to the biggest mosque

in Izmit which is called Yenicuma there we looked around and read some brochures about the mosque inenglish laungage and from 5'o clock we saw the praying time which lasted to 6'o clock in the evening after some english lessons.Free time....

7-8.day 5-6th July, Weekend

At the weekend we had free time but of course we practiced some english aswell, we went shopping and we

went to Karamürsel beach on Sunday.Free time

Second week

9.day 7th of July, Monday

We had IT training until 1pm then we had free time in the afternoon, after dinner we had some english lessons

on the balcony.Freetime...

10.day 8th of July, Tuesday

We had IT training until 1pm then we had free time in the afternoon, after dinner we had some english lessons

on the balcony.Freetime...

11.day 9th of July,
Wednesday

We had IT training until 1pm after it we went to the port where there is a warship museum first we saw the

submarine which was in use until 2004 we spent there about 1 hour and we looked all the equipment after this

we went to the warship which is a destroyer called TCG GAYRET D 352 we spent there another 1 hour, it was

a guided tour in english laungage we got to know a lot of information about this ship it was amazing.In the

evening after english lessons.Free time...



12.day 10th of July, Thursday

We had IT training until 1pm after the IT lessons we took the bus to the beginning of Seka park which is the

biggest park in Izmit and we started our walking tour, first we saw a warplane which is exhibited in the park

this plane was used in the 18-19. century most students climbed on the plane and we took a lot of photos.After

about half an our we found a very nice pier and some students jumped into the water.Finally after about 1 hour

we reached our original destination which was the memorial house of Thököly Imre there is an interesting

exhibition which was established by the Hungarian goverment in 2004 we had an english laungage guiding tour

in the house unfortunately the TV didnt work.We got back to the hostel at about 5'o clock and then we had

some english lessons and after that.Free time...

13.day 11th of July, Friday

We had IT training until 1pm then we had free time in the afternoon, after dinner we had some english lessons

on the balcony.Freetime...

14-15.day 12-13th of July, Weekend

For this weekend Seckin organized a 2 day trip to the Black Sea.We started after breakfast Saturday by a very

old bus which was used for public transport it took about 1 hour to get there our destination was a village

called Kerpe which is located on the beach.Our ecomodation was in a youth camp, we had a lot of fun went to the beach the scenery was amazing and in 2 days time we were swimming a lot.In the camp we could also play some sports valleybal, football, biking.We started back to Izmit at about 5'o clock and we arrived at dinner time.Later we had free time...

16.day 14th of July, Monday

We had IT training until 1pm then we had free time in the afternoon, after dinner we had some english lessons

on the balcony.Freetime...

17.day 15th of July, Tuesday

We had IT training until 1pm then we had free time in the afternoon, after dinner we had some english lessons

on the balcony.Freetime...

18.day 16th of July, Wednesday

We had IT training until 1pm then some students went to the museom of archeology where they could see a lot

of finds from ancient times after that we visited the old rallway station where were some old trains from the 20th century in the afternoon after the english lessons we had free time...

19.day 17th of July, Thursday

We had IT training until 1pm but the last lesson was the exam at the same time after some minute we could

learnt about the result after the lessons we went to a trip to the neighbouring city called Gebze

where we were walking a lot we visited the castle which was built in the ancient Bizanten period after the

castle we walked to Hannibal grave which was 3km from the castle after looking around we went back to

Izmit by bus after english lessons we had free time...

20.day 18th of July, Friday

In the morning we went to Elginkan and everybody got hes/her certificate about the course then after lunch

we had english lesson and then free time...

Day 21-22 (July 19-20. Saturday Sunday):

On saturday we visited a famous resort Masukie wich is located about 40 km from Izmit in the mountains there we went up to the mountain wich is called Cartepe and ee found there a quad centre so we went on a tour by quads to the top of the hill from there was a fantastic view on the lake. It took about 1 hour and then we walked up the waterfalls and some caves and finally we set in a very nice cafe and drank tea or coffee. We started home at about 5 o'clock and arricex home for dinner time.

On sunday after breakfast we started to Istambul by bus and we arrived at the youth hostel at 12 o' clock. We had lunch about 13 o'clovk we went to the city center by underground. It is called Taksim. From Taksim square we walked down the Istiklal street as far as the Galata tower. There a lot of students went up to thentop of the tower there is a fantastic view of thenvity. Then we walked back to Taksim and came back home.



Day 23 (July 21. Monday):

After breakfast we started our tour

in Istanbul. We went to Eminönü station by bus number 74. And from there first we walked to Topkapı palace where we spent about 2 hours. Then we went to the Yerebatan cisterns which is an amazing underground water reserve in the centre of the old city. After this we continued our walking tour to the Blue Mosque and we were informed about the history of this mosque in English. At about 18 o'clock we started back to our hostel

Day 24 (July 22. Tuesday):

After breakfast we went to the city again to Eminönü and on the same way we were walking to the Egyptian bazaar where we

saw the Rüstem Pasha Mosque. After this we crossed a lot of shopping streets and finally we arrived at Aya Sofia which is the most famous mosque in the world but originally it was a Christian church converted into a mosque but nowadays it is a museum. We listened to the story of this breathtaking building. The next destination was another mosque which is called

the Laleli Mosque everybody sat down at the comfortable thick carpet and the boys fell asleep. After a relaxing nap we

visited the tombs of III. Selim and III. Mustafa after a short English language guide we went on to the Grand Bazaar and

there we had free time. At half past 18 we started back to the hotel.

Day 25 (July 23. Wednesday):

After breakfast we went to the Üsküdar by bus on this way we crossed the Bosphorus bridge. Our destination was the Kısıklı

island which is a very small tiny island with an old tower which is a famous viewpoint in the city. There are special

boats from Üsküdar to this island. After this we started to go to the ferry boat station on the way we visited two

mosques. One of them was the famous Mihri Mahal mosque. Then we crossed the Bosphorus strait by ferry and arrived in Beşiktaş

and here the first stop was the Naval Museum in here we had a guided tour and we saw a lot of old boats from Ottoman era.

Then we continued to the Dolmabahceh palace which was the sultan's palace from the 19th century. We looked around in the

garden and walked around the palace itself we also saw the famous clock tower in the garden. Later we went back to the

ferry station on and got on the bus number 30M and went to the hotel.

Day 26 (July 24. Thursday):

After breakfast we got on a bus number 500 in Sisli centre and went as far as Eyüp which is a holy district in Istanbul

because there are a lot of famous people's tombs. First we went up to the Pierre Loti cafe by Teleferique. In the cafe

we had lunch and looked around. It's a very famous viewpoint in Istanbul. After about an hour we went down to the mosques

and saw the famous Eyüp Sultan's mosque. And then we visited the tomb as well. This tomb is a famous pilgrimage point in

the city. Then we walked around this district. Then got on the bus and went as far as the Taksim square and from there we

went to the military museum where we had an English language guide. This is the biggest museum in Europe and they had a

very wide collection of weapons and military equipment. We also saw a medieval Ottoman show. The museum closed at 17 so

we had to leave and went back to our accommodation.

Day 27. (July 29. Friday):

This day everybody had some free time. We could do shopping in the Grand Bazaar or relaxing. In the afternoon we had some English lesson.

Day 28. (July 30. Saturday):

After breakfast the transfer bus came at 10 o'clock and took us to the airport. Our plane started at 14:25. And landed

in Budapest at ...