

## PORTUGUESE STUDENT EXCHANGE REPORT

### BÁRBARA ALMEIDA

One of the best weeks of my life was spent in Germany, in the Erasmus project.

At first my expectations were low but it was so good to make friends, learn new things and improve my English.

German food was pretty good and I ate the best bolognese pasta of my life, even though there were some foods I didn't like very much.

The people were all friendly and very polite, I loved "my family" they were really welcoming and Caroline was one of the best people I have ever met.

My favorite days were the bling bling party day, the trip to the gum factory and also the Saturday with the family, we went to Buga, where there were lots of flowers and where I had a delicious hamburger the salt mines and at night we had a meeting with my friends.

These were amazing days, I laughed a lot and learned a lot, I made friends from Norway and Germany and I miss them a lot, especially Caroline, Basti and Marlon, with whom I had a lot of fun.

I came back without thinking twice and **I'm sure that 30 years from now I will remember this week**, it's really unforgettable.

I fell asleep many times thinking in English and even forgot some words in Portuguese.

The house was quite big and cozy, the family have two beautiful cats, Bianca and Mike.

Everyone who has a chance to go will be a really good opportunity, **the hardest part is coming back because we are all in tears.**

I will miss the jokes, our friends that I hope to see soon and the cat of my family who loved parties and kept me company in everything.

IT WILL BE A WEEK THAT I WILL REMEMBER ALL MY LIFE WITH LOTS OF LOVE! September 23-27, 2019 will surely be a week I will never forget!



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## BENJAMIN FISHER

To start I would like to say that I loved my experience going on this trip to Germany, I made lots of friends and learned new things!

I really liked the fact that there were sections of the road just for bicycles and there were lots of people riding bikes.

The food there was great and I loved it!

The host family's were very nice and made me feel at home and that was fantastic, the host's name was Marlon and he was very funny and kind, **the atmosphere with them was amazing** and I miss them already!

The school there was very nice and I liked the fact that there wasn't anything stopping the students from staying in the school grounds and that they just didn't leave!

There is **a lot of respect between the students and teachers** and that is amazing.

I felt very happy when I was there and I hope I can return there some day.

I wish the weather was a bit better but you can't have everything I guess!

Heilbronn is a very very beautiful place, full of nature! Lots of trees and animals.

One of the things I loved the most was going to the "Experimenta" on the 25th and going to the candy museum on the 26th!

**This trip increased my self confidence and gave me a different perspective about Germany** which was great, it was a unique experience and I am very happy this trip was a part of my life!!

I want to thank everyone involved in this project for giving me this opportunity.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!☺DE



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## DANIELA PEREIRA

The week from 23rd to 29th September was the best week of my life and I would love to repeat it.

Besides the incredible friendships I made, I got to know a different education system from ours, not a better or worse but a different education system.

Erasmus is a form of cultural, academic enrichment, a life lesson, a way of growing and becoming independent. The reality is different and the greatest contribution it has to our personal development is undoubtedly allowing us to grow as individuals within a multicultural society. Knowing and living with other cultures, other habits and even other foods is the best there can be. **I learned to manage my time, responsibilities and money.**

One of the best parts of school was the school party because it's not very common in Portugal. I visited magnificent places like the castle at Ludwigsburg, the October fest in Stuttgart and, on the last day, we had a bus trip through Stuttgart, **I was able to try different foods and see other habits, it was awesome.**

My host family was very nice, Zoe Linde and her parents were really kind and I'm sad that it was just one week, it could be more time.

It was the best experience of my life and I hope that all who want can live the experience I had.



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## TIAGO SILVA

Last week was amazing, everything was great, we all got to know the world in a different way.

I really liked the host student, Bastian, his mother, Diane and his brother Pascal. They were very nice and kind. They even gave me lots of gifts! I just want to thank all the people who made this trip possible.

So, it was **the first time I was on a plane**, and I really enjoyed it! When we arrived at the train station in Heilbronn, I was very nervous, I was shaking a little bit, and was also a little bit scared. Then I said goodbye to my friends and got in the car to go home. During the car trip, Diane (host parent) started talking to me and making questions and I became calm. I introduced myself and made some questions too.

When we arrived home, they showed me the house and my room and it was not that big, but it was enough! I really liked the house and my bed too. In the first day we went to school and it was amazing. **The school was very different from mine**. The other activities were incredible, the trips, the gummybear land, Experimenta, and all the others!

This project is amazing, because we get to know the world in another way, the people, the customs, ....

The food was really good, my favourite was "maultashen" that Diane cooked.

I highly recommend it, this is a unique experience in life, and if it wasn't for this project, I would never be able to go to another country.

I'M VERY HAPPY, AND I WANT TO GO BACK!

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