

SCHOOL EXCHANGE BENIDORM-XANTEN (GERMANY)

The exchange with the German students has been a unique experience that we will always remember.

At first, we had a rather strange feeling, because we had never met before and our customs were different. But, when they arrived and we started getting to know each other, we became good friends. They were impressed by our town, the weather and the extroverted character of the Spanish people. They loved it!

After a very intense week (including two night out parting in Benidorm) the farewell was very difficult because we got very attached to them. Anyway, we knew that we would meet soon, in Germany.

When a few months later we got to Xanten, Germany, the welcoming was even warmer than we expected. People over there is very kind, both students and teachers, and specially our host families.

They had programmed all sorts of activities so that we enjoyed ourselves and had a great time during our stay: ice-skating, visits to Xanten and Cologne, guided tour of the archaeological Roman Park at Xanten, shopping at a huge shopping centre, ... In addition to it, each one of us enjoyed different outings with our host families that made us more familiar with their way of life and customs. Some examples are: cycling or walking routes along the Rhine, visit of their towns of origin, walks around the town centre, to the zoo, and to a nearby farm, attendance to the birthday party of one of them, football matches and other training sessions, etc. We even got to try German sausages and beer (non-alcoholic one for minors).

Let's not forget that one of the aims of the exchange is to practice the English language, for this reason, on top of all of the mentioned activities, we also attended lessons in English at the European Classroom in the three first hours of the morning. We were taught Geography, History and other subjects in English. Very interesting and useful!

On the last day we all gathered for lunch and signed two flags, the German one and the Spanish one. We knew it would be difficult for the lot of us to meet again, for this reason the farewell was very sad. We had had a great time and we had been treated so well that we didn't want to come back ...

In conclusion, it has been an unforgettable experience that we would repeat without any doubt.

WE RECOMMEND IT TO YOU!