

EXCHANGE WITH HOLLAND

4TH TO 9TH JUNE, 2013

We all want to share with you some of the images that have frozen a great six-day visit to Holland.



4TH June, Tuesday

We all were first up early in the morning to be at Barajas airport at 05:45 am. After a two-hour trip by train to Hoovegeen, northeast of Holland, we got to the Wolfsbos de Meander High School.

Sunny weather and a nice welcoming by the Dutch students. The students spent the afternoon and evening with their Dutch mates and families. Nice first contact!

5th June, Wednesday.

That marvellous day we accompanied our partners to their classes. Some had Physics, some had Art, even Geography!

After a couple of hours of hanging around, we grabbed our bikes and rode to Hoogeveen's windmill. There we learnt about the history of windmills in Drente, how they work, what they mean when their blades are in certain positions, etc.



After going back home, we watched a play performed by Dutch students at Wolfsbos school. We, obviously, didn't really understand all of it... but it was very expressive, and it made us laugh :)

6th June, Thursday

A fantastic tour by car around the province of Drente, what accounts for the bad quality of some of the pics.

Some prehistoric remains that used to be a funeral monument... and our first attempt to paint portraits at van Gogh's house while he was living in the province. We really did our best!

7th June, Friday

Our visit to Amsterdam was amazing. Amsterdam is actually a really busy city with plenty of canals, construction sites and trams everywhere. We enjoyed the great boat ride through the canals. Shopping time was also very much appreciated by teachers and students alike.

There we visited the Van Gogh's museum. It was a guided tour especially addressed to students, really amusing. We also had lunch in a park opposite the Contemporary Art Museum, gorgeous!

8th June, Saturday



On Saturday we went by boat to an isle and, there, we had our packed lunch. The teachers were really clever and they didn't have to row... Our boat won (Edgar, Ana, Alina, Mónica and two Dutch girls). The place was very beautiful. After all the exercise we went to a barbecue. It was at my Dutch girl's grandparents' house and we ate a lot.

Some brave people (or crazy ones) swam in the pool even though it was very cold outside. It was our last day, as the following day, we were going to take a plane and come back to Spain.

9th June, Sunday

Our last day by Monica.

Every Spanish student was with their Dutch family. In my case, I got up early. After having breakfast Henriët and I took a lot of photos, we watched a film and I packed. We ate pancakes (mouth-watering) and I said goodbye to the family... They invited me to come again in the future, so I was very happy, it won't be the last time I see them. We went to the school and picked Alina up and went to the airport. There was such a traffic jam that we arrived very late there. It was five o'clock when the last students came and we had less than an hour to check in. We managed to do it in time. We had a nice flight with a famous tv show presenter (Arturo Valls) and we met our families who were waiting for us. It was a really nice week, we had a lot of fun and we learnt a lot about a very beautiful country: Holland

