

EXCHANGE IN COPENHAGEN

A fantastic week that I spent with the wonderful Holm family and visiting a very beautiful city. I did not expect a city so full of things, I think it's a cozy and somewhat unusual city.

There are many inspiring side streets to discover close to the Copenhagen landmark attractions. I saw the city on board a blue boat, I visited the Round Tower, ate in typical places, participated in a castle party and saw a famous show. I spent pleasant and amusing moments with Anna and her family. No visit to Copenhagen is complete without a day in Tivoli - one of the most magical amusement parks.

On Monday I met the classmates of Anna and Elvira and it was nice to attend the lessons at Ordrup Gymnasium with them. I noticed that in their school it is often students who present topics to their classmates; they do a lot of group work and experiments.

During the lessons there is more tranquility than in ours; students do not use notebooks and pencils but computers that facilitate lessons and homework. This type of teaching is very different from ours. Also the relationship between students and teacher is less formal.

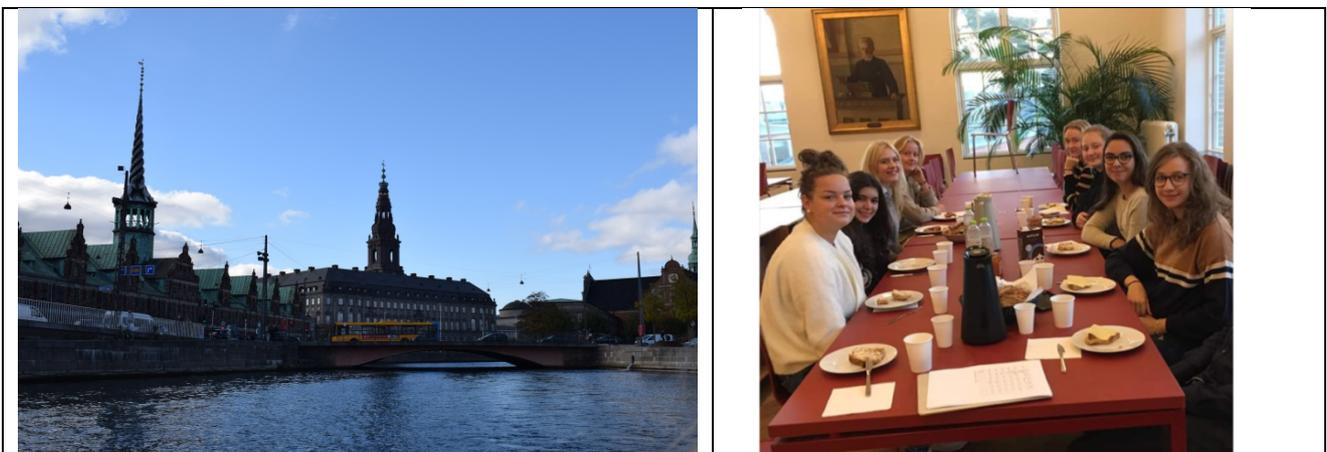
I am very glad I had the possibility of coming directly into contact with a different culture and lifestyle.

It was a very interesting experience and I now hope I will be able to study abroad when I am at university too, perhaps in Denmark again.

For the time being, I made new friends I want to keep in touch with.

Thank you Danish and Italian professors for the organization of the exchange!

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In October 2018 I took part in the exchange with Denmark. From the 8th to the 13th I hosted a Danish girl, Elvira, and then, from 18th to 25th, I went to Copenhagen. It was a great experience: I had the opportunity to go to another country and discover a different culture, and it was also a way to improve myself.

When I arrived, students were on holiday, so we had some days to go around the city. We went on the top of the Roundtower and we had a fantastic view of Copenhagen, and then we got a tour of the city by boat. We saw many important buildings, as the Thorvaldsen museum, National museum and the Parliament, and the famous Little Mermaid. I really liked the architecture of Copenhagen: it was a perfect mix of old and new, in my opinion each building was particular and beautiful.

One day Elvira and her mum took me to Sweden. We took the ferry in the morning and after about twenty minutes we were in Sweden. It was a relaxing day: we went shopping (I learnt that Swedish shops are cheaper than Danish ones) and walked around Helsingborg. Another day, they took me to Roskilde to visit the most important church in Denmark: the church where all the kings and queens are buried. The church, or Cathedral, was very big and has many different chapels decorated with different styles. I enjoyed it very much: it was so full of art and history, very interesting.

On Monday I started my student life at Ordrup Gymnasium. Elvira lives really close to the school, so we went on foot. When we arrived we had a special "welcome breakfast" with two teachers, Giulia (the other Italian girl) and Anna (the girl who hosted her) and other exchange students from France. After that we had a tour of the school. It is very big and modern, consisting of several buildings. Something that I really appreciated, and which in my opinion is very important are the "areas" where students can sit and talk, do their homework, work together, study, eat or relax; I think that this is fantastic because it encourages team work and also because students have always a place where they can go if they need space to do something. The classes were good, I tried to do my best to understand the lessons. Elvira's classmates were very sweet and sometimes translated Danish into English for me. I really like scientific subjects, so for me it was very interesting to be in Physics, Chemistry and Math classes, in particular when they did experiments. I also enjoyed language classes. In the afternoon we stayed at school because Elvira was in the school musical and in the school choir. On Wednesday they had a concert in the school canteen, so the days before they had to practise a lot. They were very good, it was fun listening to them.

I think this experience was fantastic. It has given me the opportunity to travel and to improve my English, but also a lot more. I've made new friends, discovered a different way of life and culture. I compared myself with a new reality.

I would like to say thank you to all the people I met during that week, and in particular to Elvira and her family, for all they did for me, for each moment spent together and to make this experience unforgettable.

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