

Euro Tour

Dear Rotarians,

As some of you may know I recently did a trip around Europe with 90 other exchange students from all around the world for 16 days from the 1st-16th of April. I went to Germany, Belgium, France, Andorra, Barcellona, Monaco and Italy!!!

Germany: Cologne

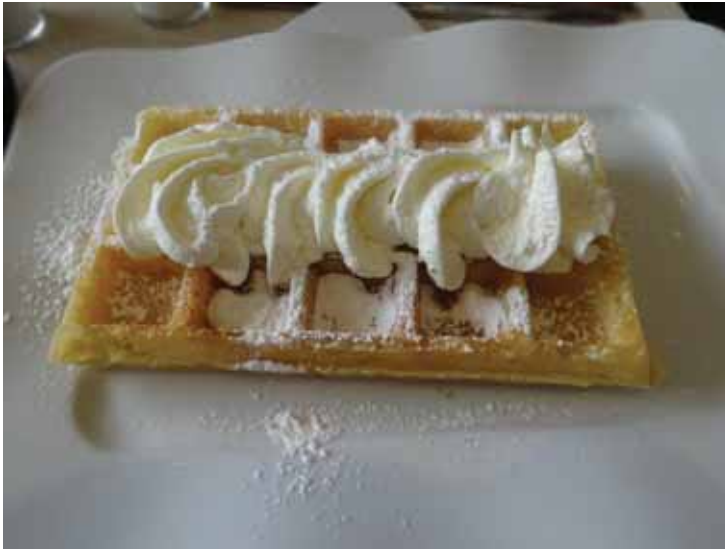
On our first day of Euro Tour I was awoken by my incredibly excited host mum at 4:30 am... We then went to the train station and I was off by 5:40. I arrived in Linz at 8:30, got on the bus and travelled for around 7 and a half hours to Cologne, Germany. By the time we arrived it was dinner time and we were let out to explore the city.

The next morning we woke up and where taken to the Koelner Dome which is a really beautiful Cathedral as shown below and then we were off to Belgium.



Belgium: Brussels, Bruges

It took around 2 and a half hours to get to Brussels where I may or may not have indulged in both an Authentic Belgium waffle and Belgium Fries as shown below I was a little excited.



We left Brussels and went off to Bruges where we spent the remaining night and following day wandering through the Markets and visiting churches .

France: Paris, Toulouse, Avignon

After Spending the Afternoon in Bruges we hopped back on the bus and went to Paris (probably my favourite city)! We arrived just in time for dinner and then were let out for the evening. So me and a few friends went to the Eifel Tower!





The following day we were taken on a tour of Paris for the day and visited all the important monuments.



Day 2 in Paris was by far the best, as we had the whole day to just do our own thing. In the morning we were taken to a Cathedral for around a half hour and then given free time for the rest of the day. So and friend and I made it our mission to find the Mona Lisa which it turns out is very difficult to find. But luckily on our way we befriended a French Boy named Travy (as shown below) who took us to the Louvre ... turns out he had no idea where he was going good he had a crack at it though when we eventually got there we said our goodbyes and tracked down the Mona Lisa! And we got in for free! Whilst at the Mona Lisa I met an Australian Man named Phillip from Perth who recognised the Australian Flag I was holding, he also happens to be in this photo of me and the Mona Lisa!



We then went back to the Eiffel tower and went on a bike ride for an hour or two and then went home for dinner.

Andorra

Unfortunately we were only able to spend a few hours in Andorra but during my time I did manage to meet a lovely Indian Man who asked me and a few friends to correct one of his original compositions “sky shinning blue”.



Spain: Barcelona

We spent 3 days in Barcelona all of which were amazing we went to a Castel, the Olympic park, a water show and most importantly the Beach!



Monaco: Monte Carlo

We only got to spend a few hours in Monte Carlo but the time that we did spend there was amazing as it is probably not only one of the most beautiful places I have ever been but also the most expensive!



Italy: Cinque Terre, Pisa, Florence and Venice

The last 5 days we spent in Italy were absolutely beautiful but out of everywhere in Italy either Cinque Terre or Florence were my favourite!



Cinque Terre was absolutely beautiful we spent the day here and even went for a swim in beach as shown above. May have had a gelato or 3 and a pizza for good measure!

Pisa!



For the last day of Euro Tour we spent the day in Venice which was stunning we went in a gondola, had the best tortellini ever! And explored the city!!!

I had the best two weeks of my life travelling through Europe with 90 other exchange students from all around the world. I have made lifelong friends and learnt things about cultures I would have never been able to understand before my exchange. I really appreciate the opportunity you have given me and I seriously can't believe how much I'm growing (not just in size) as a person. Thank you members of the Richmond Rotary Club you don't know how much what you are doing means to me!

Lots of Love Daisy!