

# WE ARE ERASMUS

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The experience of the Erasmus 2024 long mobilities started on January 25th. Three guys, Gabriela, Geri and Dario, coming from Spain Leon, more precisely Boñar, arrived in Caltanissetta in the late evening and they were respectively hosted by Noemi Cirasa, Asia Melfa, Nicolò Pilato and Andrea Sanguedolce. After welcoming them and the two teachers who accompanied them, we decided to go home thus starting the experience.

We (Noemi and Asia) managed to create a connection with the girls right away, because we have been studying Spanish at school for a couple of years.

A relationship of sisterhood was created while spending our days with the girls. we also managed to establish a friendship with Darío, despite attending lessons in the other building being part of our school, by organizing outings in which we were all together, to ensure that he did not feel excluded.

In this month we continued to go to school, but this time, with them who had a diversified schedule to be able to carry out their school activities from Spain. We continued to live everyday life, they were with us for whatever we had to do. We organized activities, outings in and out of Caltanissetta to allow the girls to know Sicily and its traditions in the best possible way, for example on their first Sunday here, we organized a trip to Acireale to enjoy all together the carnival and its wagons. We made the girls taste all the typical food making them feel part of a real Sicilian family.





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The experience continued in the best way, sharing moments that would remain imprinted forever.

This project has taught us that we can establish a bond with other guys though the different age, culture, nationality and habits. It has taught us that we must remain calm and respect the other because we do not always agree on things. He helped us mature by teaching us to share our spaces and passions.

We decided to participate in the experience, inspired by the teachers who are aware of the fact that we like to get involved, we like to learn new things and explore different places and cultures, we like to meet new people; but above all we participated to learn lessons of life that without this experience we would never have learned.

Erasmus has made us aware of having 2 sisters and 1 brother that we will never forget. It has also helped us to further improve our cultural heritage, immersing us in different and varied cultures.

But this is not the end because we will continue this experience going to Spain in April and being hosted by our sisters and brother. We can't wait!





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We (Noemi and Asia) decided to interview the girls we welcomed with the Erasmus project in February.

Who are you and where are you from?

Gabriela: I'm Gabriela Fernandez Abalde and I'm 15 years old. I live in the north of Spain in a town called Puebla de Lillio.

Geri: I'm Geri Blagoeva Stoilova. I'm 16 years old and I'm from Boñar, a small town in Leon. Leon is not a very big city like Madrid but it's not small either, it's located in the north of Spain.

What are your habits in Spain?

Gabriela: Take a nap, watch tv series, study, help my mother with housework, go out with my friends and work.

Geri: During the week, I wake up early to go to school, in the afternoon, when I get home from school, I have lunch with my family. Some afternoons I take a nap if I don't have much to study. On the contrary, if I have to study, I do my homework and I stay at home all day. I usually go out with my friends and at night, after dinner, I walk my dogs. On weekends I work with my brother and I go to Leon with my family.





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What habits did you have to change when you arrived in Italy?

Gabriela: I couldn't take a nap but, luckily, I didn't have to help with the housework.

Geri: Not many. I had to wake up much earlier to go to school, to have lunch earlier and also to go to bed earlier.

Which were the pros and cons of this experience?

Gabriela: The pros are the weather, the food, the people, the places. The con is the people in Italy eat very early.

Geri: There are many pros. I met new people, I visited new places, I discovered a new culture and I tried food that was very delicious. The family that welcomed me was wonderful. I had such a special connection with my Italian girl that made me very happy. The only con was getting up early.

Are there elements or Italian habits that you have considered strange?

Gabriela: It was strange the fact that they ate at 1pm and they didn't have a snack in the afternoon.

Geri: Nothing strange only something very interesting. for example the gestures they make with their hands to communicate with people.





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What did this experience teach you?

Gabriela: This experience has allowed me to grow and mature, thanks to the people I have met; I have also learned a new language and a new culture.

Geri: This experience gave me a second family that became very important to me. It also gave me moments of joy and I have met very good and wonderful people.

Do you feel like the same or you feel like a different person after the experience?

Gabriela: I feel like a better person thanks to the family that welcomed me and the brave people who taught me their culture and language.

Geri: I feel the same person but I have learned a lot during this experience and now I feel so happy.

