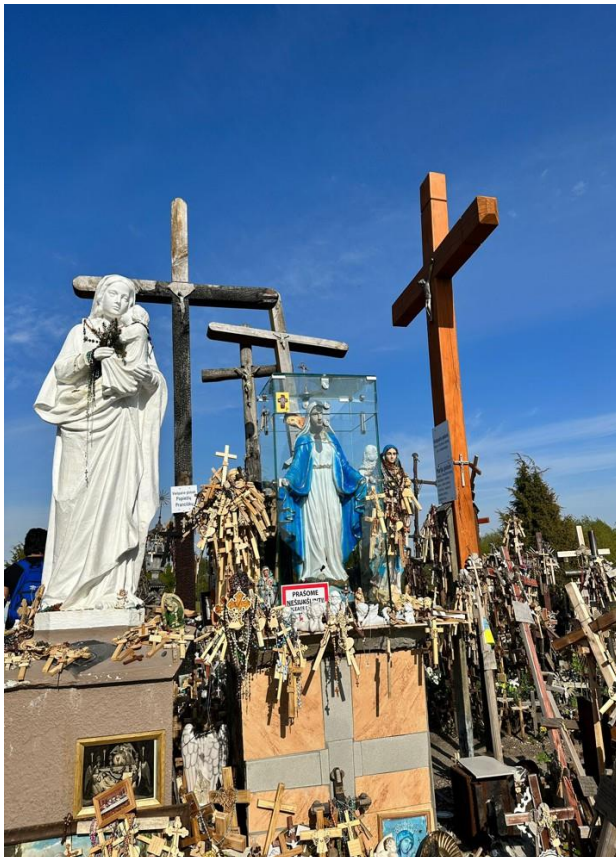


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MERT EFE YILDIZ:

As the school activities commenced, we delved into a rich tapestry of educational and enjoyable experiences. We were exposed to diverse perspectives on consumption patterns worldwide through field trips and engaging events. These enlightening discussions and debates among ourselves proved incredibly beneficial, broadening our understanding and challenging our preconceived notions. It was through these exchanges that we not only gained knowledge but also fostered personal growth. On the last day of our adventure, we visited Vilnius, the enchanting capital city. As someone hailing from Turkey, I was captivated by the city's charm and taken aback by its smaller population. We explored its historic streets, marveling at architectural wonders like the Parliament Building. It was a bittersweet day, as we knew our time together was drawing to a close. In Vilnius, an overwhelming sense of emotion enveloped us all. As we bid farewell to the city that had embraced us with its beauty and warmth, we couldn't help but shed tears of gratitude. The experiences shared, the laughter exchanged, and the bonds forged in just one week had made an indelible impact on our hearts. Our friendly friends and passionate teachers had created an environment that felt like a second home. Leaving the country was a poignant moment filled with mixed emotions. While we were sad to depart, we carried the memories and lessons that would stay with us forever. The journey may have lasted a mere week, but its significance far exceeded its length. It was a testament to the transformative power of exploration, connection, and embracing a new culture. Indeed, this first trip abroad left an indelible mark on our lives, igniting a desire to continue venturing into the unknown, learn, and forge connections that transcend borders.



HASAN HÜSEYİN KÜÇÜKDEMİR

The past week has indeed been the best week of my life. The flight took 3 hours, and although I was nervous about flying, the flight was perfect.

My host was amicable, and we had a great time while he was hosting me. It's better to stay in a hosting family than a hotel because I learned many things from my host, from astronomy to Lithuanian culture. And staying with a host family was an educational and entertaining experience.

I can fluently communicate with my host; it was my first time abroad. Because of that, I was nervous about making grammar mistakes while I was talking, and when I started to speak in English with people, I realized that people weren't going to care about my grammar mistakes, which made me feel comfortable talking and debating.

And I learned from presentations how consumerism could affect our nature and how we can provide to secure our tomorrows by reducing consumption.

Working with teams from different countries encouraged me to tell my opinion to groups, and working with random groups improved my team working skill.



And Lithuanian architecture was fantastic. Before I went to Lithuania, I had yet to learn about Lithuanian culture and architecture. And after my trip, I was amazed and inspired by it. I see historical and cultural structures. And after I listened to Lithuanian history, I saw people working so hard for their independence, which inspired me too much and changed my horizon.

Overall, I had the time of my life, learned many things, improved my skills, and learned how I am affecting nature and giving my children a clean, healthy, green future by buying what I need instead of exaggerating.

EYÜP GÖGEREN

First, I want you to know that it was my first time abroad. It was truly an amazing experience. In the beginning, I was wondering how I would adjust, but towards the end, I started thinking about how we would say goodbye. Of course, I was nervous, but as I mentioned, it wasn't difficult to overcome that with such great friends and warm-hearted teachers. It was the longest but fastest week of my life. The host family I stayed with was also very welcoming.



We were one of the early arrivals in the country, and our friends showed us around for the first two days. We spent time together. After that, the activities at school started, including trips and events that were both educational and enjoyable. We gained knowledge about consumption patterns around the world, had debates among ourselves, and I believe it was beneficial. On the last day, we went to Vilnius, which was a beautiful and charming capital city. As someone coming from Turkey, I was surprised by the small population. After visiting places like the Parliament building, all I remember is that everyone's eyes were filled with tears. We were touched. In just one week, thanks to friendly friends and teachers, I felt like I was leaving home.



This incredible experience sparked my curiosity and interest in Lithuanian culture, even if it was just a nascent fascination initially. Prior to my arrival in Lithuania, I had little knowledge about the country's vibrant cultural heritage. While I had some awareness of its historical significance and its role in the Baltic region, my firsthand exposure to Lithuanian culture opened up a World of inspiration and intrigue.

NEVAL KAYA

Hello, this was my first abroad experience. I made memories that I will never forget. We made very good friendships. It was great for me to see that the world is this big and to meet these wonderful people. I want you to know that I feel very lucky to be a part of this event. At the same time, it was very difficult for me to leave because I got used to and adapted to everyone there. We were very emotional, especially when we parted with our Lithuanian friends.



Compared to other nationalities, we arrived a little earlier. So we had a chance to spend more time with Lithuanians. We went to Kaunas together, played bowling and ate pizza. After that, the activities at the school started. When I first came, I was shy and afraid to participate, but all of our friends were very friendly, so I felt more relaxed every day. We had many informative events about the European Union and consumption. Now I am more aware of the harms of consumption and I will try to raise awareness about this issue.

I was a little nervous while making our presentations for the first time, but I felt more comfortable in the following presentations because our English level was close to each other anyway and I was sure that no one would judge me even if I made a mistake.

My host and her mother were very kind and hospitable. We became very friendly in a short time. I had a hard time leaving. I am looking forward to welcoming her here too. Everything they did for me was great.



We visited many places in Lithuania and tried traditional dishes. It was the kind of place I would like to live in from the future one day. It was a small but peaceful place. Especially the beauty of the architectural structures caught my attention. I also bought many gifts for my host and relatives in Turkey.

Lithuania is a very peaceful place indeed. Escape from the fast and noisy life here, even for a week, really changed me. Getting to know Lithuanian culture and people really impressed me. I went without knowing anything about Lithuanian culture, but I come back by learning a lot. And also, with many memories and friendships

