

Poland Trip

In this trip I had positive and negative experiences, as everyone did.

Actually I had more positive aspects than negative, because the things that were really important to make this trip good, I consider them positive.

The family were amazing in all aspects because they did everything they could to make me feel comfortable. The fact of making new friends, the chance to get to know a new culture, of learning some words in Polish and, of course, the fact that I had to speak in English all the time were all positive aspects.

I don't have many negative things to say about this trip, but the water wasn't very good and our last lunch was terrible.

I had some surprises (good surprises) like when I knew that they just had three meals and the family, because I wasn't expecting such nice people.

Finally the most difficult moment was the goodbye because everyone was crying and there was a lot of sadness in the air, it was a very difficult moment not just for me but for everyone and I just want to say 'thank you' for this great experience.

Marta Fortes

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This will be one experience I will never forget.

At the beginning I was afraid because I thought "oh God how will be? And what if I can't speak or the family don't like me or something like that?", but at the same time I was so excited I couldn't not even sleep, I only thought 'when will we arrive?'

We waited and waited and finally we were in Bydgoszcz. I was so tired and even thought about it; when I was waiting for someone to tell me who my partner was I completely forgot the fear and all bad thoughts. I was more and more curious and excited.

Everything went very well, I liked it so much I didn't want to come back to Portugal so soon and the goodbye time was very difficult. I wish I can go there again and the friends I made in Poland can come to Portugal soon, too.

Everyone I knew there was amazing, very nice people, and I will never forget them or the details of this experience. I'm very thankful to those who made this dream a reality, everyone who made this trip possible for me and my friends.

I wish some day I can repeat one of these experiences because many people even thought how gratifying it is to know other people, other cultures, other customs, other places... So, I hope it will be possible to others like me to have an opportunity as I had.

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In fact i'm not the right person to talk about the visit to Poland. I'm one of the persons who had a bad experience. I had good things and bad things. With this trip i've learned to accept other cultures, other ways of living... I liked Budgoszcz very much. It's a beautiful city, very different from ours, it's not so cold as they used to say but the persons are colder. Most of the people in class didn't wash their hands before eating, they don't take many baths, they don't use napkins, and in my case they were not so nice. The family who received me were unfriendly, boring, I hated it. The girl who stayed with me didn't take me to the train station, she didn't say goodbye. She took me to school and I never saw her again. It was difficult at the train station, because everyone was crying, saying "I'll miss you" and so on, and I was like "I want to go away, I want to go away, I want to go away", because I was almost crying for having no one to say goodbye to. But in the end I've learned to accept those things and I enjoyed Poland.

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