

## REPORT ABOUT MY ERASMUS IN FRANCE

Hi everyone.

I am Rosetta Grimaldi, I am seventeen years old and I was one of the selected participants of Erasmus program. This Erasmus was set in France, precisely in Niort: a little town in New Aquitaine. It has lasted a week: from the 7th to the 14th of April. We were seven students and two teachers.

We twinned with a high school called "Lycée de la venise verte", but we did activities and spent the majority of the time just with a class (Mr. Diupion's class). Mr Diupion is thus the teacher who has worked and been responsible of this Erasmus.

Moreover, we have also been hosted by these students. Everyone was matched with a pupil and consequently, with their families.

I lived in a family composed by two daughters, a mother and a father. I totally got along with my host family. They are people incredibly welcoming and nice. It was a free and safe space where we shared ideas and where we talked about our different cultures. I learned a lot from them and we created a really strong bond.

The school organized plenty activities, all of them really original and well organized. For instance, we visited different cities. For sure we visited Niort, and we discovered his history thanks to the help of students that explained us different buildings/churches/parts of the city. In addition, we visited a city nearby: La Rochelle. Teachers made us do a treasure hunt in order to learn more about the city and doing it in a funny way. On other days, we also paddled, learned about the composition and creation of some phenomenon, learned in this way a little bit about French school system and we attended some lessons. French system and Italian one are really different considering the number of hours per week, the methods of teaching, the results. Nonetheless, being part of this system and understanding his functioning from the inside was really fascinating: learning from our own skin.

We can't criticize anything about the behavior of French people because all of them have been extremely kind and welcoming towards us. They never hesitated about buying us food, give us rides, solving inconvenient problems. They have been amazing and we felt really comfortable with them. In fact, we are so pleased and happy because of this.

In conclusion I'm utterly satisfied with this experience. As a matter of fact, this Erasmus thought me a lot. I learned plenty of things about French culture, school, way of living and thinking. I have been happy to find all the similarity and differences with my home town. I enjoyed every moment I spent there and I became friends with several French people, hoping to see them again one day. Erasmus is not just about a trip: it is about discovering, adapting and opening your mind. School indeed teaches a lot but, in my opinion, thanks to these experiences, school creates a really critical and educated citizen. That's why I highly recommend any experience abroad.