

Cristina Galli 3F My long term mobility experience in Le Havre !!

We have just one life and in that life we can do lots of beautiful experiences. I began to discover the world very early , thanks to my parents who always support me , in fact i'm only 16 and I have already been to France twice , to Poland and to Germany .

My latest adventure was in Le Havre, France. I stayed there for two months . I flew to France on the 10 September and I flew back to Italy the 11 November. I have been very lucky to be part of this exchange.

Before leaving i was very scared not to succeed and so give up, but there i found a very good group of friends and a family who helped me a lot, so the fear flew away of my mind.

I was not alone in this adventure but Sara came with me , we spent all the days together and we had lots of fun, she was always there for me when i was upset and thank to her i could live a beautiful experience.

There i went to school as a normal French student . The school is very big and there are lots of useful laboratories like the chemistry one or the physics one. There is a canteen , a little bar and a large gym .

Sara and i went to school from 8 or 9 to 16:30 or 17:30, it depended on the week (even or odd) and on the day in the week. Everyday of a school week i came back home at 12 to have lunch with my French family except on Friday, when Sara and I had to stay at school for lunch because at 12:30 we had a French lesson just for us to help us improve our language level. At school we did all the tests in every subject like our french classmates and we got very good marks in all of them. When after a day at school i got home, i did my homework and studied if i had to.

My french family was composed by my exchange partner Clement, his mother Marie Cecile , his brother Gregoire , his sister Eleonore and his father Norbert.

Clement is 15 ,in fact, he is younger than me , he is friendly, funny and a good friend .He studies a lot and wants to have a good future.

Marie Cecile is a very apprehensive mother, she loves her children as a normal mom , she loves reading and she helps everybody as she can. We cooked lots of times together and twice we had a cup of tea .

Gregoire is 17 and he is attending the latest year of high school. He is funny and some times he helped me with French.

Eleonore was and is still in Canada to study Law at University so I couldn't meet her but i know that she is very kind because she gave me her bedroom .

Norbert is a very good cook, he cooked for me and his family lots of fish and I appreciated him for that. He sometime told me some interesting stories .

In my spare time I usually went out with my friends included Sara and together we went to the beach or to a park nearby or to the city center. Sara and I on Monday always went shopping and we had lots of fun doing it.

My host family brought me to visit some museums in Le Havre, the city of Rouen and Paris.

Rouen is a middle age city , there we visited the cathedral ,some churches and monuments . I really loved that city for its style with lots of beautiful houses and shops.

Paris is the capital of France and is my favourite city of the whole country . I stayed there 5 days so I had the possibility to visit a lot. I don't know what i liked the most because it was all gorgeous but if I have to I will choose the Orsay museum.

Sara and i with our French class went also to Giverny , a little village between Le Havre and Paris, where the artist Claude Monet lived and died. There we saw his house, his beautiful garden and we visited the the museum of Impressionism .

I really loved doing this experience that made me mentally grow , now, I feel more independent and confident than before leaving . I changed my way to communicate and the most important thing is that i improved a lot my French. I didn't want to come back home but it was anyway a pleasure .

Now,I miss the place, the people, my friends of Le Havre and mostly I miss being everyday with Sara.



