

INTERNATIONAL GUBBIO DIARY

Day 1: Sunday 21st November 2021

The experience started on November 21st, when the English, Romanian, German and Spanish students took a plane to different Italian cities. We also took a bus to Gubbio.

During the journey we were talking and singing typical Italian songs. Once we arrived in Gubbio, at approximately 7:00 p.m., we signed in the Hotel San Marco.

Later, we were welcomed by the international groups meeting in Gubbio and the Italian hosts took us to have dinner in *La Cresciamia*, a restaurant where we ate *crecias*, a typical type of bread loaf in Gubbio. After dinner, we briefly visited the most important parts of the town and returned to the hotel to sleep.



Day 2: Monday 22nd November 2021



First morning in Gubbio. We had breakfast at the hotel at half past seven, with its Italian coffee and pastries. Then we went to do an antigen test in order to move freely through the city. Then we went to the school, called Polo Liceale Classico Mazzatinti, where each group presented a video of its school and its home town. Moreover, five presentations were made about the inclusivity and diversity in television of each of the five countries represented in the project. Everybody learnt something they did not know before about the TV and media of foreign places.

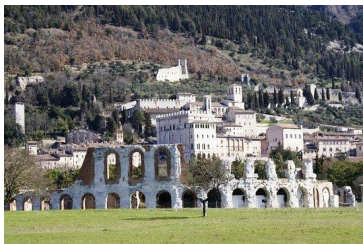
Then, split into international groups, we were given an assignment, to do a poster which summed up what we had learnt on the presentations and propose solutions or new ideas. This activity helped us to understand better what others had explained and we could make new friends. Some of us went to visit the TRG site, which was the local TV channel studio. It was a small TV and radio studio where they told us about the news' recording,



After that, we saw all the school building. They gave us a little tour through the gym, the school canteen, some classrooms and the auditorium. All the Erasmus+ crew ate in the same room where the presentations were given, as we were eager to try true Italian pizza.

After that, we went for a walk through Gubbio. We saw the Piazza Grande, we enjoyed its steep paths and entered the Palazzo Pretorio to visit the Exhibition Ottaviano Nelli. The most amazing thing was the city sights at night.

To end the day well, we went with the Italian group to have dinner at Crescia Mia again. We had fun together and were accompanied by them to the hotel to have a nice sleep and start the following day with energy.



Day 3: Tuesday, 23rd November 2021

Day trip to Perugia. We had breakfast at the hotel, after that, we went to the school, called Liceo Scientifico Mazzatinti. Once in the school, we met in small international groups to share what we had learned the day before. At 9:15 a.m we went on the coach to Perugia, the capital city of Umbria, where we had to take the "minimetro", a high-tech type of funicular, to arrive at the city centre on top of the hill. There, we visited "Palazzo Baldeschi". Palazzo Baldeschi is a museum where a great deal of paintings by different important local artists are exhibited. We were challenged to take original selfies and send them to the "Cari Perugia" foundation. We took some nice photos.



After the visit to the museum we had some time to walk around Perugia, and we bought some souvenirs for our families. Then we had lunch at "Piazza IV November". At 18:00 p.m, we went back to Gubbio and we had some time to relax at the hotel.

Finally, we went to a restaurant called Alla Balestra to have dinner with the international groups, where we could eat the best pasta we had ever tried. After that we went for a little walk with our mates, and went back to the hotel.

Day 4: Wednesday 24th November 2021

It was Wednesday the 24th of November and like every other morning we had breakfast in the hotel and went to school.

From all the people who participated in this Erasmus+ project we created 2 international groups: Romania, Spain and three Italian students; and UK, Germany and three other Italian students. We split up and our group attended a workshop while the other group started working on a project. The workshop consisted of 2 parts: the printing and copying, and the creation of ancient books. We started with the printing one, the person in charge showed us how every sheet of paper was filled in with the words that had been established. He did a demonstration of how it was done and then told some of us to do it, too.

After that, we attended a workshop on how books were created many centuries ago. Firstly, there was a woman who explained that and then she played a video on how all the process was done. After this workshop, we went to a class where we shortly laid out all the ideas for the upcoming project. Then we had lunch in the school.

Afterwards, we all got on a coach and went to Assisi. The coach parked on the outskirts of the town and we walked to the centre where the *Basilica di San Francesco d'Assisi* was; on our way to this church we saw the beautiful mediaeval town. When we got to the basilica we took lots of group photos before entering. Once inside, we visited both levels of the church and we admired all of its beauty and art. We could see his tomb. One of the teachers, Sylvia, was telling the students about the wall and ceiling paintings depicting some scenes of the Bible and Saint Francis's life. It was interesting to point out that Saint Francis was a good example of humility, evangelical poverty and inclusivity (the canticle of creatures). Then we walked back to the coach and left for Gubbio, but on our way back we stopped to visit another church, our Lady of Angels, which was very important to San Francesco d'Assisi as it was a little chapel where he died; afterwards, we travelled back to Gubbio.

In the evening, we went to a restaurant to have dinner and we ate really good pizzas. We also did a group activity which enriched us a lot. We had a lot of fun and went back to the hotel to get some rest.

Day 5: Thursday 25th November 2021

We started waking up and having breakfast as usual. After breakfast, we walked to school, where we rehearsed our flashmob choreography for about an hour.

After finishing the rehearsal, we divided into international groups (in our case, Spain, Italy and Romania) to film and edit everything necessary to create the advertisement. We filmed everything inside the school corridors and rooms and, to promote inclusivity, every country appeared in each footage.

Once everything was done, we headed towards Piazza Grande to film the flashmob. There, we rehearsed a couple more times to make sure everything was fine, and we filmed the final dance.

To get one's strength back, we returned to school to have lunch. When we finished having lunch, we presented our videos in front of the other countries and teachers. After all, the outcome was great, and we all were pleased.

The next thing we did was the certificate giving, where every country's anthem was played. After finishing with our daily tasks, we had time to relax but that was not for us. We first had to go to the pharmacy (again) to do the antigen test that would allow us to get back to Barcelona.

At 7:30 pm we met in a bar to have some food and drinks together. Everyone had lots of fun and had the opportunity to be with their old and new friends.

Overall, this day was fantastic.

Day 6: Friday 26th of November 2021

On the last day of our enriching experience in Italy, we had breakfast as our last meal all together. Those who spent all night long partying had to catch up with the suitcase before saying goodbye to our fellows. Each country group was heading for a different destination. Once we had left the hotel we jumped into the coach and we couldn't realise that we were actually leaving Gubbio and its mesmerising people too. Our trip was coming to an end; however, we were happily facing some Italian cities as our next destination before taking the plane. In the afternoon we took different flights to our countries.

This experience has certainly made us grow up in many senses. All the new people we made friends with have helped us learn some life lessons which will remain in our hearts forever.