

On May, 6th we left for Italy in the morning. We arrived at the airport, waited for a bit and went on the TAP plane (TP 838).

On the take-off, Pedro Brandão and I travelled inside the cockpit. The plane was really nice.

When we arrived in Rome, we had to wait for two hours for the other plane to Bari. We arrived in Bari and the Italian families were there to take us home.

When I arrived at Monika's home, in Santeramo, we went directly to the pool where she had swimming lessons and I met a friend of hers, Giovanna. At 9 pm we had dinner: pasta with mozzarella, ham, cheese, ham and artichoke. It was really, really good!

On May 7th, we woke up at 7 o'clock. We had breakfast and her father took us to the Classic Lyceum, where I met her teacher and her colleagues. Next we visited the Town Hall. Soon after, we went to the "Teatro Comunale", and then to the Scientific Lyceum, where we played football, saw the auditorium, the classrooms, the gymnasium, the labs and the computer room.

We caught a bus and drove to the liquor factory "Paolo Cassano", where we saw a barrel which was more than 100 years old and had the capacity of 5000 litres of liquor. Then we went to the olive mill "Oil Mil". After, we went home. We ate pizza, and talked a little. Monika and I went out and I met many of her friends. We came home, where I had a shower and went to bed.

On May 8th we woke up at 6.30am to catch the bus. We went to her school, and then we went to the Scientific Lyceum, where we watched a very funny PowerPoint presentation and we also saw a play performed by the students. Then we visited "Monte Sannace". We returned home, we had lunch, rested and later in the afternoon we went to "Matera," and had dinner there (pizza) and then we went home. An half an hour later we left home again and arrived home at 11 pm. I took a shower and then I went to sleep.

On May 9th, we visited Bari, we went to the "Theatre Petruzzel", we saw the historic center, visited "St Nicolaus Basilica", went to Alberobello, and returned home. I came home, had dinner, a kind of a pie, took a shower and went to bed.

On the 10th May we went to the factory "Capurso", and we also visited Gioia. We all had lunch together in the Scientific Lyceum, we played volleyball and walked around the school. I came home to say goodbye to my new friends, and we had dinner: "cicorie polpete le" and "Tortino di patate."

On May 11th we returned to Portugal.

It was really good and funny, and also very interesting. I loved to have participated in this project.

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