

My 5 months in Gymnázium Petra Bezruče And I, had the time of my life...

The whole five months I spent in Czech Republic was beyond amazing. Even though this country was not on the top of my list, I'm very glad that I ended up here. Also at the first place I was upset about going to the countryside instead of the capital area, I couldn't be more grateful for my placement.

I have to admit that the Czech school system made me upset few times. Even though the system was not the best I've seen, I enjoyed every day in this Gymnasium. In the end of the day it's not about the system anymore. It's not about anything else than the people around you. And let me tell you, in this school everyone, the students, the teachers and everyone between them... amazing. Everyone welcomed me with their open arms, and in no time I was already a part of 5A and a part of this school.

The way to school was something new for me as well. Even though I needed to wake up two hours before the school started every day, I think I will miss traveling by train. And after school choir! Oh damn... I will definitely miss the jamming with friends! I'm more than happy that this school offered me (and other students) so cool trips! That is something I didn't expect. The canoeing course in Poland was indescribable. I would go there again and again. And again... Even though I was nervous about going there with a class from which I know only one student, I'm more than glad that I went! Also our 5A class trip to Pálava was stunning. I will never forget the never ending wine gardens or the whole day hiking trip we did.

And in the end I wanted to say something for everyone who is reading this. Get out from your comfort zone. It might sound like a cliché, but it is how you learn. It is how you grow. It is how you gain so much more than you could ever imagine. Go see other cultures, travel alone, get to know people who are not from your age, not from your ethnic group. Do things you would like to say no to. Do things ALONE, spend time with yourself, think about what you like and what you don't and don't let anyone's opinion effect to that, find yourself. Special thanks I would like to tell to missis Jurenkova, who was an amazing English and Czech teacher, tutor and a guide. I really appreciate all the effort you saw to make my stay here best possible. I also need to mention the class 5A. Best class I've ever had! Thank you.
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