

My illustrated blog



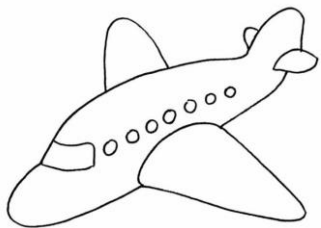
Trip
to
Norway

Sunday



We arrived Sunday 1st in Oslo around 2:25 p.m. My correspondent picked me up and I went to drop off my suitcase at his place. So I was able to discover his family: his father, his mother and his little brother Sebastian. I was very well received and I immediately felt at ease in his family. Tobias lives in Maura, so every day I took the bus to school for 15 minutes. The first thing I learned was that it was a football fan family and that the family was split into two groups: the liverpool fans (Tobias and his father) and the Manchester United fan (Sebastian). This conflict was taken seriously and it made me laugh a lot during the whole week.

After dropping off my suitcase, we went to daniel (sacha's correspondent) and we had a barbecue with Hugo, Loick and their correspondents. Tobias had bought me vegetarian things. Then we went to play football then I returned to Tobias around 10 p.m. From the first day, I felt very well at home and in this country that I did not know: everyone was nice!



Monday



Monday morning was the first time I took the bus but also the first time in the week that I noticed that Norway and France don't have the same culture. Indeed, when entering the bus no one said hello and goodbye to the driver: I learned that this was in fact normal. I also learned during the week that Norwegians don't really show their emotions and what they feel.

So I arrived at school and we did a French lesson with Anna Lyse and some Norwegians. it was rather fun to do a french course abroad. Then we went to play baseball, I had never done. There was a good atmosphere and everyone was friendly.

After the sport, we went to eat at the school restaurant and the chef had made for me a vegetarian dish! It was super nice and I thanked him.

In the afternoon we listened to the speeches of refugees, it was super interesting. We were able to see how difficult it is to become a Norwegian refugee.

After school we went with the whole class to a shopping center. It was super cool! I got home with Tobias around 9:30 p.m. This day was really nice but tiring, so I slept well.

Monday photos



Tuesday



Tuesday was our first outing in Oslo. In general, I found the city really beautiful: it was a mix of old and new.

First, we went to the Storting, the Norwegian parliament. It was for me the most impressive moment of the week because we could see the Norwegian Minister of Defense and the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs who were talking about the war in Ukraine.

We then had the opportunity to ask questions on the migration issue to a member of parliament who was on the left: We were able to learn some very interesting things!

We then went to eat in a park and we went to the intercultural museum. I found that this museum was quite original and that it tackled real problems of our current society.

Before returning to Nanestad, Tobias and Daniel made us discover Oslo and we went to eat a burger at the restaurant. We took the train and went to the basketball practice where a lot of French people were waiting for us. We had a nice time. After practice, I went home to Tobias. We had a long day so I was very tired.

Tuesday photos



Wednesday



Wednesday was our second day in Oslo, we were able to see Oslo's most emblematic building: the opera. We were also able to visit the Oslo library, whose architecture blew me away.

In the morning, we were also able to see the Munch museum. His paintings did not all speak to me but I was attracted by some of them like the one I show you (the painting with Jack). What attracted me to this painting is the colors but also the expression of the man that I find very special.

After having a sandwich in front of the museum, we took the boat to go to the Fram museum. This is the museum that I liked the least, I don't really know why, maybe the subject appealed to me less. We then returned by bus to the center of Oslo and then we went to a Greek restaurant.

After eating, I went with Jack, Juliette and our correspondents to see the castle of the King of Norway. I tried to talk to a guard but he didn't answer me then I went to see a second guard and I started talking to him in French but he didn't understand what I was saying but as soon as I spoke in English he answered me, it was very funny!

Wednesday photos



Thursday



Thursday, we were able to meet a Sami girl. The Sami are indigenous people from an area that spans northern Sweden, Norway and Finland. I love learning about new cultures so I really enjoyed it. It was very rewarding.

Then we saw a film about Munch which told us about his eventful life and his very difficult childhood. With the story of his life, I therefore better understood the meaning of his paintings.

At noon, we ate at the school restaurant, the chef was nice because I asked for a vegetarian dish of the day and he agreed to make it for me.

After eating we did an English lesson, it was a group quiz on English-speaking culture, I was with Camille. It was fun to do, I wish we had more lessons like that in France.

After the English lesson we went to do a technology lesson. We talked about Mars and then experimented. I didn't really understand the link between the experiences and the trip to Mars, but it was fun and there was a good atmosphere.

In the evening we went bowling with everyone, everyone got along well, we laughed, we had fun, it was great. After bowling we all ate pizzas. At that time of the week I found that there was no more Norwegian/French group, we all formed the same group, it was great.

Friday



Friday morning we went to Eidsvoll. It was in this commune that the constitution of Norway of 1814 was signed. We were therefore able to visit the house in which the Constitution was signed. It was very impressive to enter a place that was so important in the history of Norway. This is where I realized the chance that we had to be able to visit this kind of thing.

After the visit, the guide took us to an auditorium where we were able to debate the state of health of European democracies. It was one of my favorite moments of the week because this subject is very important to me. I think that citizens must be much more involved in the life of their democratic and that young people must be made aware as soon as possible. I think it would be good to speak of democracies from primary school in France. I think that the Europeans do not realize the chance they have to live in a democracy when many other countries are dictatorships or authoritarian regimes.

Then we were able to eat our sandwiches and we went to do basketball with our correspondents in high school it was very funny, everyone got along well and there was a good atmosphere. After the finished school day, I went to eat at Tobias, his family had prepared me vegetarian lasagna, they were delicious. After the meal we went to a party at Kasper, Johan's correspondent. During this party, I have lived incredible moments and I was able to speak to everyone, it did me a lot of good because normally I am shy.

Friday photos



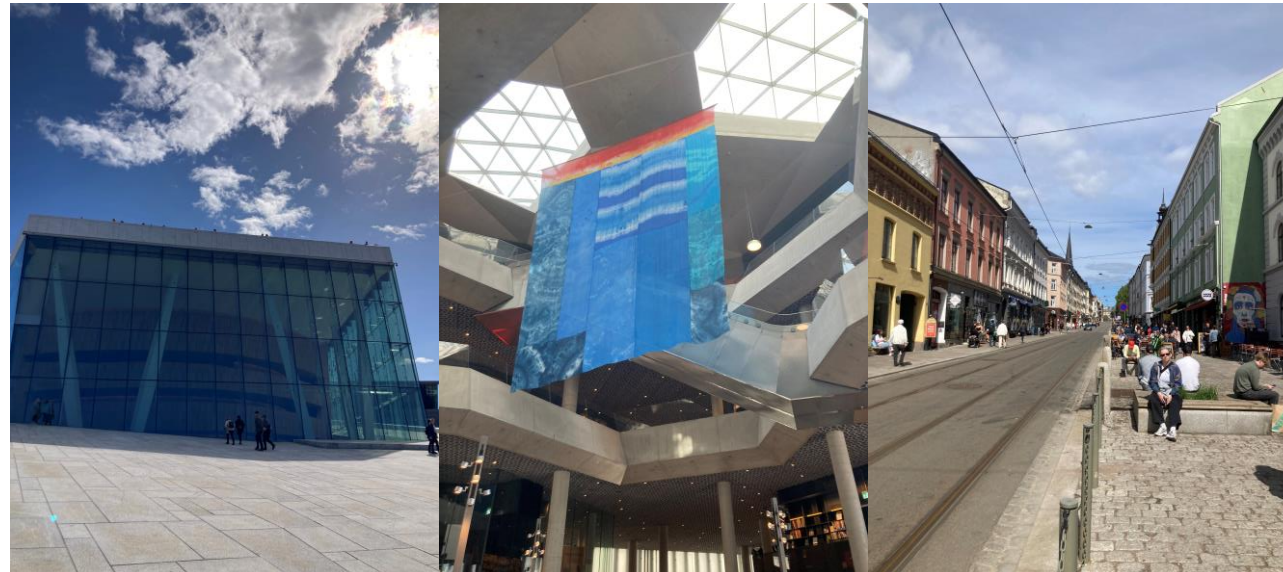
Saturday



On Saturday, we decided to go to Oslo, there we joined the others. The weather was nice, it was a very nice day. We were able to do some stores. We took something to eat and we all go to eat in a park on the grass.

In the afternoon we went to a shopping center outside of Oslo, so we had to take the train. After we got home to prepare for the evening party.

It was one of the most beautiful evenings in my life. As it was the end of the week we were all close to each other, we laughed together and shared good times together.



My feelings

This week was one of the most important in my life for me, it helped me become more myself. I also discovered incredible people with whom now I feel really close. This trip made it possible to create links with the Norwegians but also made it possible to create much stronger links between the French, the trip brought us enormously. By going to Norway, I was no longer in this French world in which I did not feel very well. It is as if I had been able to start a second life that is really mine and where I show who I really am. In France I find it hard to be myself, to go see people, to speak with people my age, I die of envy but I could not, as it was an invisible barrier which separated from others. I hope now that I will be able to do what I did in Norway in France.

Thanks

I would like to thank all the Norwegian correspondents who were incredible and so kind to us but also all the people who organized the trip and you Madame. I know you had to fight to keep this trip. Thank you for everything.



French/Norwegian photos

