

Do Distant, So Close.

Poland and Spain as Europe's Borderlands

This photo shows our Polish teacher with his Polish pupils as well as Spanish students in the Museum of Real Madrid right under the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. We had a lot of fun, I think that the thing that melt my heart was the part where all of us sang the Real Madrid anthem.



The Royal Palace of Madrid that might be thought to be one of the most crucial places in the history of Spain is in the background, the amazing crowd of people in front is in fact our Spanish-Polish group. We had a task to complete in order to get a grade, consisting of findings within the palace that we would find most suitable for our imaginary palace if we ever get to have one... I loved the task since it was very much creative and left a lot of space for us as students to discover the place without bearing in mind that we have to do it in specific way that teachers thought of.



Calle Gran Via is the street that we're all on in the picture. It's the most vital street of Madrid, very well connected with the metro and other means of transport. Metro was our main means of transport and I can't complain since it was very tidy and without any delays of trains etc.





Here we can see our group in front of the Mausoleum in the Valley of the Fallen. I think that most of us were under great impression of how big the place was, not only the inside but the front and the cross.

Alcazar here (or shall I say its courtyard) was in my mind one of the most interesting buildings in terms of architecture. The task here was pretty much the same as in the Royal Palace of Madrid, we had to write down the items that we had found the most fascinating.



The Museo del Prado, one of the most iconic museum on earth to have ever existed, astonished us all, I think, in many ways most of us can't describe. The amount of works and variety of artists was quite spectacular and the task which in order to complete we had to find 10 painting of the list that we were given and then describe their origin, meaning etc. was cool, groups of Spanish-Polish students were necessary here but anyways it wasn't that necessary since all of us had made friends at this point.





Truly a heart-breaking moment for all of us which was saying goodbye to our friends from Spain. Some of us have made friends, some of us have developed feelings and further relationships. Our farewell with them after such an extraordinary time felt like parting with someone really close.