

This one week in Cyprus was ... awesome.

There were so many things we did. Except from going to an other country, we were able to visit a new school, to see impressing emblems like the temple of Apollo, or walk through tiny little villages where the time seems to stand still and the world is good.

All the interesting facts we learned about Portugal, Spain, France and Poland, but especially about Cyprus, were nice, we saw beautiful pictures and listened to touching stories. As we spent the time in Cyprus we also got to know the culture of this fascinating country where the sun always seems to shine and everybody is open to strangers like us, friendly, helpful and happy. Thank you especially to the wonderful family I stayed with, who let me live with them like a family member and integrated me completely.

But the most important thing for me and for us in general were the people: We got to know many friendly and amazing people from all over Europe and without the Comenius Project we would probably never have met them. I guess this is the reason why we do this: To find new friends from other countries and to get closer together.

I hope to see you all again one day, you and the beautiful and interesting island Cyprus.

*Christina Freise*

Before spending a week in Cyprus, I was so excited and I couldn't imagine what would happen. Although I took part in another Comenius project in England I was sure that this time everything would be different. How would it be to live together with a foreign family ? How would we spend the days ? How would the weather be? How would the mentality of the Cypriots, the French ... etc. be like? These were so many questions I couldn't answer. This is why I was a little bit nervous and uptight, but in the end there was no reason to feel in this way☺.

Everybody was very open-minded and polite. That's the most impressing thing I observed, so I really felt familiar and associated.

My first impression of the island was very strange. From the airplaine the countryside seemed to be very dry and unvaried, but after getting closer I was surprised that there were so many things to explore, e.g. the untouched nature, ancient villages, a huge variety of fauna and flora. So it's such a pity that the inhabitants of the island cannot live together in harmony.

With regard to the other participants of the Comenius projects I was also surprised in a positive way. From the first time everybody was sympathetic and was interested in each other. We had lots of fun and were so sad to say goodbye after this fantastic week. Maybe we will meet again one day ?

All in all this week was unforgettable and another great experience for me. I am so grateful that my host family took care of me in such a friendly way and I wanted to say Thank You to the ones who made it possible to meet.

*Julia Kirchhoff, German student*

Before reaching Cyprus and meeting our Cypriot partners me and the other Germans were worrying about how it would be like. To me personally living in a family which I don't know was new and I did not know what to expect.

Since the first moment that I got to know my Cypriot family I was sure that I was going to have a good time, because everybody was so friendly and I felt so welcome and integrated into the group of friends and family.

Cyprus is a beautiful country with a huge culture and lots of traditions. I learned many new things about different people from different countries who were friendlier and more open minded than I would have expected. It was impressing to get to know how fast new friendships can develop. Most of all I liked the people around me and the mentality.

I would especially like to thank the family I stayed with that made me feel like a part of it and made me have one of the best weeks I ever had.

*Haider Abdul-Wahab*