

Belgian exchange Hungarian side

We couldn't wait for the reunion after leaving Belgium. We parted ways with heavy hearts, but still kept in touch on Facebook. So you can imagine our disappointment when they informed us on Tuesday that our exchange students can't come because of airport problems, and their arrival is delayed a day.

On Wednesday we went to school without our Belgian friends but it wasn't so bad because the German exchange students were very nice and the project work was quite entertaining. In the evening we stood at the airport with nervous anticipation and we felt extremely relieved when the Belgians finally showed up.

On Thursday we made some progress in the project and visited the Rock Hospital (a hospital museum of the 1st and 2nd World Wars). After that we took our guests to the Zoo Café, which is a café with pets you can play with while drinking your coffee. Fortunately they seemed to adore it, and they enjoyed the program.



On Friday we had to get up early (my exchange student at 5 to be exact which was an interesting experience according to him, as they practically never have to get up that early) because students in my year had to write a Math exam. Later on the morning we went into English lessons of different classes to show our project work to as many students as possible; we worked on the planned dictionary that has specialist wordlists of the themes in our project: a wind turbine, the school of the 21st century and matters of migration. Free time followed that so we went to the square of the Basilica for those beautiful rose shaped ice-creams that you can buy there. Our guests also loved Heroes Square where we rented bikes and did a little sightseeing around the city. After all they unfortunately missed the planned sightseeing tour, because they arrived a day later!



On Saturday we went to Visegrád by a rented bus and ate there at the Renaissance Restaurant. The meal was perfect and the Belgians loved the medieval jousting program before it. From there we continued on our way to Szentendre where we bought some ice-cream at Levendula, a famous café.

On Sunday we had a free day with the family. For example we visited the bear farm in Veresegyház and at lunch at home made by my dad! In the afternoon we all went to an escape room program in Budapest. Escape rooms are a specialty program of Budapest: you have an hour to find your way out of a closed space – often very dark. You get clues as to how to get out but you need to think and be creative and everybody has to work together to escape in time. It is always good – even if sometimes one can't make it!

Monday was our last day so we wanted to enjoy it to its fullest. First we visited the Basilica, and then we had a guided tour of the Parliament. As we had some time left before our farewell lunch at a Trófea Restaurant, we even popped in to the Central Market. Finally we said our goodbyes at the airport with hopes of meeting again.

All in all this exchange was an amazing experience, we had a good time while improving our English and forming new friendships.