

# Erasmus Report

MADEIRA, PORTUGAL  
26TH FEBRUARY - 5TH MARCH 2023



## **THE ITALIAN TEAM**

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## TRIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, 26th February 2023

**MXP** - **FNC**  
12:45 15:50

We departed on Sunday, 26th February from Milano Malpensa airport. The meeting was scheduled at 10:30 outside the airport. We arrived at the airport on our own.

Sunday, 5th March 2023

**FNC** - **MXP**  
16:30 21:30

We left Sunday, 5th March from Madeira Funchal airport. We went all together to the airport by taxi after meeting in Santana, the town where the host school was.

# HOST SCHOOL

## INFORMATION

### Escola B+S Bispo D. Manuel Ferreira Cabral

Address R. Dr. Albino de  
Menezes 38, 9230-081  
Santana, Portugal

School type Middle school and  
High school

Students' number 389 students

Facilities

- Gyms
- Classes
- Canteen
- Labs



# FIRST DAY

SUNDAY, 26TH FEB

Time	Location	Description
10:30-15:50	Milano Malpensa airport/Funchal airport	10:30 Meeting at Milano Malpensa airport 12:45 Flight departure 15:50 (local time) Arrival at Funchal airport
16:00-16:40	Trip to Santana	Professor Antonio Bernardino collected us at the airport, and drove us to the hotel in Santana. There we met our host students and drank a coffee with them
17:00-19:30	Beach	After meeting our hosts, we all went to a beach in São Jorge, and we spent some time meeting all the Erasmus students. Some people went swimming in the ocean.
19:30-22:30	Dinner and chatting	After the beach the group split up: some people preferred having dinner at a restaurant, while some other people bought some food in a supermarket. After dinner, we all met again in a park, where we started knowing each other while listening to some music.

## FIRST DAY

SUNDAY, 26TH FEB

17:00–19:30

## São Jorge beach

After meeting our hosts in Santana, we all went to São Jorge beach a Pebble beach not too far from the school.

There we met for the first time all the other Erasmus students: it was a great opportunity to start knowing and socializing with each other.

Some portuguese students felt incredibly brave, and took a bath in the ocean!



## SECOND DAY

MONDAY, 27TH FEB

Time	Location	Description
9:00-12:30	Portuguese lesson	We met at 9 o'clock inside the school. After a presentation of all the groups, we did our first Portuguese lesson, taught with the suggestopedia method. After the lesson, we were given some beautiful Erasmus+ hoodies, and we took a picture wearing these.
12:00-13:30	Lunch in the school canteen	After the lesson, we all had lunch in the school canteen. After that, we played some sports in the courtyard.
14:00-17:00	Walk	We had a beautiful walk nearby Santana. Despite not being hard, the temperature was higher than we expected! During the walk we were able to enjoy the Madeirense landscape, characterised by lots of trees, plants, and grass fields. We were also able to get some views on the ocean, and we eventually reach a waterfall.
17:30-...	Dinner and evening with host families	After the walk we went back to school, and then went home. We had the opportunity to know our host families and spend some time with them.

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MONDAY, 27TH FEB

14:00–17:00

# A typical house from Santana

During our walk, we encountered some typical houses from the village of Santana (that you can see in the picture).

Despite being very different from the historical buildings we are used to see in Italy, we liked the sobriety and the architecture of these nice, typical and little houses.

It would be nice to live in on fo those once we retire, wouldn't it?





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14:00–17:00

# Waterfall

At the end of our walk, after seeing some breathtaking views of the oceans and cultivated lands, we reached a waterfall.

Along with what the portuguese students had told us, viewing this waterfall made us realise that Madeira island has got much more water than most reagions of Italy.

We then took some pictures together (that you can see on your right).



## THIRD DAY

TUESDAY 28TH FEB

Time	Location	Description
9:00-12.30	Portuguese lessons	We met at 9 o'clock inside the school. we did our second Portuguese lesson, taught with the suggestopedia method. We learned some typical Portuguese phrases in common use.
12:30-14.00	Lunch and break	We had lunch and then we all played together on the school's outdoor basketball court.
14:00-17.30	Madeira Theme's Park with workshop of pottery and bakery with Portuguese Language	We met at City Hall and we walked to the Madeira Theme Park d in Santana. The Madeira theme park combines education with entertainment. Here you we invited to learn about the history, traditions and customs of the Madeiran people..
19.00-22:00	Multicultural dinner at school	We had dinner in the school canteen, tasting some Portuguese and other countries' specialities. The evening was accompanied by a local folk group that involved us in singing and dancing.

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TUESDAY, 28TH FEB

14:00–17:00

# Madeira Theme Park

The visit to the Theme Park was very interesting and fun.

We discovered the gardens with colorful flowers and endemic plants.

We had a fun boat ride on the pond.

We visited Ethnographic village where culture, tradition, handicrafts and Madeiran products are valued. It consists of several typical Santana houses and a traditional kitchen with a wood oven, where the Santana's Traditional Bread is still made.

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TUESDAY, 28TH FEB

14:00–17:00

## Madeira Theme Park

Madeira Theme Park has some handcraft workshops that allowed us to experience and observe traditional Madeiran handcrafts artisans at work.

Each workshop is decorated with a small exhibition about the artisan and their work.

Particularly interesting were the exhibitions of wickerwork and pottery.



## FOURTH DAY

WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEB

Time	Location	Description
9:00-11:00	Tour to Funchal	In the morning, when we got to school, we took the bus to go to Funchal; during the trip, we stopped in different places to admire the amazing view and to take some photos.
11:00-13:00	Visit to Tropical Garden	When we arrived at Funchal, we went to the Tropical Garden, where we could admire the incredible variety of tropical plants mixed with oriental gardens. Inside the park there was also an interesting exhibition about statues from Zimbabwe.
13:00-13:30	Cable car to OldTown	After visiting the Tropical Garden, we took the cable car down to the center of Funchal... the view was wonderful!
13:30-16:00	Sightseeing tour in the city	After eating something with our friends, we had a sightseeing tour in Funchal: our host students were our guides and they showed to us different places around the city.
16:00-17:00	CR7 Museum	We visited the CR7 Museum, where there are Cristiano Ronaldo's trophies and uniforms!
19:00-...	Dinner on the beach	Before going home, we decided to stop in Faial beach and to have dinner all together!

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We initially stopped to see Faial and the surrounding landscape from above... it was beautiful!

Then we went to the cliffs to admire the sea even closer... the water was beautiful! As the landscape was amazing, we took the chance to have some photos with our mates.



## FOURTH DAY

WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEB

13:30-14:30

### Sightseeing tour in Funchal

After eating something with our friends, we had a sightseeing tour in Funchal: our host students were our guides and they showed to us different places around the city. It was really hot but then it started to rain, so we could refresh ourselves a bit.



## FOURTH DAY

WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEB

19:00-...

### Dinner on the beach

Before going home, we and all the students went to Faial, where we took Francesinha and we ate them on the beach; it was a bit cold but it was really funny because we were all together!





**FIFTH DAY**

THURSDAY, 30TH FEB

## Tour of the island

On Thursday we made a tour around the island and we visited the most important places: Arco de São Jorge, São Vicente, Porto Moniz, Câmara de Lobos and Machico.



Machico



Arco de São Jorge



Porto Moniz

## SIXTH DAY

FRIDAY, 3RD MAR

Time	Location	Description
9:00-12.30	Portuguese test and evaluation	We had the opportunity to show our developed skills, starting from some Portuguese vocabulary. Some of us created even a personal dialog and everyone had a simple test in order to answer many questions. At the end of the course we received the evaluation from the Portuguese coordinator, Mr Antonio Bernardino Ornelàs and each group by country had the opportunity to sing its national anthem, concluding with the European anthem "Ode to Joy".
12:30-14.00	Lunch and break	It was our last lunch in Santana's school. At 13:30 had some games together.
14:00-18:00	Trip to Porto da Cruz Caniçal and Machico	We travelled by bus to many places we hadn't seen the previous days, by watching gorgeous sceneries.
18:00-22:00	Dinner with host families and final greetings with all the Erasmus+ students	For most of the groups it was the last night in Madeira, so everyone had the opportunity to have the dinner with the host families and then everyone met in a bar for the final greetings of the group

## SIXTH DAY

FRIDAY, 3RD MAR

9.00-12.30

## Final evaluation

We had the opportunity to test our new skills and to evaluate our path even formally, with an ending ceremony at school.

Here is a picture of the whole Italian group with the Portuguese and Italian teachers at the moment of the final evaluation.



## SEVENTH DAY

SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH

Time	Location	Description
9:00-14:30	Ponta de São Lourenço	in the morning we Italians did a beautiful trek on the Ponta de San Lorenzo, together with our hosts and some Portuguese teachers who have kindly
14.30-15.30	Faial's beach	after eating something we went to the beach to get some rest..
15.30-18:00	Faial's beach/trakking	while some of us stopped at the beach to chat and play cards, others went on another trek into the island's interior, stopping then at the house of Antonio, Portuguese professor, to try some fruit from its crops.
20:00-23:00	Lucas' home	All of us Italians got together with our hosts at Lucas's house to cook them an Italian dinner! We chose to make a cacio e pepe pasta, but instead of romano cheese we used parmesan. After that we played cards, and went home to sleep.

## SEVENTH DAY

SATURDAY, 4TH MAR

9.00-14.30

# VEREDA DA PONTA DE SÃO LOURENÇO

Saturday was departure day, the guys from other nations left in the morning, so we Italians decided to do a trek with our hosts and some Portuguese teachers on the Ponta de San Lorenzo, Madeira's easternmost route. Lucky for us the day was beautiful and we could admire cliffs and breathtaking scenery.



## EIGHTH DAY

SUNDAY, 5TH MAR

Time	Location	Description
9:00-12:30	Home	In the morning we woke up rather late, to recover from the intense week and to prepare for the return trip. we packed our bags and spent the last moments with our host families.
12:30-13.00	Santana Hotel	We met at the hotel where the teachers were staying for the last greetings to the guys who hosted us and their families. From there then a taxi took us to Funchal airport.
13.30-21.30	Funchal airport/Milano Malpensa airport	After doing all the checks and having lunch at the airport, at 16.30 we boarded and after 4 long hours of flight we arrived at 21.30. During the flight we reviewed the photos taken during the week, laughing and crying to the memory of the adventures.

## EIGHTH DAY

SUNDAY, 5TH MAR

12.30-13.30

## GOODBYES

The moment of greetings was definitely the saddest and most difficult of the week. They made us feel part of a big international family, which we were not ready to leave.

It's been hard to part, but I think the promise to stay in touch will bind us forever.

Also because now we wait for them to visit us in Italy!



## Feedback

When I first decided to candidate myself for the current Erasmus+ project in our school, I would have never imagined to live such a formative experience as the one I have just lived. After taking part in the Italian mobility as a host student, I had the opportunity to participate in the Portuguese mobility, which took place in the Island of Madeira, a Portuguese autonomous region in the Atlantic Ocean.

I was hosted by the same guy I had hosted in Italy, with whom, I can pleasantly say, was born an amazing friendship. For this reason I wasn't really nervous at the idea of being hosted by a foreign family. As I expected, in fact, I was warmly welcomed in their house, and I felt part of their lives for one week. I was particularly surprised, once I arrived in Madeira, to notice how all the villages, even the bigger ones, were completely immersed in nature. The houses and the buildings seemed to be just a little part in the landscape of the island, dominated by trees and plants. This breathtaking natural landscape, along with the social environment created by the Erasmus students, made me feel very lucky for the opportunity I was given. And in fact, I was. The activities we did wouldn't have been the same without the participation of all the teams: students and teachers from different countries gave me the opportunity to learn about many cultural insights, that I wouldn't normally learn during a typical day of school in Italy. The desire of learning the way of being, the traditions, and above all the mentality of people from different countries was common to every person who participated in this project.



## Feedback

While visiting local museums or admiring the immensity of the ocean, I was able to share ideas and points of view with different people, that gave me a deeper understanding of the differences that unite us. Another pleasant fact about this Erasmus project surely was the multilingualism: apart from the advantages that we all got by speaking almost entirely in English for one week, I loved experiencing interesting languages from our continent, and trying to speak them, or to find similarities between my native language and the other ones. I had, for example, an interesting conversation with a greek girl about the pronunciation of ancient greek words, that I know thanks to philosophy classes. Guess what? I found out that the pronunciation I thought correct was actually wrong. And along with this, I could tell about many other moments that enhanced my curiosity towards other realities.

The only thing I can remark to this project is the lack of historical explanations while visiting cities and museums, that was by the way well compensated by the general atmosphere of multiculturalism.

In conclusion, I would like to share my entirely positive opinion about Erasmus+ projects: not only they help having a deeper understanding of different cultures, but they are also able to create strong boundaries between people.

## FEEDBACK

LEONARDO CAPELLI

Taking part in an experience abroad is usually considered an honor, but usually, we aren't able to join similar experiences at the high school. However, in 2021 I took the decision to apply for a week abroad, in Portugal, in order to develop my cultural skills during the high-school.

Two years later I would have never expected to have had such a wonderful experience in Madeira. I had the opportunity to test my English, German, and Spanish and I also learned some Portuguese vocabulary and sentences. In addition, I experienced living for a while with a family, which was not mine and made many new friends through foreign communication, which was unusual for me.

Of course, a week is not enough to develop the new skills we need but, before graduation and before university, if someone is to have them, is truly important to discover new ways of thinking and recognize how different we are and how many things we have in common. This sentence is of course easy to understand, but someone has to feel it, to understand it, because, even if we can have such experiences later, the opportunity doesn't come every day and, as I have to graduate in the future, I have the need to understand, almost a bit, that we are not alone on this earth.

## FEEDBACK

LEONARDO CAPELLI

Everyone has hopes, wishes, difficulties, but a week together, joined by Portuguese, Italians, Czechian, Turks, Lithuanians and Greeks, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, had helped me to overthink on how the world is at the same time huge and tiny.

I would truly like to thank my host family, which has been incredibly kind to me, all my new friends, whose contact I'd like not to lose, and everyone who supported me in the choice of this experience. I truly hope not to lose contact with them and to bring with me these experiences forever. I recommend anyone to have them!

## FEEDBACK

MATILDE PIANTONI

Participating in the Erasmus project was very interesting and fun. I met new Turkish, Lithuanian, Czech, Greek, Portuguese friends: between chats, trips and multicultural dinners we found ourselves living in a small "global family" that introduced me to cultures different from mine, enriched me and made me grow.

I visited and got to know a new country, Madeira, with its language, its culture, its history, its perfumes, typical local dishes and a way of living time different from ours. This experience allowed me to get out of my habits, put myself to the test and adapt to local life. It was inevitable and necessary to open my mind, to face all situations, even those that seemed difficult or in any case completely new to me.

This trip, and the Erasmus experience in general, made me feel a first form of independence and freedom compared to the family trips I was used to.

## FEEDBACK

MICHELA POZZI

At the beginning I wasn't in the Erasmus + project, so I couldn't participate in the Italian mobility where I was supposed to be the host and I was really sorry. So, the following week, as a place became available, I took the opportunity and didn't hesitate to ask Mrs Locatelli to include me in the project and I was added to the Portuguese mobility.

The Italian group was fantastic and I think I had the opportunity to make new friends which I hope to keep; moreover, during this week I met many students from different countries with whom I had the opportunity to speak in English and get to know their cultures.

I had the fantastic opportunity to visit Madeira, a fantastic and beautiful island with lovely traditions that I could feel even better being hosted by a Portuguese student.

Overall, this experience was great and unforgettable.

## FEEDBACK

ELISA SALA

In Santana it was as if time had stopped. We were on an island, in the middle of the ocean, and everything else in the world seemed so far away that I felt like I had left behind the weight of everyday life.

Being surrounded by so much green, and always marveling at everything I saw brought me back a child. When the only concern I had was having fun together with the people around me, and what was in front of me was something never seen before, a new horizon to be discovered.

If they had to ask me what was the best thing about this experience, I would definitely say THE PEOPLE.

Being attached to them with absolute ease, and especially in such a short time.

Perhaps because we were all there with one goal: to let others change us.

I returned home with a little heavier luggage, and with the hope that I left something in the hearts of the people I met.

I was excited to discover the dreams and fears of other guys, because I realized that even though we speak a different language and have a different culture, we see the world with the same eyes, perhaps still naive, perhaps still full of hope.

