MY STAY IN NORWAY



What did I like the most was probably seeing new country and new culture as well. It was nice to visit Oslo, the unspoilt norwegian nature and to learn something new.

The most interesting was to meet the norwegian students and to get to know their frequently different opinions on the world we live in, the European Union, Slovakia, politics and so on. Some of them were very nice and welcoming. Once or twice they accompanied us when we took a walk downtown after school. Seeing the school system in an average high school in Norway was interesting as well. I guess it has shed some new light also on the education here in our country. We have noticed many things we could improve, but also many things we should be thankful for, for instance our outdoor school activities, which Norwegian kids do not know at all.

The biggest difference was the lifestyle in Norway in comparison to the lifestyle in Slovakia. But it was nice to see the life in another country.

The biggest surprise was so long lasting daylight even at like 11 pm and at 4 am. morning again.



Since March the third graders had been writing essays based on Slovak national history and traditions. On the basis of these essays, outstanding academy achievements, English tests and regular school attendance 30 students of our school were selected to participate in The BraDraShip Student Mobility project in Norway. Students were told, they were going to Norway only like one week before the leaving.

During the week we had been preparing a presentation made in electronic form. We had prepared the cultural performance as well. Girls had been practising a typical folk dance, while some of boys had been practising several songs that we had introduced to norewgian students on our last day at their school.

The whole time in Norway we had been staying in Drammen, a town nearby the capital, Oslo. On our first day we had been exploring Drammen, the downtown or fjords which are typical for Norway.

Besides the cultural aspect of the trip we had been also hiking in the well-known Drammen Spiral, which is a road tunnel that allows an access to a place above the town offering a picturesque view.

One day we visited a mine, where silver had been mined long time ago and then, just for a change, we visited a gallery.

On Monday the 25th of May, when Norwegians celebrate Pentecost and Whit Monday, we visited Oslo.
We have been to Ski Jump, Norwegian Folk Museum and the Viking Ship Museum. The last four days we had been attending St. Hallvard skole where we had been participating in the workshops prepared by both norwegian and slovak teachers.