MY STAY IN SLOVAKIA



The trip to Bratislava was great. I experienced a new culture which fascinated me. I met many students and got some new friends. We attended the math school Gamca when we stayed in Bratislava, and at the school we studied math and physics.

At the school Gamca some of the students had prepared presentations on Slovakia and the school. One presentation was about the culture of Slovakia and how it was influenced by communism. This was very informative.

I was surprised that the city had so much new architecture. When I saw the outskirts of Bratislava with many similar buildings I thought the city was going to be like that, but it wasn't. The buildings outside the city was probably built under the time of the communist regime.

The most fun part of the trip was to exchange differences of our countries and talking to the students of Gamca. The trip improved my language skills and made me more comfortable speaking English. It was a great experience and I hope I can do something similar again in the future.



What I enjoyed the most...
One of the days in Slovakia we were playing sports with the Slovaks. It was fun. Even though we did not win against them in Ultimate Frisbee.

The most interesting was...
We visited two big castles in Slovakia. One in Bratislava and the other a bit outside of the capital. We learned the history of the castle and got much information of the art in them. I found this interesting.

The biggest difference was...
I was a bit surprised on the state of the school and the equipment at Gamca. We use computers and do almost all our work on pc's, but in the Gamca School they don't use it that much. It made me think a lot on how much money from the oil fund the Norwegian government use on our education.

The biggest surprise was…
The guided tour by the students in Bratislava was amazing. I didn't expect that they were going to show us the city and the history of many buildings and statues. They were really great guides and seamed to almost know everything it was worth knowing about the city.