

Labas! Hello!

I spent 6 days in Lithuania from Thursday, March 17th to Tuesday, March 22nd 2011.

Thursday 8.30 am Steffi, Kathrin, our 3 teachers and I met at school to be brought to Vienna airport in a little bus. From there we flew with Air Baltic to Riga, the capital of Latvia. Together with all other participants of this Comenius project meeting we were then brought to Siauliai by a big bus. My host family was waiting there for me. During the following days we were shown a lot of abbeys, churches and catacombs. Friday morning we went to a chocolate factory called Ruta. We could see all the rooms where the sweets were made, were allowed to sample them and take some home. Then we went to the Basic School and were taught to cook the national dish „Cepelinai“ which we and the teachers had for lunch. Cepelinai are potato dumplings with a filling of minced meat. In the evening we had a disco at school.

On Saturday we visited Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. We saw a church and had some free time to buy souvenirs and postcards.

On Sunday we went to Kretinga, where we saw a winter garden and a monastery, and then to Palanga by the Baltic Sea. We saw an amber museum and went to the sea. This was a special experience for me: I saw the sea, a cloudless sky and snow all together! In the evening we went to the Acropolis shopping center where I could do some ice-skating.

On Monday we saw 3 other schools in Siauliai and in the afternoon the Hill of the Crosses, with its more than 100 000 crosses. They are all of different sizes from a few centimeters to several meters high. Afterwards we visited the nearby monastery. In the evening it was Acropolis shopping center again with bowling.

Tuesday I had to say good-bye to my host family. We were brought back to Riga from where we flew home to Vienna. Then it was back by bus to Frohnleiten where our parents were waiting for us. To me those days were very interesting because I learnt about a different way of living. My host family was very nice. The weather unfortunately was very, very cold, but nevertheless those days were very nice!

Written on the airplane above Lithuania and Poland, March 22nd 2011

by Karin