

Fourth day:

On Wednesday morning we met in front of the school, because the group went to Çanakkale by bus. It took about two hours but there was a cheerfulness on the bus. First we saw the Turkish Memorial and Cemetery. It was built for the soldiers who lost their lives in the Çanakkale War. There was a breath-taking view of the sea. I'm sure that we made hundreds of pictures there. After the lunch in Çanakkale we went to Troy to visit the wooden horse. We could go inside the horse, it was really interesting. Finally we went to Assos. When we got there even then I could see the sunset behind the mountains. Several sellers were in the streets, they sold their things at a low price. After that tiring day we ate dinner in Çan with our host students and their friends.

Fifth day:

On Thursday there was a talking about the next meeting and we got presents from the teachers and the students. After lunch we visited the Ceramics Factory in Çan. We could see how they make ceramics and tiles. In the evening the students and the teachers organised a farewell party. The mothers of the students prepared home-made local foods. The children performed Turkish folk music for us. At the end of the party everybody was very sad, because of the leave-taking.

Sixth day:

We said good bye from the students, the teachers and Çan. After an all-day trip we stayed at a hotel in Istanbul. Everybody was very hungry so we ate a dinner in the hotel.

Seventh day:

After a short breakfast we went to city center. The Blue Mosque, the Aya Sofya and the Sultan's Palace were incredibly wonderful. I spent the rest of my money in Istanbul, I bought some souvenirs to my family. Unfortunately we had to go home so the taxi took us back to the airport. On the plane we ate our last Turkish dinner.

Above all I'm sure that it was the best travelling of my life. I met with very kind students. Because of their religion the people are respectful and reliable. I learnt many Turkish words in that one week. I hope that I can go back once...