

Report of the international school exchange Kolbotn-Bad Oldesloe 2019

Day One: Arrival – Introduction to the program

On the 4th of March a group of 35 Norwegian students from the Roald Amundsen high school in Kolbotn went on a trip to Bad Oldesloe. They were eager to get an insight on the German everyday live through the encounter with students of the local Ida Ehren high school. Until the 8th of March they gained numerous new impressions and went home with experiences that will last for a lifetime. During their journey the students dealt extensively with German culture and history.



The excited teenagers were greeted with typical northern German weather but nevertheless arrived safely in the youth hostel in Bad Oldesloe. They would stay there for the following days and have an outstanding time. After a delicious dinner in the accommodation the students

were introduced to the appealing program for the stay, were shown a city map of Bad Oldesloe and important questions were answered. Thus, the students were prepared in the best way for the next days. In the evening they had lots of fun exploring the surroundings and chatting about what would happen during the next days.

Day Two: Workshop for Lübeck with group work – Interactive guided tour – Bowling

After an appetizing breakfast on Tuesday the Norwegian students had an informative workshop on the city of Lübeck. There they were prepared language-wise and content-wise for a fun interactive guided tour through Lübeck in the afternoon. During this workshop they had fun learning about the topics architecture, sights and professions and values. For that they were split into three groups. Finally, they presented the results of the group work to their



intrigued classmates, showing their creativity with the help of self-made posters. In another exercise groups of experts on the topics Buddenbrook, Marienkirche, the town hall and Hanse und Bergen were formed. These groups presented their knowledge during the guided tour in the afternoon. Afterwards they could show their singing talent

with the Shanty-song “Ho unser Maat”. Before lunch the teenagers learned about the recipe of the most well-known treat of Lübeck, marzipan. They were also keen on challenging each other in a quiz.

After the well-deserved lunch the students were excited about finally going to Lübeck. There they got information about the Puppenbrücke and the Holstentor, where they were divided into three groups for the interactive guided tour. During this guided tour the motivated teenagers had the best time searching their way to the sights Marienkirche, Schiffergesellschaft, Buddenbrookhaus, Willy-Brand-Haus and the town hall. In front of each station the experts told their interested classmates the most interesting facts. Afterwards the teenagers were eager to explore Lübeck on their own. They met again in the evening to finish the day with an exciting game of bowling.



Day Three: Encounter with students from the Ida Ehren high school – visiting the Hansemuseum



On Wednesday the long-anticipated school attendance took place. The thrilled students met with the 12th grade of the Ida Ehren high school. They had fun talking to them about Norwegian-related topics, such as the Winter Olympics, Oslo, the youth culture and the political system. Afterwards the German and Norwegian students chatted intrigued about school and everyday life in both countries. To complete the successful visit the German students performed a play, which the Norwegians were very thrilled about. After this eventful and fascinating morning, the Norwegian group made their way back to Lübeck to visit the Hansemuseum. At the museum the students got to know how the educational system during Hansa worked and what methods for communication they had. Furthermore, they could show their handicraft skills, they could carve a pen and write on papyrus with it.



Day Four: Workshop for Hamburg with group work – Interactive guided tour – Exploring Hamburg

The next day, the students participated in an interesting workshop and got prepared for the interactive guided tour through Hamburg in the afternoon. They watched a video about Hamburg and had a great time singing the famous song “Hamburg meine Perle”. The teenagers had a lot of fun competing in a quiz and got creative inventing new slogans for the well-known bins in Hamburg. The guided tour in the afternoon led the excited students from Jungferstieg to the town hall, the Nikolaikirche

and the Deichstraße. There they heard about the disastrous fire that took place in 1842. The guided tour ended at the Elbphilharmonie and the students were overwhelmed by its stunning architecture. In the evening the teenagers had a fun time exploring Hamburg on their own before everyone went back to Oldesloe together.

Day Five: Departure

On Friday the students unfortunately departed after breakfast. We hope they will remember their time in Germany in the best way and we hope to welcome them again!