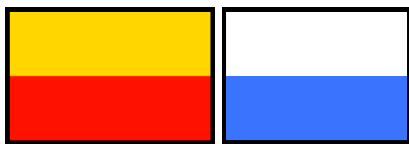
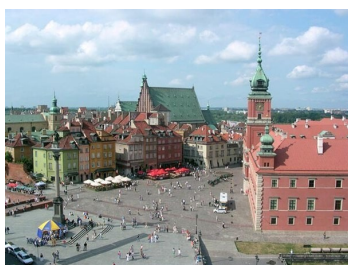


We had an amazing opportunity to visit the amazing countries of Europe. Of course, we could not miss such an opportunity, because first of all, everybody should see the world, to see how people live in other countries.

Our teacher of English language assembled a team of 10 students with great desire to plunge into the mysterious world of Europe. Our tour began at the end of March, it was in spring holidays and we looked forward to the day when we went to the mysterious and alluring Europe.



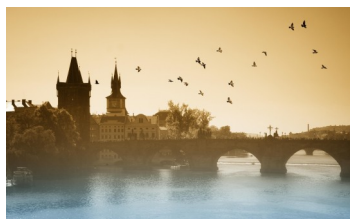
Poland. Warsaw.



And the day has come. We remembered how we would desire to quickly cross the Russian-Polish border, as we strongly wanted to be in this "Land of Castles and Churches." And when we got to **Warsaw**, we were just amazed by the beauty of the city's architecture, the magnificence of the buildings erected for a long time, but, nevertheless, well-preserved. And people were smiling, pleasant, giving to us a good mood. Of course, we should separately describe some historical places of this historic city. We were all struck by the palace area of the city, truly magnificent, along one side of which was built a royal castle in the 17th century. We really liked the Market Square in Warsaw and Prague's Stare Miesto, one of the new areas of cities with stunning architecture. From Poland our comfortable bus moved us to "the country of beer and sausages." And, it was capital city - **Berlin**.

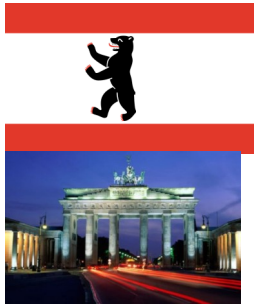


Czech Republic. Prague.



Our exciting journey continued in **Prague**, city of ghosts and dusk. The first thing we visited was the Prague Castle. It is the largest castle in the Czech Republic, it is located on a hill rising above Prague. Prague Castle is the historic center of the capital. From the 9th century Bohemian princes and kings lived there, and in 1918 Prague Castle became the residence of the President of the Czech Republic. Also inscribed on the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest medieval castle of the world.

We visited the famous Charles Bridge. It was erected in the 14th century on the site of the old wooden bridge, the Charles Bridge is one of the main attractions of Prague and the Czech Republic. On the bridge there are 30 copies of the baroque sculptures. The most famous sculpture is St. John of Nepomuk, which by order of the king was thrown from the Charles Bridge. Walking over the bridge crowds of tourists we also could see artists selling their paintings and painted portraits and caricatures. It is better to visit the Charles Bridge at night or early in the morning when there are not so many people. Our group also walked around the Old Town Square. This is not only a symbol of Prague, and the Czech Republic. The exact date



Germany. Berlin.



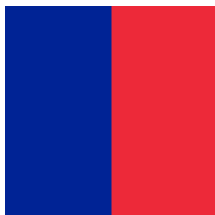
In this wonderful city there were a huge number of old houses, damaging his irresistible.



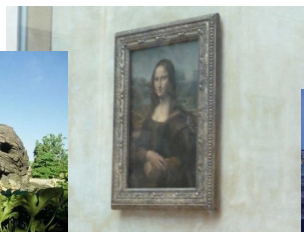
Belgium. Brussels.



After Berlin, we went to **Brussels in Belgium**, home of delicious chocolate in the world. Our whole group just conquered Brussels Cathedral, the stronghold of Catholicism in Europe. We walked through the park and the fiftieth anniversary, which was simply enormous. We were on the Place Royale, which is almost 300 years old, but which preserved the story. In Brussels we bought their entire supply of chocolate, be-



France. Paris.



The next day we approached the most anticipated trip to romantic **Paris**. Of course, we all immediately wanted to see the main sight - the Eiffel Tower. Many people from all over the world come to the French capital only in order to see this building. It is really amazing and wonderful. There we visited and the Champs Elysées, and Champ de Mars, saw the Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre. We wanted to visit this place, because everybody in our group liked art, we liked to look at the stunning paintings, there was the first time we saw a living Mona Lisa, which has always seemed to us more in size. Of course, we went to Disneyland – the world of entertainment, attracting people of all ages. It was just a heavenly place with lots of attractions for all tastes. Most of all we liked to ride on American roller coaster. We also visited Versailles, the palace complex of the French kings, built in the 17th century on the orders of one of the French kings. Well, unfortunately, our trip came to the end and it was time to return home, where our relatives and friends waited for us.



Italy. Venice, Pisa and Florence.



After an overnight journey, we arrived in the country of pizza and jazz, magnificent **Italy**.

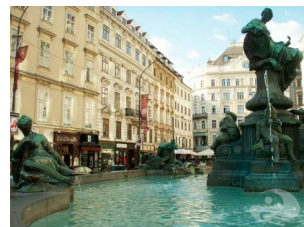
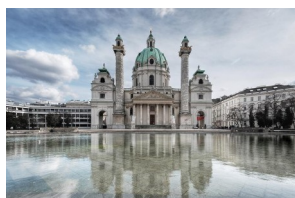
One day in **Venice**, was it a lot or a little? It was enough to know one thing - it is necessary to go back in this beautiful city on the water! Since the time of the trip we decided to devote most of the time walking around the city. It was interesting to get lost in the maze of streets that happens, took you to the water! And then there was no way! In this case, out a GPS receiver always helped us. Also, we were able to taste the local road (and delicious cuisine!) And see the panorama of Venice with a bird's-eye view. So, what we have seen ... St. Mark admired its beauty on the outside and inside. Doge's Palace. This building is the seat of government, a place where at one time housed the Supreme Court, the Ministry and even the secret police. Its facade overlooks the Piazza San Marco. A huge area with dozens of pigeons that were in need of food from foreign tourists. We certainly could participate, and fed the poor pigeons, and also made a wonderful photos. Also Rialto Bridge remained in our memory. Grand Canal is the oldest in Venice. The length of the bridge – is 28 meters. We never denied ourselves the pleasure to ride a gondola It was not cheap! Channels, bridges and streets were the most wonderful things in this amazing city! Our next city in beautiful Italy became **Florence**!

We couldn't miss the journey through Northern Italy. The Tuscan capital is Florence. How could ywe miss the opportunity to visit the city that gave the world of Galileo, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci? It is not enough the week for superficial examination of the Florentine beauty and places. There are a lot of beautiful cathedrals, basilicas, churches, galleries, museums, palazzos, squares and bridges. First of all we have seen the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore.

It was easy to find the building, because it could be seen from anywhere in Florence. It was built in the 13th century as the city's main church with a capacity of 90,000 people, which was equal to the entire population of the city at the time. Well, the final city in Italy has become a memorable **Pisa**. Pisa would not be without its University. The city was full of fun, all year students organized parties for themselves, performances, concerts and cultural events for the city, filling the night the main street of his drunken and resting ground. In total there were about 60,000 students, while the city's population stands at around 100,000. Once on the main square, we could "prop up" Leaning Tower of Pisa finger with both hands, or whole body - in pictures, of course.



Austria. Vienna.



Then we waited for **Vienna**. All the time in Vienna we decided to spend a walk through the old city. If we passed the Opera and went a little more to the left, we could see a gallery Albertina, which is unique in its kind "collection of graphics" with watercolors, prints, drawings from the Middle Ages to the present day, and with a fairly complete collection of prints and drawings by Durer. Soon we come to the Hofburg Palace.

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