

GENOA and CINQUE TERRE

*A fabulous school trip for 4 first-year classes, 2 second-year classes,
and 4 very patient teachers*

This year we decided to go on a school trip to Genoa in Liguria.

On 10th March our class together with 1.B, 1.A, 4. V.G., 2.C and 5.V.G. started an amazing adventure between the fantastic blue Liguria sea and rocky Maritime Alps together with our teachers Barbara Zlobec, Sara Superina, Elija Bastiani and Melita Valič. It took more than 7 hours to get to Genoa because of snow and traffic. Although we were on the bus for a lot of time we weren't bored, because we were joking, laughing, reading MANGAS (Japanese comics), speaking and so on... we had fun! I was a bit shocked when I got off of the bus

because of the palms trees. I didn't know that it was so hot in Genoa that palm trees could grow there.

Anyway, in the afternoon we went to **the Aquarium of Genoa**. It's an enormous

aquarium with an incredible variety of the most colorful and strange fish, sharks, dolphins, penguins, jelly-fish... I liked a lot the scary sharks, but I preferred the penguins (the sharks are too scary!!). We saw the Emperor penguins that live in Antarctica. Despite low temperatures, Antarctic waters are rich of life. Antarctic fish produce 'antifreeze' compounds for

their blood and for other body fluids. The Emperor penguins can do this as well. I also really liked the protagonists of Finding Nemo. The aquarium was really interesting, I liked it. After the visit to the aquarium we went to our hotel Doria. The hotel was OK. We had dinner, a shower and we went to bed. I had an early night...

The next day was a beautiful sunny day and after breakfast we went on **a tour of the city – one hour by bus, one hour walking**. We saw all the most important monuments like Palazzo Ducale, once the seat of the doges

of
Genoa,
San

Lorenzo, the black and white striped Gothic façade of the Duomo which dates from the early 13th century, the bronze fountain in Piazza De Ferrari, constructed in 1936...

SOMETHING ABOUT GENOA:
Genoa is Italy's most important commercial port. The port is the heart of Genoa and the origin of its wealth and power as a seafaring city state in the 11th and 12th centuries.



Janika (left), me (right) and Urška (up) reading Manga...



A very scary SHARK... HELP!!



San Lorenzo (duomo) Fantastic!!



19th-century lion guarding the steps leading in Duomo with me, Janika and Sara

After visiting the city we had some free time and we girls went shopping. We went to 10 different shops.

In the afternoon we were on **Bigo the 'Genoa's Eye'** and from many meters above the ground we watched the beautiful view of Genoa: the blue sea and the grey city. It was really fantastic! After that we went to **Biosfera**, where we saw some interesting plants and animals that don't live here. If I must be honest I didn't like it much, because it was boring and so little to see...

After that we went to the hotel, we had dinner and a 'romantic' evening walk by the sea and running between colourful fountains. It was fun!!

The next day we went to **5 Terre**: Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Riomaggiore, Manarola. We visited only 3 of them: Monterosso, Vernazza and Riomaggiore. Along a path that is perched on cliffs overlooking the sea starting from La Spezia we reached the three villages. The spectacular view of cliffs, coasts, cultivated terraces with rich flora and the sea was like a dream...!



A very strange and interesting thing that I noticed was that the palaces in Genoa haven't real statues, but just some painted statues on their wall..



Urška and Janika running through fountains... XD

In the evening, after dinner, we went to Tequila bar to dance and have fun.

The next morning was our last morning in Genoa. Our trip was drawing to an end. We were all very tired because the night before we had a late night. We went to the



Natasha and the fantastic view!

Museum of the Sea. I'm sorry to say that, but it was really, really boring. After lunch (kebab) we went on the bus and returned home after 7 hours.

I really enjoyed the trip! I had a lot of fun and I saw a lot of things.

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