

Venice Newsletter

18th till 20th March 2011



Valery from Mexico, "host sister" Anna Maria, Jimmy from Australia, Siyuan from China, Brooke from Australia, Laura from Denmark, Debora from Brazil, Janice from Canada, Siobhan from Australia, Mengqi from China, in front: Diego and Alejandro from Venezuela **Escorts Maria and Siegi**



Venice - here we are!

Hi Katrin!

18th of March 2011: Friday night fever: Waiting for the students to start the big adventure "Venice" at Wels train station...everybody arrived in time ☺

First impression of the sleeping cabin in the train:
Hens in the cage

After one night in the train we arrived Venice at 8.45 on Saturday morning. 12 students Maria and I looked to a warm and friendly day in the city of 1000 channels. Most of the students took their STS backpacks with them. It's always so important to find the yellow spots (backpacks) in the crowd of people around San Marco, the tourist center of Venice

After the Vaporetto ride (water taxi in Venice) to the island Murano we had a look in a glass factory. There the wonderful glass figures, famous in the whole world, are produced. Walking through



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Murano we all had lots of fun. Lunchtime and we all are invited by Katrin/STS for lunch. "Yummi". On the way from the Vaparetto stop "Fundamente Nouve" to the famous Markusplatz Maria showed the Austrian flag. Everybody has to follow the flag. Maria - the front woman showed the way and Siegi - the back woman followed observing the group and the flag of our guide.

For feeding the poor, hungry pigeons on Markusplatz Maria took "Fredikeks" with her. The birds sat on the hands, arms, shoulders and heads of our students. There we had a heap of laughters.

The morning after a night train sleep. Thank you Katrin /STS for inviting us for breakfast.

It was a pleasure for Maria and me to go to Venice with these girls and boys. They are punctual, reliable, polite and last but not least very humorous. We all enjoyed the time with this wonderful young people. For the first time the students honored our escort work and said "thank you" yesterday evening and today in the morning. (Janice was the first who did)

Some impressions



Vienna students on the train station , ready to leave 😊

Venice the city of the bridges →



In the narrow streets



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Laura and Janice

Our photographer Jimmy →



Valery, Anna Maria, Mengqi and Debora



Janice and Siobhan in the gondel



Back packs on the run



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Siobhan and her pizza



Diego, you have been here before!!!!



Mengqi and her "host sister" Anna Maria

Spiderman →



Laura, Brooke, Janice and Mengqi with their masks



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Jimmy and the pigeons



Debora and the escort Siegi



Another cool spiderman, Alejandro



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Some reports after the trips from our students about Venice :

This trip was great. I hope next time the weather would be nicer and I didn't get a cold XD. Here are some pics. Hope you enjoy it. :)

Mengqi

It was great, the train was uncomfortable but lots of fun, its so little time you barely get a taste of how beautiful, interesting and different it is from any other city in the world, it would be great and im sure students will have no problem in paying more for staying one or two nights there to just WAKE UP in venice, which is what i felt, the moment i saw those hotels at she very edge of the sea.

Diego

Hey Katrin Venice was amazing!

I really enjoyed it even though the train ride was a bit rough and i didnt sleep that much it was a good experience. I went on a Gondola ride with Debora and Valery that was great and today i wrote a whole heap of post cards that i will sent off to Australia tomorrow or wednesday. I ate real Italian pizza and gelato and also we went and saw the glass factory i cant believe the guy made a horse out of a piece of glass in like 2 minutes. We also went to St Marks Square and fed the pigeons and i have already told you this but I was taking pictures and a pigeon lands on my head. Also shopping was great I bought a hat, a I love Venezia shirt and also a shot glass with Venezia on it for my host family. It was great catching up with people I had met at the snowboard weekend in Bad Ischl but also really good to meet new people from all over the world. Over all a really great experience with memories that i will keep with me forever and I cant wait for the European tour now thats its all going ahead!! :)

Jimmy

The Venice Trip!

I have to say it was an excellent experience. The escorts took care about us really well and showed us nice places around Venice!

The people were excellent, I felt a really pleasing atmosphere and I love to share with them! We were lucky because it rained only in the night so we didn't get wet, we were all eating at that time! The fact is that it rained the whole last week except for Saturday! Doesn't mean anything? :)

Schöne Grüße von Ale!

Hello Katrin!

It where a great tour! I wouldn't could say there only where one great point, because I enjoyed the whole tour. Especially the Murano glass, the masks, dove feeding, the pizza and the ice cream! ! And also off course riding a gondola. We luckely got a Gondolarider who would sing for us. This is a time I can think back to with a big smile on my face!

Hope it's enough! ;)

Lg. Laura



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Finally, let me thank especially Maria and Sieglinde our wonderful areareps for organizing this great trip since years.....



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Your Katrin

Venice, we come back



The winner of the photo tournament:

Funniest STS Picture of the Venice trip (there need to be seen a STS Back Pack, or anything related with STS) is Brooke Eggerling from Australia, she made a great picture of Janice from Canada...love it ! So you and Janice get a little present ☺ (we will do one again at the Vienna weekend)



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