

Hello Dear long-awaited trip.....



3rd May was a really tiring day however it was adventurous too! Our flight was really amazing, Swiss Airlines of course, everyone had great fun, most of them were interested in looking out of the window and I was wondering what they were seeing because I could see only

clouds. We were excited and could feel the fresh breath of independence as we weren't traveling with our parents, but with our friends and beloved teachers.

We all were really happy and we were clicking a lot of pictures because memories are best stored in our hearts and in photographs!! When we were about to land we were admiring the beauty of Zurich. Then we did some shopping at the Zurich airport (Duty Free). We were really amazed to see the beauty of Zurich; I was even comparing Zurich to India.

From the airport itself we took the train tickets to Zurich HD (Central station). Then we dropped our luggage in the lockers and went to freshen up in the restrooms, one can never forget that because we had to pay 2 euros each to use them. Then we went to eat something, there were several stalls and we chose to take pasta and sea food. The food was delicious.

We all were bustling with energy and were now set to explore the city and as we entered out of the station we were amazed because the city was totally different from India.

We saw Landesmuseum and spent some peaceful time strolling in the park, watching birds and seeing people pass by. To warm up, some of us even went jogging in the park.

Then we went on this beautiful canal ride and it was amazing to see the boat on time and the view was spectacular. We realized how punctual people of Zurich were. We were talking and exploring the beauty of nature and that place.

Then we came out of the boat and started going towards the tram as we so we went on this small tram, it was a small journey on the tram but peaceful! We even explored Zurich on foot.



Finally we went to one of the most famous attraction from where we could see the entire city and that was amazing we wished that we could be there for longer time. Then we came back to the station, collected our bags from the locker and went to the hotel. To reach the hotel we had to catch the train again and then from the station we dragged our bags to our hotel. It took us a while to find it, after asking and taking help from people we could finally reach and everyone was so happy! The rooms were spectacular and after keeping our suitcases and bags in the rooms we came together at one place and we all started talking about crazy stuff. We freshened up and went nearby to get dinner. We ate some amazing pizzas and walked back to our apartment.

We all sat together again and shared some ghost stories as well. It seemed funny as we all were together. Around 11.00pm we called it a day and went to our rooms to sleep. Oh! What a lovely start to our trip.

- *Kanishka*

Our Stay at Zurich

After a tiring flight when we reached Zurich, the shivering temperature made us grab our jackets, sweaters and waistcoats. After the checking took place we roamed around the airport admiring it. But just as we saw the duty free we barged in and started picking up sweets, toys and other presents for our families. We piled them on the counter, paid the bill and departed from the airport. Struggling to pull our luggage we crossed roads. Finally we boarded the train and reached the central area where we kept our luggage in lockers after which we had our food and then explored the area. As we were exploring we even adorned the place. After much of admiration we decided to find out what all we could do in the town. Fortunately, we found an Indian man who helped us find where is what and also suggested

some places. Agreeing to his advice we walked down a street to reach a place called Landesmuseum where we spent around 2 hours. There, observing historical spots was worth it. Then, in Landesmuseum itself we went to a point where we took a boat. Sitting in the boat floating on Lake Zurich we admired the archaic houses all around us. It was a one hour trip and just as we reached our starting point, we stretched out and relieved our stiff bodies. Just after that, we made a move to reach a spot from where we had two options; either go by the rope way or climb up, as it was a hill. It was certain that we chose the rope way. Although we reached in around two minutes, it wasn't that fun. After getting out of the rope way, we walked up a road which led us to The University of Zurich. Being one of the best universities of the world, it was the one where Albert Einstein used to teach. After an hour long photoshoot, we moved down. This time I was stubborn to go down by the hill and not choose the boring ropeway. So with two of my friends and Nikhil sir, we started our journey down the hill. Sir guided us down as he had already been there. Passing via trails and walking by rose gardens we also went inside the university as it was a part of our path. We reached down and walked a little bit to stop at a footpath just to wait for those who were coming from the ropeway. After a reunion, we moved inside the central area where we bought food and had it. When we were done with the wandering we went to the locker area to collect our luggage. We then had to catch a train which took us to the outskirts of Zurich, where we had our residing spot. But, nothing is easy in life and thus we had to walk miles and miles to find our place for rest. When we eventually found it another surprise was waiting for us. Our rooms were on the second floor and there was no elevator!! So the luggage which weren't even to drag was supposed to be picked up. After spending 30 minutes in shifting the luggage we were all tired. But the excitement to check our rooms replenished our energy. The room check was over and it was time for us to have dinner, so we went to a pizza place and had pizzas. We returned back in an hour or so and now it was time to discuss horror

stories. Even though it was scary, it was fun. And now we returned to our beds and had a sound sleep.



Next morning, we woke up and got ready, all set to fly to Copenhagen after all we had gone for the Indo-Danish exchange programme. Our breakfast was the ready to eat meals which we had brought from India. After we had eaten it was time to clear the room and check out. We dragged our bags to the station and on our way stopped at coop (a general store) to pick up some more chocolates and other things for our families back home. Some of us even relished fresh fruits and juices. Soon, we were seen moving towards our train to the airport. We reached the airport well in time (ah! So punctual) and checked in our bags. It was a new experience to see we could check in ourselves. Shilpa maam helped in printing our boarding passes and Mannat maam helped us stick the baggage stickers on our bags. There was enough time for us to move around at the Duty Free. Zurich had been an outstanding experience for us and we were now looking forward to going to Denmark.



- *Arnav*

Copenhagen!!

HOLY TIVOLI!

Fifth of May, 2017, was the scariest day of my life. I slept the previous night thinking about going to Tivoli, the second- oldest amusement park in the world. I

read up about it before going to sleep, and believe me, the rides sounded scary. I slept with the fear of my parents reading the papers with the headlines,

“ROLLER COASTER FAILURE, 10 DEAD.”

Well, I woke up and sat on the bed looking at the rides from the 13th floor of Danhostel, and my heart pounding with fear. I got up washed my face, brushed my teeth and soon everyone was ready for breakfast. We had some Danish breakfast at the hostel and left for Tivoli. We walked out of the building and overheard the teachers discussing where we should go. I had a sense of relief when my teachers were considering going to see the mermaid and not visit Tivoli. But, unfortunately the majority of students and of course Nikhil Sir wanted to go to Tivoli. So, I pursed my lips, folded my hands and convinced myself to do it.

We walked to Tivoli and figured out how to buy tickets; we bought unlimited ride tickets and entered. Everyone was jumping with joy and when I entered, I was blown away; everything was so pretty but at the same time scary. I gathered the courage, and went onto a few rides. I realized that it was all in my brain and nothing was that scary, when I went onto a ride which was the most famous one in Tivoli, ‘VERTIGO’. It was a ride that turned you over and launched you into the sky and then came back down really fast. Once I did that ride, I was really proud of myself, I felt that I could do anything. I got onto it once again. All of us went on all the scary rides. It felt amazing, the thrill, the air hitting you right in the face, that sense of pride, in fact everything was great. We were there from 11 in the morning till 8 in the evening, and did all the rides we could. It was so much fun. We had some food and got onto the bumper cars. We hit each other and did that over and over again five times. I also convinced some of the others to get onto VERTIGO.

After that tiring day, we went back to danhostel, we already ate a lot at Tivoli, so we weren’t really hungry. The teachers had to meet Henrick sir, so they left. All eight of us were alone and what we did there is another story for some other time.

But, I really discovered my weaknesses and made them my strengths. It was a great day and we had a lovely time.



- *Vaishnavi*

Sweden? Yes you heard that right!



It was a sunny day and had a lot going on our minds. We could see the city or guess what! See a new country, Sweden. Well, luckily we all were keen to see a new country. Hence, we decided to go to Malmo, Sweden. Some of the best things happen when things are planned and an unplanned and even better version comes up, like in our trip, Sweden, so we kept our luggage in lockers at the station and got into the train and i sat on the window seat like always and enjoyed the scenery to its fullest. To reach Malmo from Copenhagen we had to cross a bridge that was built on the Baltic Sea (Oesrund Bridge). Little did we know, a few minutes later we stepped into another country and had a lavish lunch. It was an amazing place to chill out and relax. We all filled our bowls with the delicacies we wanted and also took something to drink. I decided to take some blueberry drink but it didn't tasted that good. We spent an hour admiring beautiful Malmo and getting excited at the

fact that we were at another country. Soon it was time for us to head back. By now we were all tired and sleepy on our ride back to Copenhagen.

We then took our luggage back and headed for Aarhus to meet our hosts. After a 4 hour long bus ride we reached Aarhus bus stand where we met our hosts. The ride was scenic and it was a delight to see how excited our hosts were to see us.



- *Khushi*

First day of the school



The first day of Aarhus statsgymnasium was full of anxiety, merry, and thrill. In the beginning of the day we were being welcomed by a song which was tremendous and a great effort was shown by them. Then our hosts introduced us to the other classmates and we had fun talking to them by knowing their views regarding India. Then the students introduced us to the Danish political system. Their presentations gave us lots of information about their system and we were astonished to see the difference between our political system and theirs. Then we were taken to the old city, it is a kind of museum where different buildings are placed from the different era of Denmark. Each building had its own significance. Then we were taken to the Aarhus cathedral. The structure of the cathedral was well maintained and had a special significance of the Danish past. It was a great experience knowing Danish culture. Then we went back to our homes and had conversations with our host families regarding our first day in statsgymnasium.

