

MONDAY

In the morning, we were welcomed by the students and teachers from Romania, who introduced us to their school. We toured the middle school, as the high school is still undergoing renovations. The campus also includes a kindergarten, twelve grades, and a large sports field with a running track.



During the lunch break, we enjoyed a relaxed café visit, exchanging experiences with the Romanian students. In the afternoon, we explored the city, led by students. We saw historical buildings, a Evangelic and an Orthodox church and lastly a large park. Our first day in Bistrița ended with a lovely dinner alongside the Spanish students.

TUESDAY

We started the day with breakfast at 8:30, and by 9:30, we had arrived at the Romanian school. Our first activity was a captivating presentation by a teacher on the history of Romania, with a particular emphasis on Transylvania. Following this, we learned about heraldries through a detailed presentation and a video that explored its symbols, colours, patterns, animals, and mottos.



The theme for the day was "Peace & Democracy." The students were divided into five groups, each consisting of one student from Romania, Austria, Germany, the Czech Republic, and Spain. Our task was to create a coat of arms reflecting the theme. After a satisfying lunch in the school cafeteria, we spent our time playing Uno with the other students. That was quite fun! In the afternoon, we completed our projects and enjoyed some free time. Later, we shared a delightful dinner with the Spanish students. Spending time with them was one of my personal highlights!



WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, we took a long bus trip to visit Moldavian monasteries near the Moldova-Ukraine border. These ancient, fortress-like monasteries were built to defend the Orthodox faith and resist invaders.

The first one we visited, built in 1532, was beautifully painted on the outside - very unique. Then for lunch we drove to a restaurant. The food was delicious, but we had to wait a long time until it arrived. During this period, we played UNO together with the girls of Spain.

The second monastery was for orthodox monks.

It looked magnificent together with the garden - but the most astonishing thing was the large amount of ladybugs.

The third and last one, constructed by Stephen the Great, had frescoes in green, red, and blue, with touches of gold.

All had deep religious significance.

We arrived at the hotel at 22:30 so we were all very tired and soon went to bed.

All in all we had a good time together with the Romanian and Spanish girls.



THURSDAY

On Thursday, we had a surprisingly German church service in Romania for the harvest festival, with children singing lively German songs. Afterwards, we took a lift up to the church tower and enjoyed a stunning view over the town.

Next, we visited the town hall, where we learned about the city through an interesting presentation. At school, each group presented about their own schools, and we proudly shared our coat of arms.

In the afternoon, we all relaxed at a café, chatting and having fun. We ended the day again with a great dinner at a restaurant with the Spanish group.

