

Visit of Anne Frank's house in Amsterdam



On Wednesday 5th April, we visited Anne Frank's house in Amsterdam. We started by watching a video. The video told us about the life of Anne Frank and her family. The video was moving and sad. The video also told us about the second world war.

We went to the attic. This is where Anne Frank, her family and four other Jews hid from July 1942 to summer 1944 when someone denounced them. The life in the attic was very difficult: the clandestine inhabitants had to be quiet. The attic is small and I don't know how eight people could live in there. The attic is in a warehouse. Sometimes, the food was nibbled by rats. They couldn't look outside because they were not to be seen by the neighbors. In summer 1944 some Nazis came to the attic and arrested everyone. Anne Frank was deported to Auschwitz and later to Bergen-Belsen. Anne Frank died in March 1945, it's very sad because she had a short life. Luckily, she wasn't forgotten: she became a symbol. Her diary was published by her father: he survived to concentration camps.

By Léo and Félix.

Visit of a cheese and clog factory



On Wednesday 5th April, we went to visit the cheese factory in Volendam.

Mrs Perrot translated what a Dutch woman was saying . She explained how they make cheese :

First step you have to ferment the milk ; Second step (after multiple intermediate steps ,exemple : A bath of salt) Then we let the cheese for a certain amount of time to rest. After this explanation the woman led us to their shop , where they sell cheese , mustard ,waffles and other souvenirs .

We also had the opportunity to taste some of their products. We also went to a clog store for a while , to buy some clogs and wood tulips .

Outside the shop ,there was a frame to put your head and take a picture . There was also a giant pair of clogs.

It was awesome !



By Lali and Romane

Interview about Ambroise

I interviewed Ambroise about his sport.

- Hi !
- Hello !
- I will ask you some questions.
- Yes !
- What is your sport ?
- My favorite sport is boxing.
- What does your sport consist in ?
- My sport is respectful and very hard.
- Why ?
- Because it's physical and mental.
- Do you have a goal ?
- Yes, becoming champion of France and being professional.
- How many trainings do you have a week ?
- I do four trainings every week. Between two and four hours.
- Thank you for the interview.

Ynann

Windmills in Kinderdijk



On Tuesday, April 5th, we visited a mill in Kinderdijk. We walked a lot, but we enjoyed it anyway. It was nice but not very hot. It was great because we were able to discover and see beautiful landscapes ! There were plenty of mills and none of them were alike...

Then we were divided into 2 groups. One group began to visit a mill, whereas the other drew a landscape of their choice in watercolor. It was soothing, the environment was calm and relaxing. The mill was big, it was fitted out like a house.

When it was time to leave, we went back to the bus which was about 1km away. We were very hungry !

by Manon and Maïna
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The Maritime Museum



On Wednesday 5th April, we visited the maritime museum in Amsterdam. There was a boat outside.

The boat is a reconstruction, inside we can find a cannon, a hammock etc. We liked the boat because she was very realistic and animated (there was a hammock to relax and some boxes that we could raise to show how heavy they were.)

In the museum there were pictures, maps, models and a report on whales. There was a souvenirs shop that we liked because there were interesting things like compasses or models or other things related to the museum.

by Ewen & Raphaël

Our day in Rotterdam : the Markthal and cube-houses !

On the last day of our trip in the Netherlands, we went to Rotterdam at the west of the country. This is one of the biggest harbours in Europe.

For lunch we went to the Markthal and had free time there. The Markthal is one of the biggest covered markets in the world. It consists in a huge building with big panels of glass at the extremities.

Inside, we can find many food trucks of countries from all around the world and some places to eat. The roof is very high and ornamented with colorful decorations.

For us that was really amazing to see such a gigantic architecture and with a lot of beautiful drawings.



After we ate we went by groups to the cube-houses, just in front of the Markthal. From the outside they are little, yellow, cubic houses that are hanging above the street. The architect wanted it to seem like a little forest. We went inside the house by groups, it's small and the roof isn't very high ; the furniture is especially designed for the house. When we were outside it looked amazing but when we were inside we found it very tiny and monotone.

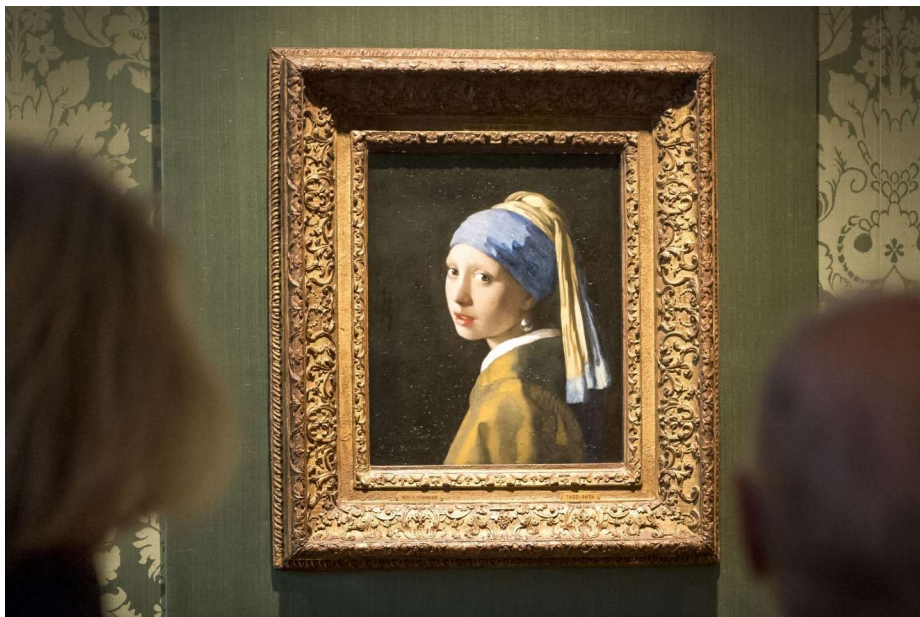
Our opinion on this visit is mixed : the two buildings were of very opposite styles, we liked the Markthal so much that when we visited the cube-houses we were a little disappointed but that was a great visit despite the rainy day.

By Coline & Niev

The Mauritshuis in the Hague

On Tuesday 4th April, we went to the Mauritshuis Museum

We spent around 1 hour 15 in the museum. We saw the « Lady with a pearl earring ». I really liked this painting because I had already seen it in a cartoon. There was a replica of this painting. It was an old man with the pearl. There were also paintings on the ceiling. There was an electrical panel that showed different replicas. I also liked the painting with the farmer and his cows because I liked the landscape behind.



by Maé and Guilo

Lunch at Mc Donald's in Amsterdam and dinner at Stayokay youth hostel in Rotterdam.

On Monday 3rd April, we went for a walk in the Vondelpark in the footsteps of Hazel and Augustus.

We went to a Macdonald's restaurant at lunchtime after visiting the Rijksmuseum. The Big Mac from the Amsterdam Mcdonald's restaurant was better than the one from France. « The fried sauce was fluorescent, and the ice tea was sparkling », someone in the class told us.



The day of April 6th is the day we walked the most. We were hungry, we went to a youth hostel to have dinner. We were not the only French people. There were four other French groups. It took us a long time to be served. We ate wraps.

By Sameh & Julie

ROTTERDAM and the EUROMAST TOWER

We are going to talk about the city of Rotterdam and the Euromast tower.

That day was the Thursday and it was the last day. There was a lot of rain. We drove for one hour to go to Rotterdam . We were very tired because it was the last day . We visited a part of the harbour and we took some pictures with everybody.

Then we saw the sculpture of a man . On this day we walked a lot. Then we went to a big covered market with restaurants, food shops... and we ate in it. After lunch, we went to the cube houses. After that again, we walked a lot to go to the Euromast tower. It's a very high tower . We went into it to see Rotterdam from above . There was a lot of fog and rain but, it was cool. We took pictures and there was a floor even higher, so we went to it. We had to take an elevator with lights and music in it, it was great. The view was beautiful.



By MARIN and LOU ANN

Boat tour in the harbour of Rotterdam



On Thursday 6th April, we navigated on the Beneluxtunnel for one hour. We saw the commercial port of Rotterdam, in the boat there were comments in several languages on what we were seeing. It was very interesting.

It was very relaxing because the rest of the trip had been very tiring. In the boat we played cards.

by Capucine and Malo

Trip by boat in Amsterdam

During this boat tour in Amsterdam we learnt many things about Amsterdam and we often went under bridges.

The boat was very nice, and the driver too.

The driver began by playing an audio, this audio spoke to us during all the trip and said many things about Amsterdam .

During the one-hour cruise we saw many houses along the river.

The houses were very high because the government had put a law in place that made people pay for the width of the houses and that is why ~~the~~ they were very thin and tall.

We also saw some pulleys at the top of the houses because it was to bring up heavy things .

We saw the Prime Minister's house in Amsterdam it was very big for an Amsterdam's house.

I think it was a good idea for a trip !



by Robin & Yann

The Hague, the city of power

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by Lily, 4è4

After a nice stroll at the Kinderdijk wind mills, we went to The Hague. This place is a city of power in the Netherlands : the Binnenhof, the Dutch Parliament, is there. It was built in the 13th century next to the water.



The Binnenhof, The Hague

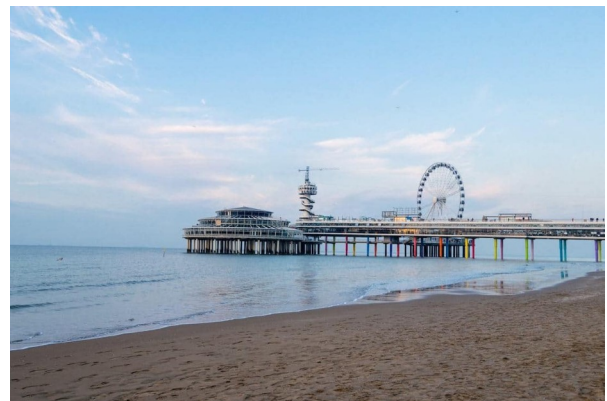
In The Hague, the architecture is recent and old at the same time.



Mauritshuis, The Hague

Then, we went to the Mauritshuis, one of the most famous museums in Holland. We had the chance to see « *The Girl with the pearl earring* » painted by Vermeer in 1665.

We went to the famous Scheveningen beach with its large pier (400 meters long and 45 meters high). The beach attracts many tourists. Next to Scheveningen beach, we saw many shops and restaurants where you can eat, drink or just look at the North sea.



Scheveningen beach, The Hague

The peace palace, The Hague



After, the bus driver drove us in front of the Peace Palace. We saw a big garden. It's a beautiful building. I found it imposing.

I highly recommend visiting The Hague.

The Rijksmuseum, an extraordinary museum!

On Monday 3rd April, we visited the Rijksmuseum. It is a wonderful museum which is very important in the Netherlands. As soon as we saw it, we were amazed!



Before starting the visit, we put our bags away in lockers and we made four groups lead by a teacher. Then, they gave us some questions to answer in the museum. We climbed some stairs before arriving in a big corridor where there were majestic stained glass windows. The floor and the ceiling were decorated. On the floor there were mosaics of the twelve zodiac signs.

After observing a few paintings, the teachers gave us one hour to visit the first floor and answer the questions. We separated in the museum going from room to room. In the first room there is a painting which immediately caught our attention: “The night watch”, probably because it is very large and detailed. Then we continued our visit, the paintings were all as beautiful as each other! Some works of art were very famous like Rembrandt’s self-portrait, Van Gogh’s self-portrait or “The syndic of the clothiers’ guild”.

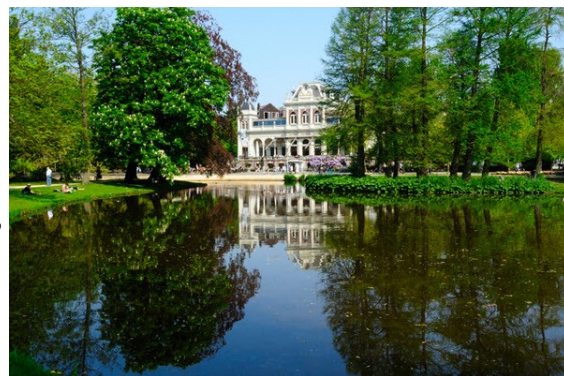
One of our favorite paintings is “On the ice” because it is very detailed and original.

After gathering in the principal room, the teachers showed us the library. It was very awesome and it plunged us back into the nineteenth century. We could see very pretty spiral stairs. Below, four people were working in the silence of the library. We left the galleries and we went to the shop to buy some souvenirs. This is how our visit to the Rijksmuseum ended!

by Andréa and Zoé

Walking tour in Amsterdam

1. We arrived in Amsterdam on Monday morning there were a lot of bikes in the street, beside Van Gogh museum. We had breakfast. We walked in the Vondelpark. The park was beautiful. People do sport, walk their dog in this park. We saw a street light in front of the number of the house (162), the famous house in the novel « The Fault in our Stars ».



2. After we saw the house of Peter Van Houten, the owner of the house took a picture of us. We went to the hotel where Augustus and Hazel slept. But we didn't recognize it because the hotel had been transformed into a house.

3. We saw the different places of the shooting of the film "The fault in our stars". The buildings are stucked together and they are of different widths and colours. After going on the tracks of Hazel and Augustus we walked for a long time in old Amsterdam then we ate at a Mcdonald's restaurant.

4. Then we continued to walk and we went on the canal. We took a tourist river boat. We had a guided tour for one hour.



We loved this day! We were able to visit this wonderful city even if we walked a lot!

By Eina and Mila 4e4