

Great Experience

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My name is Giulia and I'm 18, this summer I took part in the yce program, I attended the fashion camp in Istanbul.

My experience was great, I stayed in Turkey 3 weeks, I spent half of the time with my host family in Istanbul. I got to know the family I was assigned with about 20 days before leaving. My host family was extremely welcoming, I had a host sister who is 15 and a 10 year-old host brother. They taught me a lot of things about Turkey and took well care of me, we visited Istanbul, had dinner on a boat in the Bosphorus strait and then we went to their summer house in Sapança.

The other half of my time in Turkey I spent it in the camp. We were paired with the dancing camp so in total there was 28 of us and 5 staff members. I shared a room with a girl from Belgium, campers were from all over the world, the italians were the most numerous in total. We stayed in a very nice four star hotel in Maltepe which is a neighborhood in the Asian part. We did many activities during the camp, we went on boat trips, visited Istanbul, had parties, did a fashion contest and danced a lot.

In addition the yce program also gave me the opportunity to host a lovely girl from Greece before leaving for Istanbul, this allowed me to have an idea of how hosting programs work. we had fun together here in Como and on the lake, she got to know the italian lifestyle. It was an unforgettable experience, I made strong friendships, had so much fun and fell in love with Turkey.



