

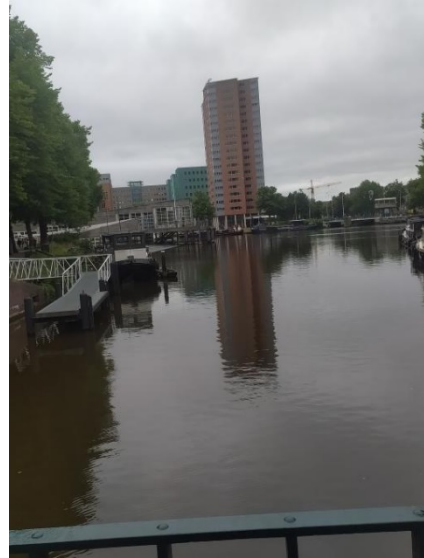
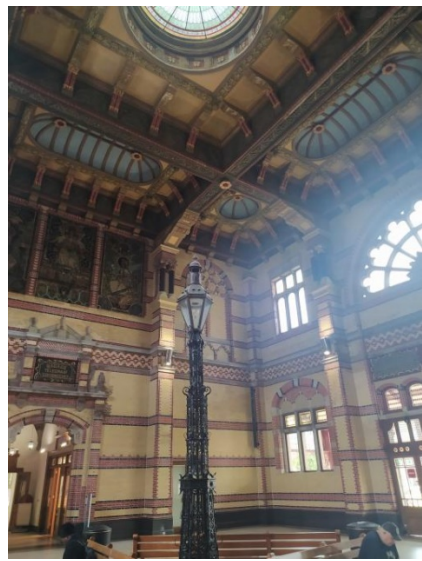
When I arrived to the Amsterdam airport (9th of July at 3 p.m.), Mr. Van Helden picked me up at the airport, where I met other guys which would then go to the same camp. But the Van Helden family wasn't my host family, they just brought me to the Smeenk family, who actually hosted me. This is a family of 3: Jelle, the father, is a farmer, so I've been to a farm. Geke, the mother, is a notary and their son, Thomas is 13 years old. They also hosted José Castillo Pérez, a very kind Spanish guy.



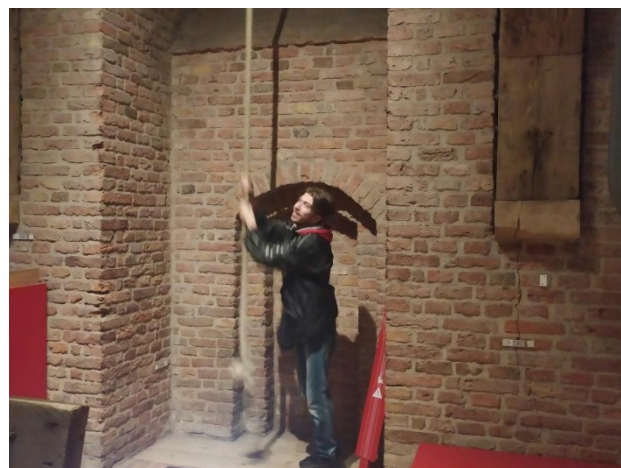
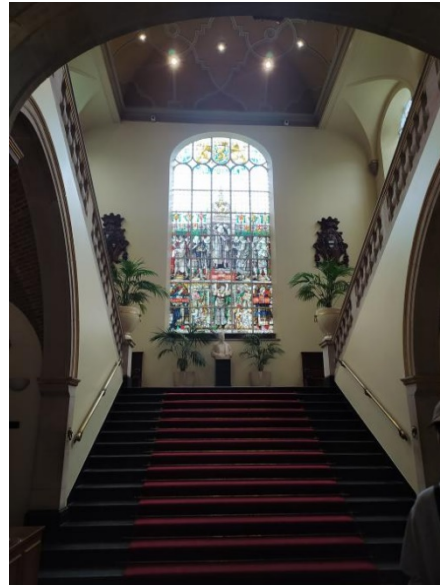
For the dinner we had a barbecue in their garden. They have a lot of cows, very common in the Netherlands. The next day was a day of relax, so me and José took the bike for a ride. The rain wasn't so strong, so it was very nice.



In the 11th Tamar, our tutor, brought me, José and Fabienne Kollinger (a girl from Austria) to Groningen. I really liked It's constructions, It's gardens and It's views







In the 12th me, José, Fabi and Tamar went to Wallabi park, in Biddinghuizen.



Here we met other guys involved in this exchange: Theis Jorgensen (Denmark), Edoardo Donati Sarti (Italy), Isabelle, their tutor and her cousin





This was an amazing experience, we had so much fun together. After that we had dinner at MC Donald's



The next day me and José went to Giethoorn. There we met Ralph, and a lot of other guests for a paddling, we went through the village and to a little island, where we had a picnic and a lot of fun with some games that we improvised



In the 15th Jorien brought me, José and Fabienne Harlingen for the “Tall ship event”, where we met Tamar





We also enjoyed a ride on the ferris wheel



In the last day in the host family me and José's host family collected Fabienne from the Violet family in Appelscha and then we went to the climbing forest that was there



After all this our host family brought us to the campsite Kampeerboerderij Koole, the camp boss explained us the rules and then she left the campsite. After that we did some games to know each other. The junior staff was very kind and welcoming. Then we had dinner from street vendors who arrived at the camp



The place was full of flies, mosquitos and other little flying bugs. They weren't dangerous, but they were very annoying, especially when we tried to sleep.

In the 18th the staff awoken us by putting full volume music in the hall (like in all subsequent days), and then we had breakfast. For the breakfast we had to choose from a lot of things: fruits, bread and much more.

After the breakfast a bus brought us to Amsterdam. The bus wasn't the same school bus i expected. It was very clean and it didn't tremble on the way





When we arrived we had a tour through the canals with the boat



We also had a walk with the tour guide of Amsterdam Underground, who told us his personal story about his life on the streets







In the 19th we went to the beach. The staff helped us by bringing extra large towels that we used to sit. Then we had lunch in the near restaurant



The next day was a day at the camp. During the morning me, some members of the staff and other guys went to the near market to buy something: snacks, drinks and very many products to kill flies and mosquitos, so those weren't a problem anymore. In the evening we had fun with a lot of games





In the next morning we visited Gouda, very famous mainly for its cheese market and production





After that we had a very nice view under the light drizzle that we all love in the summer from the roof of Saint Jan church





In the afternoon we had a sportive competition event on track course of Athletics association of Gouda

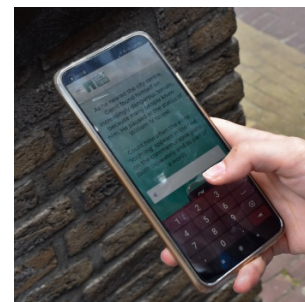
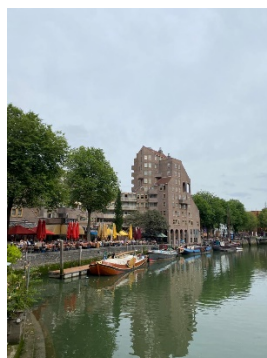


After the 400m run I didn't feel well, but the staff helped me the best, so it wasn't a problem.

In the morning of the 22th we went to Kinderdijk for a boat ride



In the afternoon we had an escape tour through Rotterdam



And for dinner we were hosted by a family for a barbecue



We also made country presentations to show after coming back to the campsite



In the next day we cycled through Oudewater and explored Gouda again







The 24th was another day at the campsite, but with an extra yoga class.

In the 25th we did some watersports at Lake Reeuwijk

