

SLOVENIA

This year I decided to participate in Lions Youth Exchanges, and On July 15, one of the best experiences I have ever had begun.

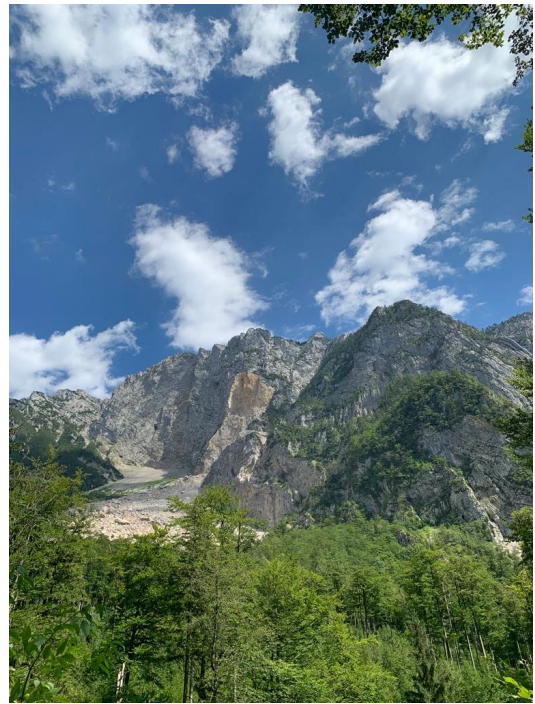
I went to Slovenia and for the first week I was hosted by a woman named Petra, a mother of two sons, Luca and Jacob, who were also going through the same experience one in Italy and the other in Germany.

I had the opportunity to live this week together with a Finnish girl named Mira. She is such a sweet girl and we immediately hit it off, sharing moments like two sisters. Also, our host mom was friends with a lady named Barbara who was hosting two boys, Gaetano, also from Italy, and Summer a German boy.

For the whole week all four of us were together, we did a lot of activities like visiting caves, walking in nature, visiting monuments, we practiced different sports like basketball, volleyball, all this to get to know and experience the customs and traditions of the country at their best.

One very nice thing I noticed is that they use music as a means of knowledge. To get to know each other we listened to everyone's favorite songs during lunch and dinner. But of all the memories I cherish most from that week is the relationship that was created between all five of us. Petra was a second mom to us, she was a friend, she was our accomplice in everything. To this day we still talk to each other and catch up on our lives because we don't want to lose each other and hope to meet again someday.





Afterwards we moved to the camp for ten days with the other kids who were having the same experience. The beauty of the camp is to compare yourself with kids from different countries and to be able, through them, to love states that you haven't visited yet.

During these ten days we did different activities, such as visiting castles, art museums, cities, wineries, group activities, we tried rafting, technology museums. We were a small group of nine kids, and this allowed us to unite more and experience this experience all together to the fullest. One activity that I particularly enjoyed was experiencing a moment as a blind person. On that day we walked the whole camp garden with blindfolds on, and since there were obstacles and tests put in place, each blindfolded boy was guided and flanked by his companion. After going through the whole course, we had lunch with the blindfold on. The purpose was precisely to make us kids aware of the issue of the blind.







The greatest gift of this experience is all the special relationships that were created in such a short time but will remain eternal.

The organization of the camp in Slovenia was impeccable, every activity was organized down to the smallest detail, with precision and passion.

If I was able to live this experience to the fullest, it is only thanks to the Lions whose goal is to promote cultural exchange and give the kids the opportunity to experience unforgettable moments.

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