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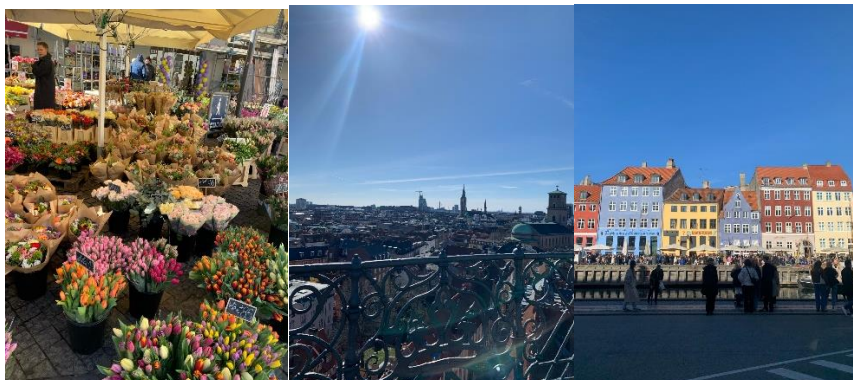
Saturday 16.03.2024:

We flew in the early morning with a stopover in Frankfurt to our final destination Copenhagen. After we arrived at the airport and our hosts picked us up, we had lunch and went to our host families. We reunited at Andrea's place, played board games and had dinner. Our host families welcomed us warmly. We have noticed that their English level is by far higher than the average Austrian's of their age. It was also very impressive how a lot of people of all age groups could speak German at at least level A1. After a long day out, we could not wait to go to bed and see what the next days were about to bring.



Sunday 17.03.2024:

Sunday was our first whole day in Denmark and we had a lot of cool things on our plan for that day. We went sightseeing as a group with the other exchange students and saw Copenhagen's city center, the Round Tower, Gammelholm and Christianshavn. We went shopping as well, because the shops there (unlike Austria) are also open on Sundays. The architecture really was an eyecatcher to us and impressed us, because we liked the colours of the houses. We also noticed the different Nordic style people there have. We finished the day off by eating dinner at Marie's place and by playing a puzzle.

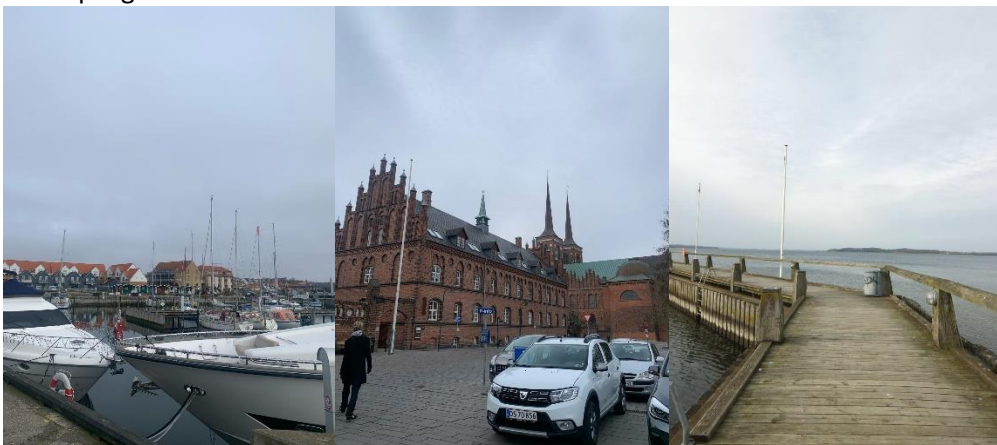


Monday 18.04.2024:

School is on! It was our first day visiting the Orestad High School and we got a school tour. The architecture and interior design really impressed us. We've never seen a school like this. Compared to our school in Austria, its dimensions are bigger, there is a gigantic amount of open space and light and areas to hang out for the students and the school has, of course, more students. We were really surprised when the students told us about them having school parties without parents, because we could not imagine that in our Austrian school. That day we had a German class, which was quite fun, because we listened to a song and discussed its meaning. We got to help the Danish students, answered their questions and played a game on the basis of the German song. That was our only class that day, because after that we went to the Labour Museum with a history class and their teacher. After school we went to a board game cafe, where you could rent games and play them. We wish we had similar restaurants like this in Austria. We went for a short walk in the evening and went home to bed after another long day.



On Tuesday the 19th of March we had a day off from school and used it wisely. We drove to a little west of Copenhagen called Roskilde. It is quite famous in Denmark because of its unique history. Back in the days the Vikings ruled the fjord, so therefore it offers a lot of culture. Besides that, all the kings and queens of Denmark are buried in this town. They all choose the beautiful Roskilde Cathedral as their burial church. It is a very vibrant city, our exchange partners told that us especially in the summer there is a great vibe and a lot of tourists. After seeing Roskilde and having a quick look at the sea from there we went back to Copenhagen. Then we had a movie night together, ate some delicious food (frikadeller) and played some board games, including „Africa Star“, which is a popular game in Denmark and Uno, which we were surprised has different rules in Denmark, even though it is the most simple game ever.



On Wednesday the 20th of March we went to school again. We participated in the history lesson, which was given in English and learned a lot about the suffragette movement in Denmark in the 1920s. We also took part in the German lessons again and exchanged with the Danish students. We talked about German and Danish music, as well as the differences in our school systems and the differences in our everyday life. After school we got some food from 7eleven, the food spot, everybody gets their snacks for in between lessons from and went to a museum. It was the Enigma-Museum of Communication, which stores Denmark's national collections in the field of postal services and telecommunications. That was quite fascinating and fun because it was very interactive. In the evening, we all sat down together, not just the Austrians and the Danes, but also exchange students from Germany and Switzerland and ate some tasty „Pulled chicken Burger “. We also started playing Monopoly, which unfortunately ended in some chaos, because we just were too many players.



On Thursday the 21st of March we had a later start at school, so we used the time to go shopping in “Fields”, which is a really big shopping centre next to the Oersted Gymnasium. We went to a lot of stores including the “Normal-Store”, which is a drug store and also our favourite store in Denmark (we went there at least six times). After that we went to school to participate in the social studies class. It was our favourite class of the week. We had prepared a presentation on the political life in Austria and the students were very interested in the political system in Austria and by discussing, even we learned new things, about Denmark, but also about Austria. ;) Afterwords we took a looong car ride to a small town in the north of Denmark, we drove to the ocean and went for a walk on the beautiful beach there. Regrettably, it was very cold and windy, so we couldn't last long and fled to a pizzeria. Back in Copenhagen, we made a movie night had a good night sleep to save our energy for the next day.



Friday, March 22nd

After starting our day at school together, we went to the Design Museum Copenhagen. The exhibition focused on older designs, but also on ideas for a more space-saving and environmentally conscious future. For example, there was a model of a house that can be folded up when you're not home. There was also a room with cups and tea sets, and there was no shortage of fashion either, as there was a large selection of clothes that were different not only in shape but also in material.

After the museum, we went back to Nørreport, where we went shopping and enjoyed the selection of stores that we don't have at home, such as "Normal". After our shopping tour and a cinnamon bun as a snack, which are available everywhere here, we went back home. There I watched some Danish television, and I noticed that many of the programs are simply German-language with subtitles.

In the early evening, we went back into town and met up with our exchange students' school friends for a game night. We played Uno, Set and a kind of Monopoly about Copenhagen. Getting home was no problem, as the metro runs all night on weekends, not just until midnight like during the week.

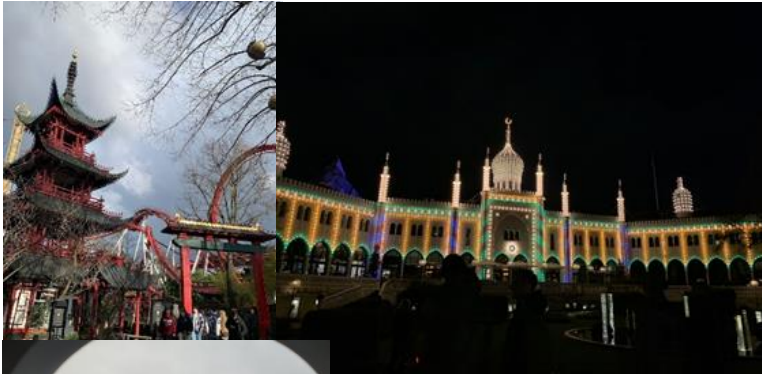


Saturday, March 23rd

After a late breakfast, we headed to "Tivoli", an amusement park in the middle of Copenhagen. There are 23 rides, including a fairy tale train and a chain carousel. With almost 4 million visitors every year, it is a real tourist attraction, one that we think is definitely worth it and should be on everyone's Copenhagen travel checklist. The Tivoli opens at 11am and when we entered the park shortly after three, it was already quite crowded. Our highlight was the roller coaster in the middle of the park, which was always busy. Since time flies, we left the Tivoli when it was already



dark and in the dark the park seemed even more magical, as everything was now lit up in colorful lights.



Sunday, March 24th

Unfortunately, it was already time for our return trip today, as our



flight left at eight o'clock and we met at the airport at 6:30 a.m., which meant getting up early. There was a tired but sad goodbye. After boarding the plane, there was one last look at Copenhagen until we disappeared into the clouds and headed for Zurich, our stopover. When we finally arrived in Graz after over five hours of travel, we were happy to be home again, but we can't wait to



put our plans for a return to Copenhagen into action and see our new friends again.

