

Ducati and Bologna

On Monday the 15th February, we went to Bologna and visited the Ducati. We had a guided tour, through the factory and the museum, and after that, a little of free time in the museum. We enjoyed the visit, because it was quite good, and the guide who made the tour was very nice. Although, we are not really interested in bikes, so we couldn't appreciate the visit. We think that Ducati gives great opportunities to young men and women who are looking for a job, that is not easy to find in Italy, and it offers a very high quality product, sold all over the world. Then we moved to Bologna and we had lunch at McDonald's all together and had some free time. It was a pity, because of the rain, but the city was very beautiful.

After that, we had a walk through the city, we saw St. Stephen's Church, which is also called "the seven Churches". Some Italian pupils told us something about the city and the buildings, but it was very hard to understand. Before we left, we had some other free time, we saw some shops and bought some souvenirs, but we think that it was too short for have shopping. At 4.00 pm, we left, and moved to Cento under the rain, we got there at about 5.30 pm.

Ravenna

On Tuesday the 16th February, we left at 8 am to Ravenna. We had a very long trip of about two hours, while we had a break in a Autogrill, to go to the toilet and eat some. When we arrived, we saw some monuments, and a lot of Mosaics, which are typical of the city of Ravenna. We visited the Theodoric's Mausoleum, the church of St. Apollinare Nuovo, the Battistero Neoniano, the church of St. Vitale and the most important, the grave of Dante Alighieri. We think that it was nice to see those old building and mosaics, but from our side, they all looked like the same.

At 12 am, we had some free time for lunch; the Italian pupils took the Latvians and the Germans to a typical Italian restaurant, where we all ate piadina together. It was very tasty, everyone enjoyed the special meal. Then, we had some time for a walk through the city's streets, then we went directly to the mosaics workshop. There was a woman, who taught us how to compose a mosaic, and then we tried ourselves. We had a great fun, but some pupils hadn't enough patience, so their mosaics were very funny. At 3.30 pm, we left the workshop and we had a long walk to the bus station, where we caught the coach. The trip back home was a lot shorter than the first one, indeed, we arrived in Cento 20 minutes before we had expected.

Maranello: Ferrari workshop; Modena

On Wednesday 17th February, we met in via Rigone, and we took the coach to Maranello, near Modena. At 9.30 am, we had a workshop in English, where we were told how does the company work. Then we tried the pit stop, that was very funny. The wheel was very heavy and the pistol hard to use, but we enjoyed it. Then, we visited the Ferrari museum; there we saw a lot of amazing cars, which had written the history of one of the most famous logos ever. We also had a look at the whole compilation of prizes won by Ferrari. The visit lasted for about two hours and a half, but we were also late for some latvian guys who were sitting in a Ferrari to take some photos. Then we moved to Baggiovara's hospital, where we had eaten. The food was quite nice, but the vegetables were just horrible.

In the afternoon, we moved to Modena city center. We visited the cathedral church, St. Geminiano, which is located in the main square, Piazza Grande. It is a huge building, and it looks very nice. Inside, it was very dark and high, and there was also a very big mosaic on the wall. After this visit, we had some free time to walk around. It was a very short time so we haven't seen the whole city center.

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