



Songs in Europe

Garrovillas de Alconétar – Cáceres,
30th January – 4th February 2015

SPAIN



30th January 2015 – Arrivals.

We arrived at the airport of Madrid in the afternoon to pick up the Turkish group. Then we came to Madrid for a quick cultural visit and eat. Then we returned to the airport to pick up Slovak and English groups and go to Garrovillas. The German group went in his own car to Garrovillas, where they were received by other participants in the Spanish group.

31st January 2015 – Mérida, Flamenco performance and workshop

The next morning, after breakfast, we visited **Mérida**, UNESCO World Heritage town. First, our guide showed us the Roman amphitheatre and theatre. There, taking advantage of the acoustics, members of the group suddenly began to sing. Then, we walked around the city seeing different Roman monuments (Temple of Diana, the Roman Bridge, the Alcazaba,...). During the tour we met a procession, a fact that the group enjoyed.



After lunch, we went to Cáceres to watch a **Flamenco performance**, where we could see different styles of dances. Then, we went to a dance school, to take part in a **Flamenco workshop**, where our teacher taught us some steps. After this, we had dinner and came back to Garrovillas.



1st February 2015 – Garrovillas and Folklore workshop.

On the second day, we had a cultural guided tour around **Garrovillas** where we visited some churches like Saint María, Saint Peter, ... There we can heard nuns sing in both Spanish and Indian, their mother tongue. Also, one of our Turkish partners sang Ave María for the nuns and the group church. We continue our visit to the main square, declared National Historic-Artistic Monument with Gothic archade and Classical fachade. There, we could visit the Comedy Theater, from. Finally, we visited the Ethnographic Museum.



After lunch, we moved to the Social Center for the **folklore workshop**. There, some members of the local group “El Escaramujo” performed some songs and dances with their traditional costumes. After the performance, we were taught the song and dance “El Redoble”, as well as, play the castanets. Then, the rest of the groups taught others songs and dances and had the chance to present their organizations.

After dinner, we enjoyed an evening with new songs and dances from the different countries.



2nd February 2015 – Cáceres, choir group rehearse.

On Monday we moved to **Cáceres**. After leaving the bags at the hotel, we went to the Adult Centre “Martín Cisneros” where we greeted by some teachers. Then, we had a short guided tour around the old town, UNESCO World Heritage town, due to the rain.

In the evening, after free time and evaluation meeting we went to see a local choir rehearse (The choir of Saint María). The group has been together for around 20 years and has performed all over the area at various events as well the cathedrals. Their singing was outstanding and you could really sense how close this group was from how their rehearsal performance went. We were also given the honour of being the first people to hear a new song that they were learning.



3rd February 2015 – Modern dance workshop and los Barruecos.

The Tuesday, we said goodbye to the Turkish group. Then, in the morning, we went to Sbelta for the modern dance workshop where the teacher taught us a choreography.



Later on, we went to the Barruecos (Malpartida de Cáceres) Natural Park to visit it and the Vostell Museum.



12th May 2014 – Leaving day.

This day the different groups were leaving the hotel.
End of coexistence in Spain and moment of farewell with some emotion, but really looking forward to the next reunion in action in the Germany.

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