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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

HAPPY!

I am very happy, because there is very little time left before we leave. I really want to go and have a great time, to have many new experiences and learn English.



SATURDAY 19th

NEAR TO SPLIT

Taking advantage of the time we're waiting at the airport, I'm sharing some interesting facts that caught my attention: physically, the vast majority of Croatians are characterized by being tall, slender, and have light hair.

As for food, there are several savory pepper-flavored snacks; most salads and sandwiches also contain peppers; the pastries we've been able to try so far are similar to ours (cheesecake, carrot cake, and berry tart).

Regarding the language, I'm surprised that the signs



FLIGHT WITH A STOPOVER...

Taking a *flight with a stopover* never *guarantees that things will go well...* a delay on the first leg, and a 7-hour layover at the airport...



THE JOURNEY BEGINS!

It's been a long day with plenty of *scares and disasters*, but we hope to emerge unscathed. But we're optimistic, and like good colleagues, *we support and care for each other emotionally*.

From the moment we set foot in the country, we've been *practicing the English* language and getting a sense of the general *character of the Croatian people*, with some very common and distinct characteristics that are surprising us. We'll be settling into the apartment soon so *we can recharge* and start our class routine tomorrow.



SUNDAY 20th

Laguna azul, Labaduza and Trogir

After a difficult arrival on the Dalmatian coast, we dived into its waters to recharge our batteries and get a head start on the course this afternoon.



WE START

Classes began this afternoon: an eloquent teacher capable of capturing the students' attention is the key to success. An introduction to the area, places and customs, and a weekly agenda.



MONDAY 21th

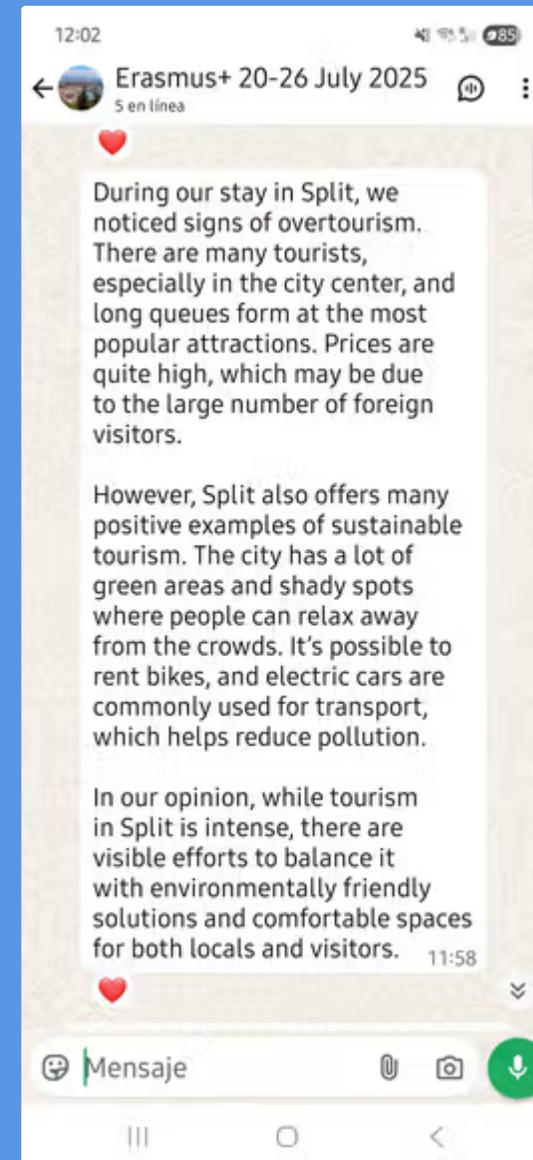
First day of class

I'm delighted with the experience.
In the morning, I had an intensive English class. One of the activities involved discussing the differences and similarities between different educational systems; it was very enriching.
Afterward, we took the opportunity to have a drink and enjoy the company and the surroundings.



ENVIRONMENTAL CARE: AN EUROPEAN GOAL!

Throughout the sessions, the training center informs us about various aspects of Split and its surroundings. In this case, we see a notice promoting sustainability and environmental protection in our travel and activities: one of the most important values to be implemented through Erasmus projects.



DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

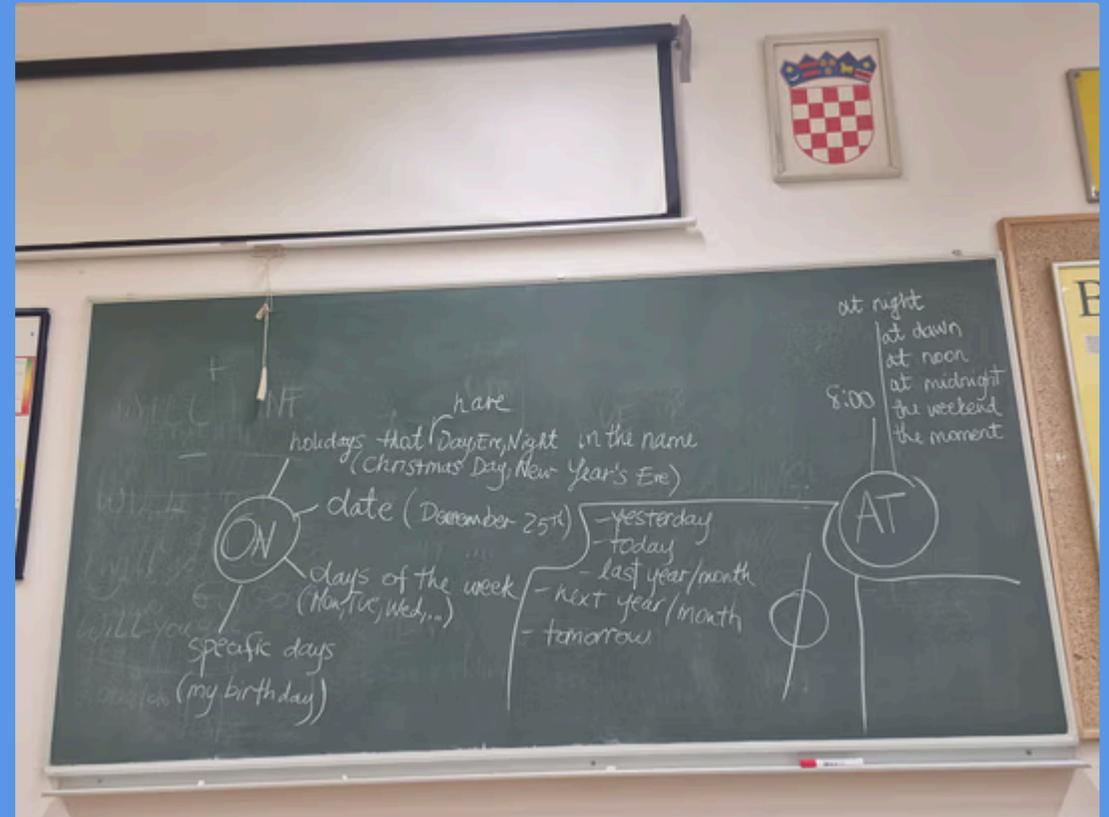
Diocletian's Palace is one of the city's jewels. History reminds us of the importance of choosing a suitable place to live peacefully and happily after years of hard work.

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TUESDAY 22th

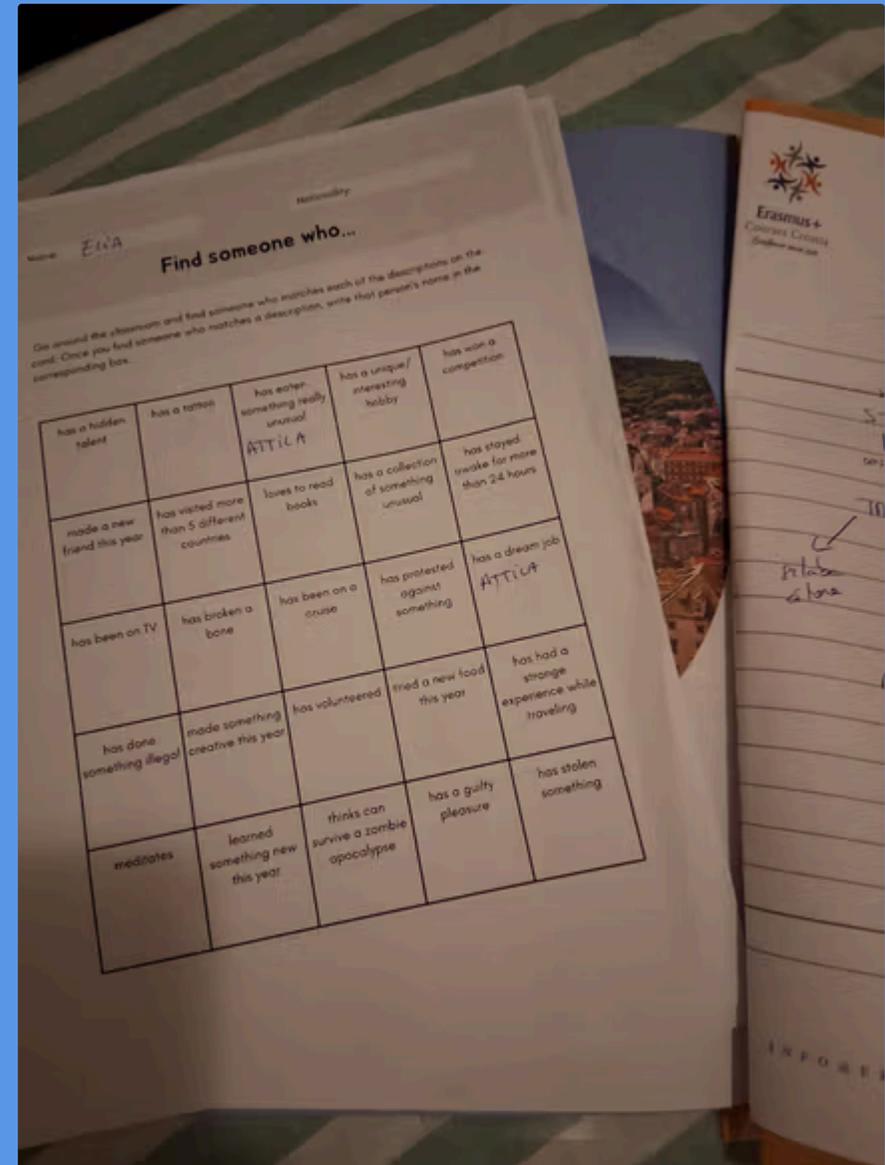
TOPICS

Today we have been reviewing some grammar topics: explanation and practical exercises.



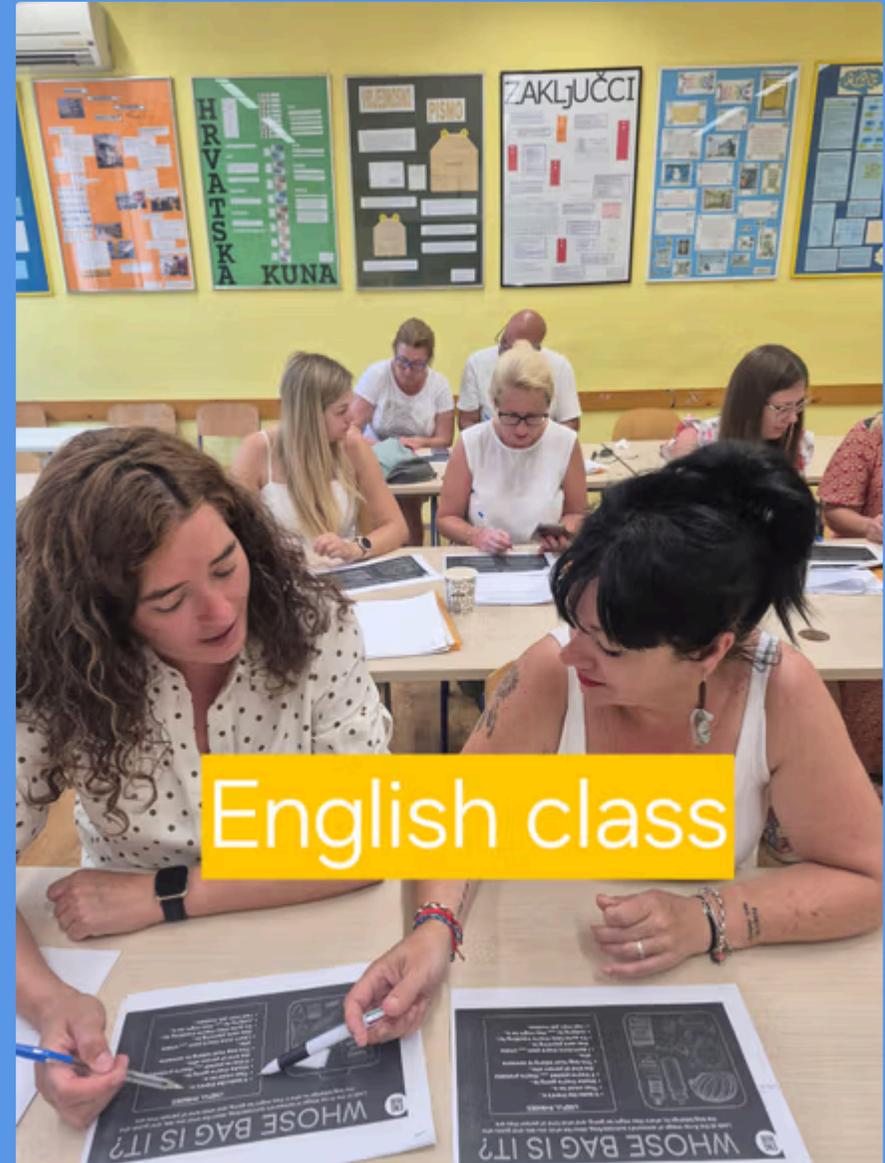
Second day of class

To promote interaction and group cohesion, we do some group dynamics every morning. The teacher creates a warm, motivating work environment for learning. We have fun while practicing English.



TALKING AND PLAYING

Today we worked on oral expression in English through some topics and games. It was fun, although by the end of the morning, the fatigue caused by the mental effort was noticeable.



WEDNESDAY 23th

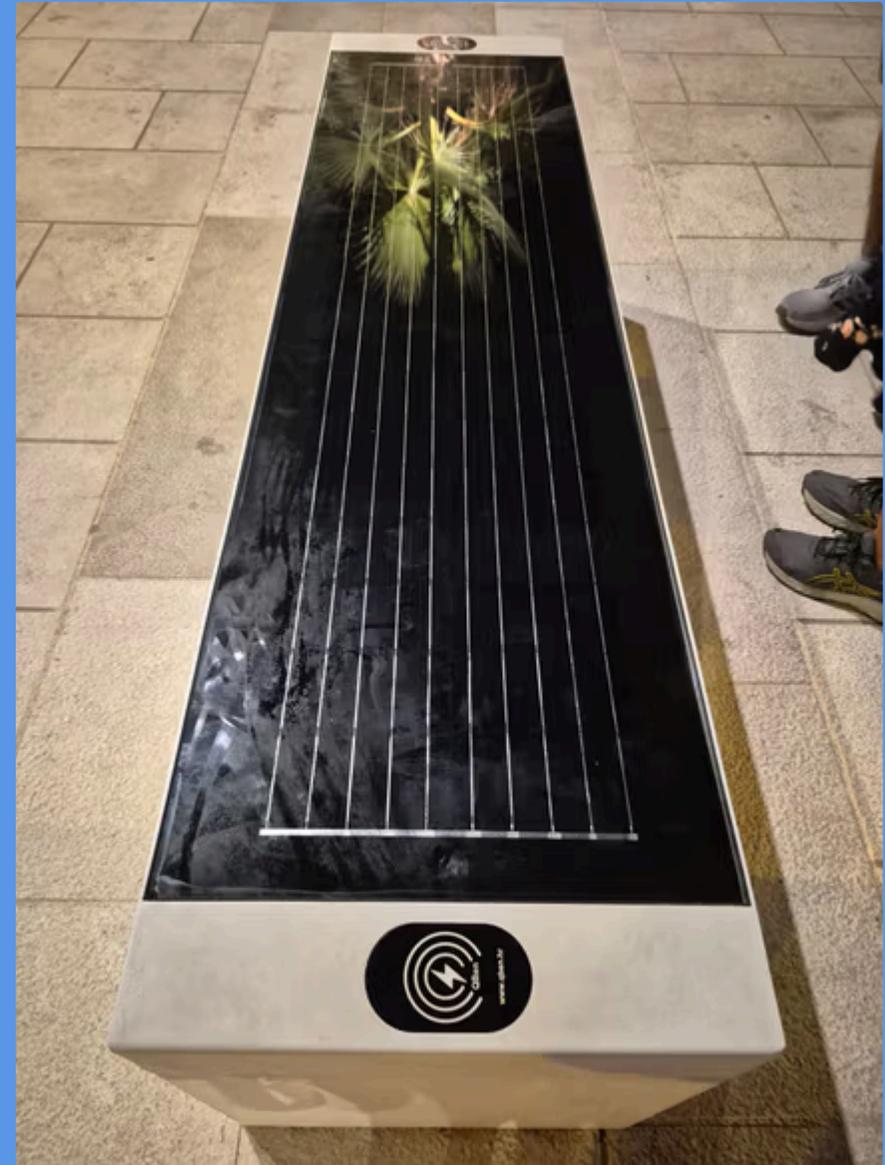
Free day at academy

Today, those of us who weren't participating in a trip organized by the academy were given the day off (expenses not included). We decided to take a catamaran to visit one of the most beautiful islands off the Dalmatian coast. Hvar is known for its lavender fields, its idyllic beaches, and its fortress, Hispaniola, built in 1278. We took the boat around 8 a.m. to try to catch a beautiful sunset.



SUSTAINABLE CROATIA

We were amazed by the smart benches that are part of the street furniture: they accumulate solar energy and allow mobile devices to be recharged in a way that's sustainable for the planet. It's a QBen product.



HVAR ISLAND

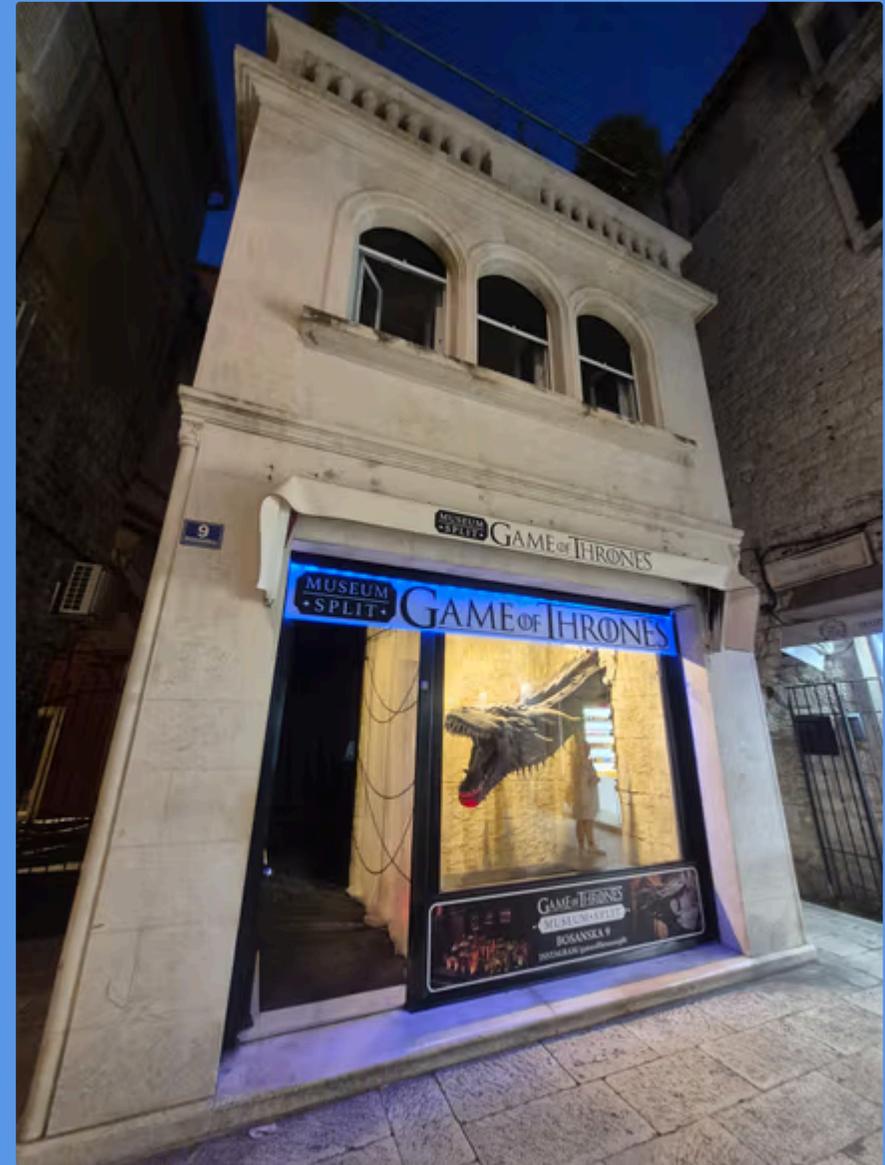
Today the academy gave us the day off to explore the surrounding area. We visited Hvar, the largest island in the Adriatic, with an area of 297 km² and home to approximately 11,500 people. This idyllic spot is located off the Dalmatian coast, surrounded by the Adriatic sea routes and guarded by the Pakleni Islands archipelago. The Venetian Gothic-Renaissance architecture is spectacular, not to mention the turquoise color of the surrounding waters, heavenly and completely clean and crystal-clear.

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THURSDAY 24th

GAME OF THRONES film.

Many of the main scenes from the film saga "GAME OF THRONES" were filmed in the city of Split, which is why throughout the city you can find advertising alluding to the series: from souvenirs to a museum dedicated to it.



THE ART OF TURKISH COFFEE

To make traditional Turkish coffee, finely ground coffee is simmered in a cezve (a small pot) with water and sugar (optional) until it foams. It's then poured unfiltered into a small cup, allowing the grounds to settle before drinking. Delicious!



Third day of class

Today we had a unique and enriching class. Several groups took a bus to Antonicim mlin, a natural mountain setting next to a river. We did grammar exercises and practiced English conversation. We shared experiences and got to know each other better with our classmates. We also took the opportunity to do some yoga.



FRIDAY 25th

OPERA AT DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

Enjoying an act of Puccini's famous opera Tosca in the ancient Diocletian's Palace was one of the most interesting cultural experiences of our trip.



Fourth day of class

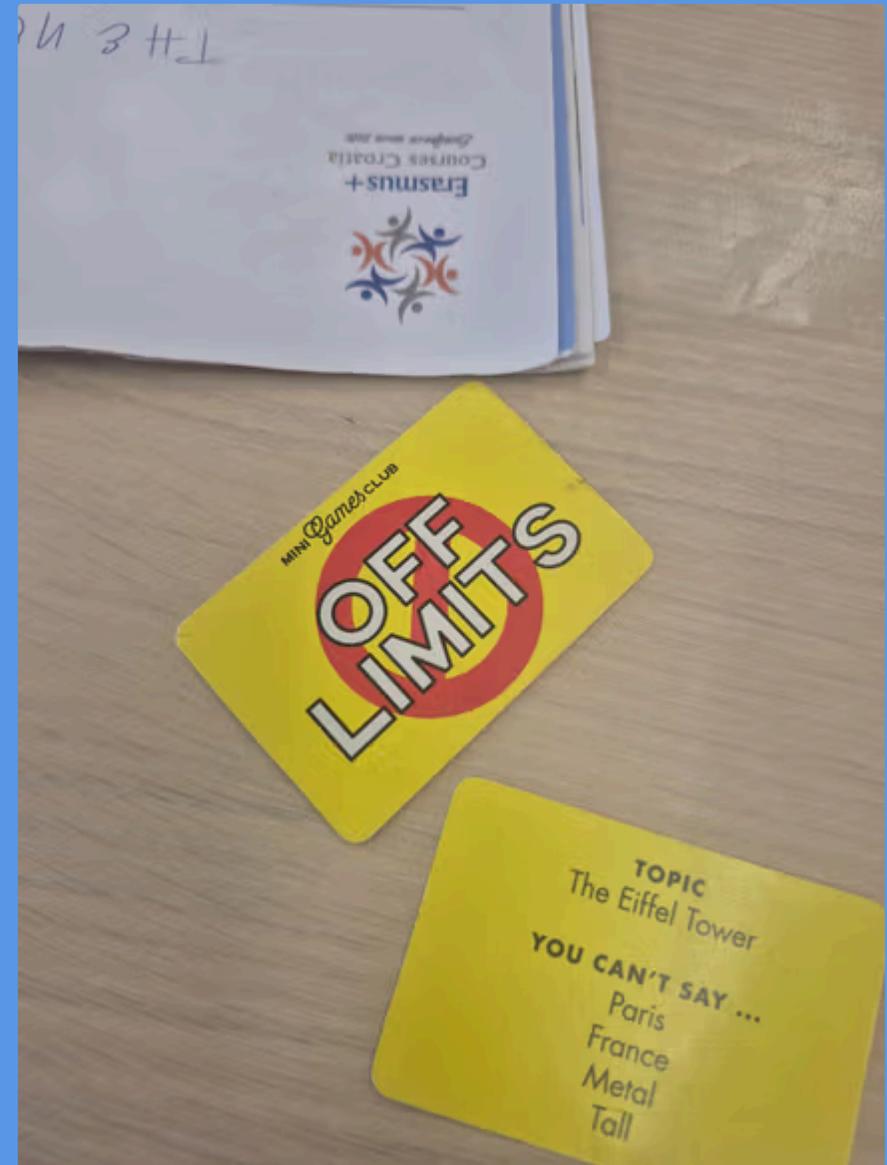
In today's class, we continued to refresh basic grammar that can be useful in teaching. To achieve this, we created and corrected worksheets, as well as some conversation exercises. As a group, we played several games; the most fun involved using cards to guess the word a classmate had drawn based on the clues they gave us.

During the class, the teacher made us some delicious coffee and treated us to some delicious pastries.



"OFF LIMITS"

This game is similar to the Spanish TABÚ: in a large group, we must describe the term without pronouncing the words indicated on the card, and the rest of the group must guess what it is. It helps to "search" for synonyms.



GAMES!

Today was more fun than the previous sessions. Speaking was a focus all morning. I was able to see my progress in both listening and speaking, and above all, I was able to overcome my personal fears when it came to learning the English language.



SATURDAY 26th

SOLTÅ ISLAND

Today, during our free time, we visited Maslinica, on the island of Soltâ. Another slice of Croatian paradise, with typical fishing villages, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and hospitable, friendly locals.



Today was the last day. Throughout the week, we were able to brush up on our English skills, build relationships with classmates from other countries, revel in Croatian culture and history, and enjoy the cuisine and traditions of the city of Split. This trip has been an incredible experience that I hope will open the door to new educational experiences on our continent.



Last day of the course

After a week of English classes, today we bid farewell to our classmates and the teacher. 35 hours of training, and we're eager to continue advancing with the language.

We've exchanged contacts so we can organize enriching exchanges for our students as well.

