

The 2i Study Trip of 2017

The 2i study trip is something every student is looking forward to. What's not to be excited about? You are going away for an entire week with your friends, and most importantly; without your parents! This was our chance to prove to our parents that we could fair on our own in an unfamiliar city. As far as I know, nobody got grounded when we got back to Denmark, so we are considering it an all-around success!

For those who don't know, the study trip was in Barcelona this year. Seeing as Barcelona is a city of cultural significance, with lots of art and history, the teachers thought it a good idea to drag fifty-odd students around town to look at paintings, churches, and the like. The first day in Barcelona, we went to a Gaudi museum to see his works, where after we went to Sagrada Família, his beautiful and famous church, that will never finish construction (even though they claim so!)

On the second day of the trip, we spent most of the morning wandering around town, looking at churches and other buildings. I know it doesn't sound like it, but the second day was one of my personal favourites. Walking around the older parts of Barcelona, we got a glimpse of an atmosphere and culture that we'll never be able to see in another part of the world – least of all places, Copenhagen.



We visited a lot of museums. As I mentioned above, we went to see some of Gaudi's stuff on the first day. We also went to see Picasso and Dalí. We even got to see Dalí's house after an hour-long bus drive out of Barcelona. So, if art interests you, this is definitely going to be the study trip for you. Even if art doesn't tickle your pickle, you should still go – trust me.

On the last day of the trip, Friday, we climbed a mountain!

It was hard, and personally, I'm never going to repeat that experience, but I am nevertheless very proud of myself. I am always going to remember dragging my behind all the way to the top of a mountain.

These events may not appeal to you, and that's okay. The true reason students go, or ought to go, on the study trip is to hang out with their friends – without the teachers slithering in the background. (Don't worry, they won't ... that often).

I think it is safe to say that the study trip brought us closer together as a class, even though that sounds incredibly cliché. I thought I had a good relationship with my friends before the study trip. In hindsight, the study trip strengthened our friendships a lot. This is only a good thing ... since you need friends to hold a speech at your funeral, after IB kills you.

With that, I only have one thing left to say: if you are in doubt whether to go on the study trip or not, you should definitely do it. It is worth every penny and every minute of the horrible plane ride. None of us regretted it, and neither will you.

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