

Our Trip to Puerto Madryn

Last week we went on a school trip to Puerto Madryn. The idea was to have a close look at the natural aspects of the Patagonia, such as the typical flora and fauna. But what we, students, were expecting the most was to spend a whole week with each other.

On Sunday we all, students and teachers, had to wake up at about 04:30 in the morning, so that we could leave early. We weren't really pleased, but we knew that, the earlier we left school, the faster we would arrive. So we all kissed our parents goodbye and went on the bus that would drive us to our destination. We traveled for the next twelve hours... I thought that was going to be extremely boring, because it was such a long track to do, but in fact, it was kind of funny. The main activities on the bus were talking, watching movies, playing cards and listening to music. Some slept to, but I unfortunately couldn't.

We drove until the evening, when we arrived in Las Grutas. We were going to spend the night there, so that we had not to travel at night. The hotel was called *Acantilado*, and it was nice. We all had some great moments there and we were excited because it was our first night together. In the morning we got on the bus again, this time for only five hours, and finally reached Madryn!



Madryn was great and what we first saw was its blue sea. I can't explain how happy we were. The hotel, called *Marina*, was small but comfortable; but anyway we didn't spend much time there. Soon after arriving we had a talk with a biologist specialized in whales, who managed to keep us interested in what he was saying. Next, we went to watch the whales from the beach. They looked pretty small, but I was fascinated. Luckily, the next day we could do whale-watching from a boat, and they were about two meters away from us. They were huge!

During our stay in Madryn we also saw penguins, elephant-seals, lizards, crabs, horses, goats and some other animals. We even watched how sheep are sheared. We also visited many museums (I think that about five) about penguins, whales and dinosaurs. We walked a lot, climbed hills, went shopping, did sightseeing and enjoyed the beach. Everyday we did hundreds of excursions, all of them pleasant, and we all really ate a lot! After a so tiring day, all we wanted was to have a warm shower and wear some clean clothes. After all these activities, people would expect us to sleep all night, but in fact, we slept about four hours everyday. How were we supposed to sleep when we could enjoy being together? So that is what we did... every single night.

When I think of Madryn, I remember all those crazy things we did, every single conversation we had, and I can't prevent a smile on my face. The trip couldn't have been better. Even the weather was always perfect. We got on really well with each other, as well as with the teachers and tour-guides (even when some were more interesting than others). I'm glad to say that there were no incidents, but there were thousands of great experiences we all shared. I couldn't have expected the trip to be better!

