

AFS Intercultural Summer Camp, 2016 Málaga - SPAIN

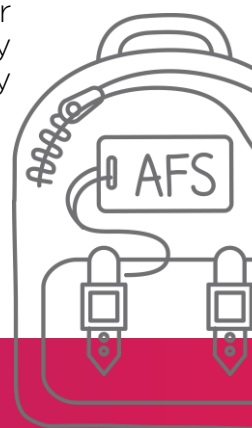


Time flies and last Friday, July 29th 2016 after four weeks of incredible memories, the AFS Intercultural Summer Camp Malaga 2016 ended.

Four weeks earlier 50 students coming from different countries around the world like Canada, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, Sweden, United States were landing in Malaga ready all of them to live the best experience of their life.



First impression couldn't be better as the Monitors Team recognized. All the students were friendly and open to meet each other from the very beginning what made everything easier because they were always ready to be part in every activity planned.



Once all the countries were arriving to the facilities (San Estanislao School) the students had the opportunity to find their rooms and discover their roommates through different funny games organized by the Team.



After that they went directly to enjoy the welcoming dinner served by our Chef in one of the main gardens of the school which was a really nice surprise for all the students.

Monday morning was time for the Spanish Courses and the level test to divide the students in different classrooms based on their Spanish knowledge.

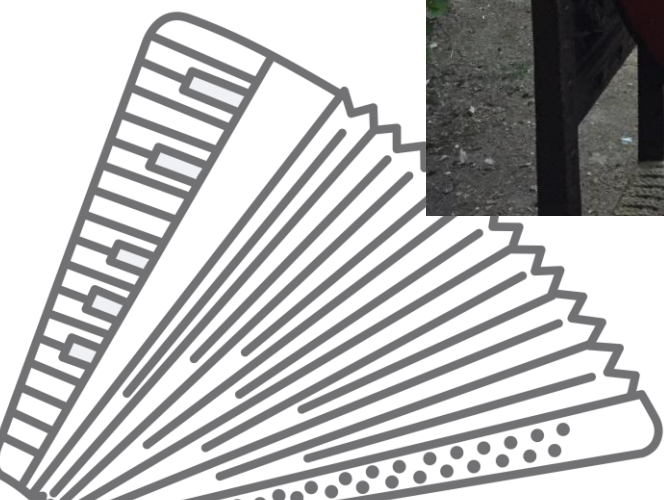
This first week many activities were planned like exploring Malaga City Center including a private visit to the new Pompidou Museum from Paris in Malaga, afternoons enjoying the beach and the sun, the Intercultural Olympic Games or the Workshop "Living Broadway" where participants could perform and dance remembering amazing musical movies like "The Lion King", "The Beauty and the Beast" and "Little Mermaid".



Finally after 5 hard days, they end the routine and the weekend came so the Spanish Lessons, Beach and Sport activities were changed for an interesting trip to Seville and Marbella but previously they climbed a mountain near to the school where they enjoyed amazing views of Málaga.

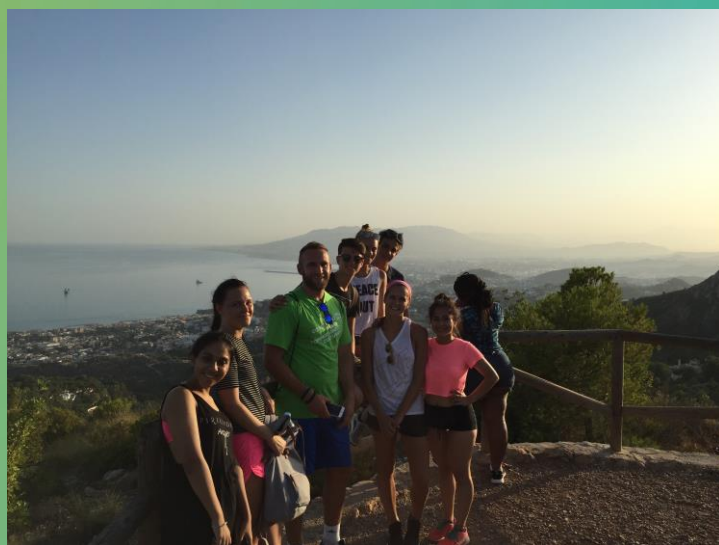


During the second week besides sport activities, intercultural learning workshops and time on the beach, more awesome activities were developed, like the “Fiesta Flamenca”, where the student lived a traditional Spanish Feria wearing appropriated dresses and learning how to dance “Sevillanas” or going to Malaga city center to visit the Interactive Music Museum where they were playing different instruments which was really fun.

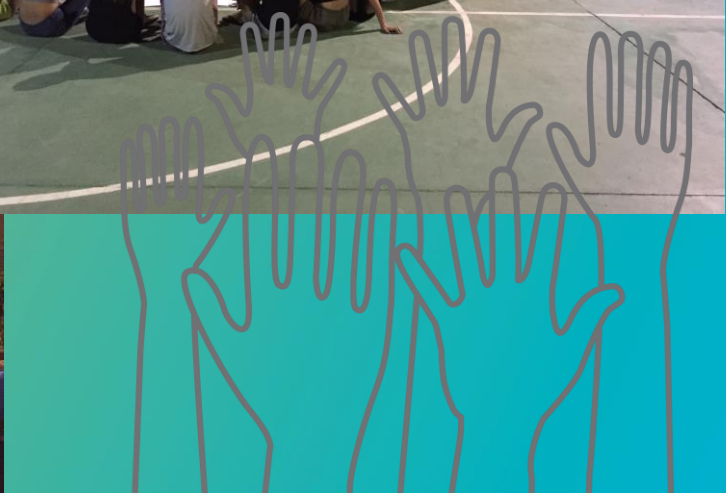


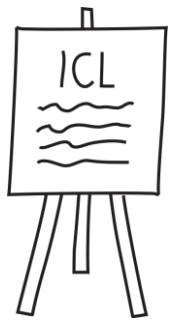


After another intense week, weekend arrived again, but this time participants traveled to Córdoba, visiting the Cathedral (which was originally an old mosque) and the old town with its narrow streets decorated with beautiful flowers. Sunday they went to Nerja and Frigiliana enjoying a very funny day on the beach and a very lovely sunset from Frigiliana with amazing views of the Mediterranean Sea.



After crossing the equator of the summer camp, everybody start realizing that the end was closer and they enjoyed each activity even more than the weeks before.

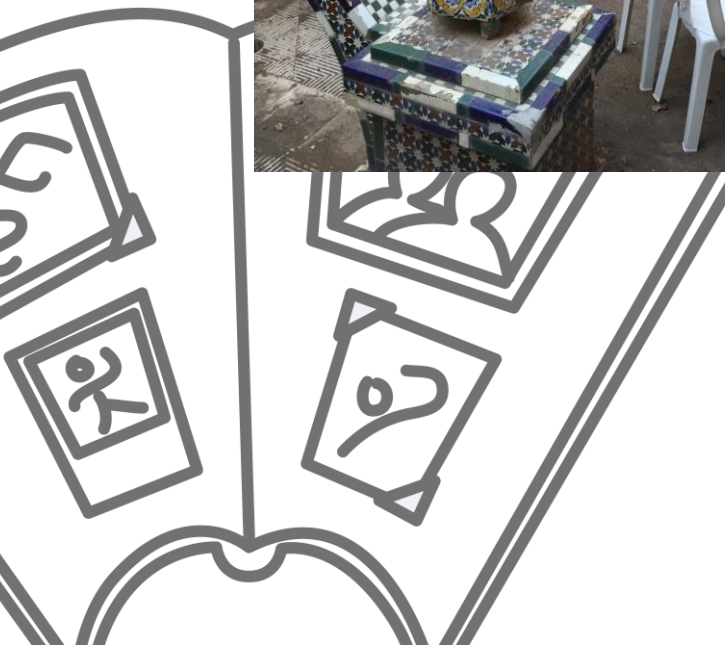




Many intercultural activities were driven with a great participation between all the participants having amazing conversations and round tables where they could analyze what they like and they don't like from their cultures.



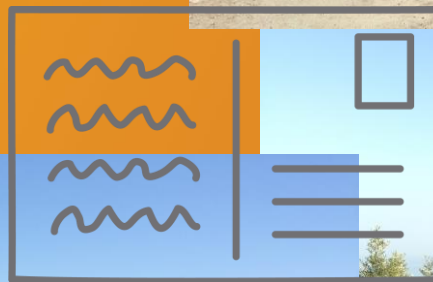
Special mention for the "original wedding" that they prepared one night which gave them the opportunity to explore and learn how a wedding is celebrated in the different cultures and religions.





It was really nice as well to see how our Chef and kitchen team prepared the dinner creating a scenario like it was a real wedding celebration.

The last weekend was longer than the others: Friday all the student were driven by our private bus to Antequera, where they visited the famous Dolmenes and El Torcal, recently declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO, besides they visited also the History Museum and the old town. Saturday they went to Granada, visiting the Alhambra Gardens, Carlos V Castle, Mirador de San Nicolas with amazing views and the old town.






Finally Sunday they were visiting the Arabic castle in Málaga called Gibralfaro and La Alcazaba and the Picasso Museum.



The fourth week of the summer camp has been shorter but very intensive too. Students were preparing with their teacher the final exam to evaluate how much Spanish they have learnt. But they were also working with their monitors in different intercultural projects to evaluate all the new knowledge they have got from the other cultures and realize that now they have friends for life who are living in different cultures.

Thursday evening was the last night and we were all lucky to live an incredible and amazing ending ceremony where the attendance certificates to the Spanish Course were given to all students and where many of them read lovely letters sharing their feeling after this experience.





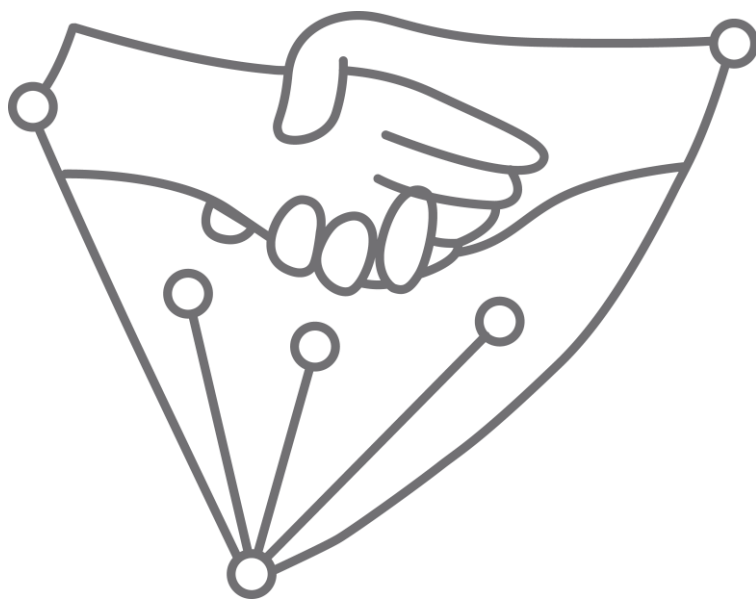
Finally we enjoyed a nice dinner with a great and emotional "Goodbye party" before leaving to the airport in the morning, where everybody said goodbye to each other with the compromise to remember this month all their lives and keep this amazing memories in their hearts.





Thank you for joining the AFS
Intercultural Summer Camp 2016!

A lot of bridges have been built
across countries





We are looking forward
welcoming the next group
soon!

