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Photography Club with Lucile...

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Discover the beauty of the photography with me! Let's meet in Klubičko and go for a walk with our digicameras! Let me know, if you join me!

Being a stranger...

I actually love the idea of being a stranger. Sometimes communicating with people is not easy because I don't really speak Czech, and most of the people I see don't speak English either, but there's also something exciting about "not being from here".

About Kroměříž...

I come from a really small village, so Kromeriz actually looks like a big city to me. I absolutely love visiting the chateau garden, on my own or with friends. Just walking around, going to have a drink. It's become my "calm and peaceful" place..

Photo by Lucile



With my family...

My family came to visit me a month after I moved to Kromeriz. During the week they spent with me, we visited Brno, Prague where we stayed for two days, mostly visiting the city center, Telc for a couple of days and Lednice. From what I heard during this week, I think they absolutely loved the Czech Republic. They found the landscapes mindblowing, loved the castles and thought the people really nice and warm.

All-in-all...

What I appreciate the most in the way we work here, is how everything is revolving about the children themselves. They're real "actors" of the activities, and everything is made to make them feel comfortable, to make them want to learn. If I compare it to the way we work in France, I'd say Czech children are given more responsibilities and freedom than in my country.

Volunteering

Last year, I decided to move out of my country and do some volunteering. It took a few months of administrative papers to be filled, and then on June 5th, I flew from France to the Czech Republic. To be honest, I almost gave up, two or three days before the departure date. But all my fears went away when the plane landed in Prague. I immediately felt okay, and welcome in this country. Ever since I got there, over two months ago, I've always been amazed by the kindness and generosity of people around.

Even playing is studying

This summer, I helped Natalie with a few of the English and French summer camps. In general, we worked on "animals" and "holidays". Each week was dedicated to a certain topic, working with about 10 children each time. The first English camps, with the 4/6 year old children, were dedicated to the animals around the world. We played, danced, sang and talked about animals from Australia and Africa. It didn't actually feel like they were "studying" because everything is made to make them love and enjoy what we're doing, but they actually learned quite a lot in such a short amount of time. Of course, communication isn't easy because we don't speak the same language, but I'm pretty sure the kids enjoyed these camps and most importantly, they learned a lot.



Some of the children had already heard/studied a bit of English or French before, but the majority were new to these languages. And I have to say it's quite rewarding to hear them come to me and talk to me in English by the end of the week. Of course, the phrases are simple, they only use a few words like "how are you?" or "help please", but it's still something important and I'm sure while the year goes on, they'll get better and more confident.

