



Czech Republic – Compostal Exchange Students

Student: It is for a linguistic exchange so we have been friend and we go at, yes, in Czech Republic.

Rob: So, did you already know the person that you went to see in the Czech Republic?

Student: No, I never seen her but I correspond with Instagram.

Rob: Milo, how long did you go for?

Milo: We went there for two weeks, yeah, that was very interesting.

Rob: You stayed in Prague most of the time?

Milo: It was a little village near, near Prague, so, yeah, we went to Prague like three or four times, something like this.

Rob: Melwyn, tell me about Prague, what did you find there?

Melwenn : I see the drawbridge and the town, old town, and also the church and we walk around the city.

Rob: Did you spend the evenings in the small village?

Melwenn: In the dormitory.

Rob: Oh, you stayed in the school, you didn't stay with a family?

Melwenn: No, it was just the weekend.

Rob: Now we are talking to Emma. You stayed with a family in the Czech Republic?

Emma: Yes, yes. During the weekends.

Rob: Did you find any differences in the way that the family was organised?

Emma: The food, so they eat five, they have five meals.

Rob: Five meals a day?

Emma: A day. Yes.

Rob: Are they different in size?

Emma: No, no they are normal.

Rob: Tell me about the five meals, I mean you spent all your time at the table?

Emma: Yes, but it was great.

Rob: And did they offer you different things to eat than in France?

Emma: Yes. The meat. They are... they have a kind of bread which is very good. Very good taste, taste. And, yes, it is OK.

Rob: Meat?

Emma: Yes.

Rob: And bread?

Emma: Yes.

Rob: You all stayed with different families that you knew already?

Marianne: Actually I have made the same trip as the others. I went to Czech Republic last year for two months.

Rob: Ah, you were doing something different then, were you, Marianne?

Marianne: Yes, I asked Compostal to leave for two or three months, and they propose me to go to Czech Republic in the same school as the others, and so I went there in January and February, 2015 and I stayed there in the dormitory as well and I spend a few weekends at different students' houses. It was really nice.

Rob: Do you find the Czech people welcoming, friendly?

Marianne: Yeah, they were really friendly. But the only thing was that they were speaking Czech between each other so I couldn't understand.

Rob: I imagine that you communicate with them in English?

Marianne: Yes, of course, in English because it is an International School so their lessons are in English.

Rob: So, that is a lot of work.

Marianne: Yes.

Rob: So it's not a holiday.

Marianne: No, no it isn't. But it was really nice.

Rob: I am interested in the Czech language. Do you have some words of Czech?

Marianne: Ahoj. It means hello. Dobrý den, also means hello, and that's quite all I remember.

Rob: Eglantine. Tell me what, what did you find that was different in the Czech Republic to things in Brittany?

Eglantine: The school is different because it's bigger and there is a swimming pool.

Rob: It wasn't just the meat and the bread. It was the swimming pool. You had to speak a lot of English, is that an easy thing to do.

Eglantine: No.

Jon : One or two questions from me, first of all. Marianne, just listening to you, I would say you have a slightly American accent, why is that?

Marianne: Because I learned English by watching American TV shows.

Jon : Good idea.

Maryanne: So that is why.

Jon : OK, let me just ask someone else as well. Let's ask you, Milo - what one building do you remember best of all in Prague?

Milo: The Charles Bridge. Actually, yah it's like, it's like, it called Czech architecture, and, and also the big church in the old town.

Jon: Did any of you actually go to the Opera House in Prague?

Milo: No.

Rob: Do you remember seeing it?

Milo: Yes. From the top of the castle we had a sight on this building. Yes, that's pretty good in my memories it's like golden or something like this on, on the top.

Elaine: Can I ask you if you were recommending to someone somewhere to visit in Prague, what would you suggest?

Eglantine (?): The old town and modern art museum was really good.

Elaine: And what about the food. Did you like the Czech food?

Eglantine (?): Yes, it was good. It was good.

Elaine: Was it as good as the food in Brittany?

Eglantine (?) Mmm.

Elaine: Different?

Eglantine (?) Yes, it is different but, it is good.

Elaine: How would you describe the Czech people?

Student(?) The Czech in the school were very kind and polite with us, but the Czech people generally not very kind with us. I don't like to (?)

Elaine: Did you enjoy your visit?

Student Yes, yes.

Elaine: And would you like to go again?

Student Oh yes, of course.

Elaine: Thank you.

Rob: And what do you think, Noren.

Noren: I visited with my family during the weekend and a friend. They are south of the Czech near Austria, and we visit a castle and a village and walk into the church and it is beautiful.

Rob: And did you also have five meals a day with your family?

Noren: Yes.

Rob: Really? And is the weather very different over there?

Noren: Er, it is a bit colder than Brittany. Yes, it is very cold.

Rob: So perhaps in the wintertime there might be skiing and stuff like that?

Milo: I was standing in my friend's house in Czech Republic, so he lives in the Homatoff(?), it's a small village next to Glastoden(?), Germany frontier. Yes, there is snowing actually at this time of the year so he is probably skiing right now. I am quite jealous.

Rob: To finish, we ought to have someone to say something in Czech. How do you say goodbye?

Milo: Na sbohem, it means goodbye.

Elaine: Thank you?

Milo: Thank you is děkuji.

Rob: Well, děkuji, everyone. Thank you. Thanks very much indeed.

Apologies for any mis-spellings.

