

### **Activities in NY (by Carla Prieto 1º Batx)**

At the beginning of our first day in NY, we saw the Empire State Building. After that, we visited the New York Public Library as it was nearby. We also went to Saint Patricks Cathedral. Moreover, we visited NBA Store and Lego's store. Then, we spent such a wonderful afternoon in Central park. Last but not least, we saw Times square at night.

The second day we went to the Top of the Rock (is an observation deck) and we realized how huge New York is. After that, we visited 9/11 Memorial. In addition, we crossed Wall Street. Then we went up a boat and we saw the Statue of Liberty. To have a pleasant end of the day, we went for a walk over the Brooklyn Bridge. Furthermore, we took many photos.

We cannot overlook our last day. We had to catch the train at 14:30 to Boston. For that reason we did less activities such as going to the Harry Potter shop. Moreover, despite the fact we didn't have enough time, we also went to the fifth avenue located in Manhattan. Finally we caught the train and we arrived to a little town located in Boston called Foxborough.

### **Activities in Foxborough (Sandra Pulido 2º Batx)**

We had a really great time doing activities in Foxborough; every morning we had to go to the first period class with our American partners. Then, the school bus picked us up and took us to the different places we visited.

The first day an advanced Spanish student showed us a little bit of Foxborough, we went to the police station and the fire station. The second day we went to Boston, and we saw a lot of historical monuments. On Wednesday we went to Newport, we visited a mansion, and later we went to see the town as well. On Thursday we went to Plymouth Plantation, an interactive museum that replicates the original settlement of Plymouth Colony established in the 17th century. What impressed us most was that there were actors replicating the life that people had during this time, and you could interact with them. The last activity planned by our high school was a tour of the Gillette Stadium, and that afternoon we went to have dinner with all the people who were participating in the exchange.

Also, every afternoon of the week we had free time and our American partners took us to different places; some people went to throw axes, others had a picnic, and some of them watched matches that their partners had that week, so we didn't get bored during this time. We have enjoyed this experience a lot!

### **Food (Hector García 1º Batx)**

The food in America is different compared to Spain. There are a lot more ready meals than in Spain and people eat them more often. Also, they pick up more food from restaurants than us. In general, they eat more fast food, and they cook less than us.

### **Houses (Héctor Guerrero 1º Batx)**

The houses in America are big, and the land people own as well. Regarding the time we spent with the family, it was very comfortable because the families are welcoming.

### **Cultural differences (Daniela and Candela 2º Batx)**

Going to the U.S has been one of the greatest journeys we have ever had, but there were certainly differences in the way they live. For example, the schedules and the food are different. In the US, they do not have strict food timetables like in Spain. In addition, they are usually not as satiating as Spanish food.

Also, in school it is mandatory to pledge allegiance to the flag. All of them have a strong sense of patriotism, even if they have different political ideas.

Overall, every country has their own culture, and it has been great to get to know theirs.

### **History of the country (Carla, Nerea, Paula y Carmen. M, 2º Batx)**

The history of the United States begins in 1607. The lands inhabited by the indigenous people were colonized by the English, Spanish and French for economic, religious and political reasons. This colonization brought conflicts between the natives and the European powers causing a war of independence that began in 1775 due to tensions over excessive taxes and lack of representation, thus declaring the Independence of the Colonies in 1776. Already independent, the 13 colonies expanded through wars to form the United States of America.

### **Overall opinion and recommendations for future students (Mireia and Carmen 1º Batx)**

The exchange between Foxboro and Xirivella is a great opportunity to improve your English skills, get to know new cultures, people and a new country. In our case we were very lucky.

Our host family welcomed us as one extra member of the family and they helped us with everything we needed. We think that you shouldn't miss the opportunity to participate because it will become an unforgettable experience.













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