

## Project "Memoria"

On Sunday, January 19, 2025, six students from classes 6A and 6S, together with Professor Natter and Professor Lang, set off for San Javier, a small town on Spain's southeastern coast, to delve into the early Spanish history of the region "Murcia". The project "Memoria" was funded by Erasmus+ and carried out in collaboration with a Spanish and a French partner school, resulting in great success.



*Start of the project „Memoria“*

We were warmly welcomed by both the school and our host families, and many new friendships were formed with the exchange students and families, despite some language barriers. The Spanish and French professors praised us highly for our excellent English skills, which we owe primarily to our English teachers.



*Beach in San Javier*

The project officially began the next morning at the local high school, "IES Ruiz de Alda", with a scavenger hunt that led us from the school to the beach. Along the way, we gained many new impressions and got to know our exchange partners better. They showed and explained to us the historical background of significant landmarks in San Javier.

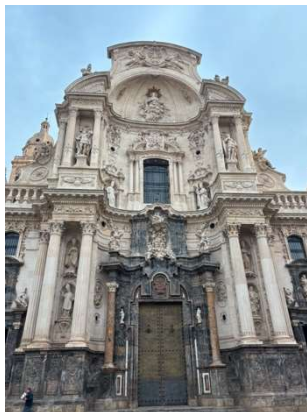
The next day, the project was in full swing. During a day trip, we explored the city of Cartagena and its history. Guided tours of the Roman theatre and forum gave us fascinating insights into the Romanization of Spain. In our free time, we strolled along the beautiful harbour promenade.



*Roman Forum*



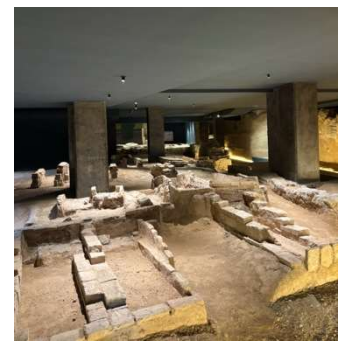
*Roman theatre*



*Murcia Cathedral*

The following day brought another exciting excursion, this time to the city of Murcia. After an exhilarating climb to the top of the famous cathedral tower, where we heard the bells ring, we walked along the remains of the Punic Wall to the Arabic Fort.

There, we learned a great deal about the centuries-long Arab rule over the Iberian Peninsula, traces of which are still visible today.



*Arabic Fort*



*Group picture in the Casino*

Before returning, we visited the “Casino”, an impressive neoclassical building now used for exhibitions and events. The old library within was particularly awe-inspiring.

As on every other evening, all the students gathered at the beach promenade to enjoy the sunset.



*Beach in San Javier*





*Working on the video blogs*

On the final day, we worked together at the partner school, creating video blogs in groups to showcase the week's experiences. Despite challenges such as language barriers (German, Spanish, and French) and technical difficulties, we successfully produced the videos, preserving the memories of our time together.

That evening, we returned to the beach, where a special farewell dinner was organized. During this event, the exchange students received their Erasmus+ certificates, and the week concluded with a small celebration.



*Farewell dinner*



*Alicante*

On January 24, 2025, after an emotional farewell, we began our journey back home via Alicante. Before heading to the airport, we explored the city a bit further and then flew back to Austria.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Professor Natter and Professor Lang, who made this trip possible, organized everything, and accompanied us throughout.

Additionally, we are looking forward to welcoming our Spanish exchange partners in October for a week, during which we will explore the history of our own country together.