

What a summer!!!



Summer is the greatest season of the whole year. The summer of 2009 was even more remarkable, as I had the opportunity to re-unite with my Erasmus friends and we made a big Swiss trip. We travelled all around Switzerland, visiting the beautiful and famous Lake Genève and the cities surrounding it. I was amazed by the scenic Montreux and the historical Chateau de Chillon, being a sportman, it was a pleasure to visit the capital of the Olympics, Lausanne, where I could swim in the cold Lake Genève. As I am interested in international affairs it was great to re-visit headquarter of the UN, where you can bump into diplomats and important decision makers in every corner. But none of the cities captured me so much as Luzern, Luzern is situated in the hearth of Switzerland and it has a unique spirit. The city, the lake, the mountains...Hard to express in words, you should definitely go and see it.



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After visiting the regular tourist pots we decided to go and challenge us in the mountain region. We went to Zermatt, where we spent 3 unforgettable days at Matternhorn and were able to test our limits. We made a 36.4 km long hiking trip. It was a grate challenge; indeed, as we had to carry our backpack, full of food, tent, warm clothes, etc. We slept in a tent at 2000 meters and 2580 meters, it was minus 5 during the night and we were more than happy when we finally reached our destination, Hörnlihütte at 3260 m. It was hard to get there and we were more than tired but the amazing view compensated the efforts. We could chat with professional climbers, who were about to climb Matternhorn on the next day, they told us that climbing Matternhorn was very difficult and they advised us to leave soon as it was going to be -20 during the night. So we went back to 2500 meter and slept there...I can still feel the cold in my bones. But it was a great adventure and we were very happy to visit the home of Toblerone. After this hiking we were wrecked and exhausted but this was one of the biggest challenges in our life and we decided that we are going to conquer the highest peak of Europe and we can't wait until next summer☺. After these fabulous experiences we crowned the summer by travelling to Croatia and see our favourite band, U2 live.

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