

## **Finland**

It was interesting and sad to know how many people died there during WWII. It has changed our thoughts about the war. Feeling was cold and little bit sad because we were there where lots of terrible things happened. We learnt that people cannot judge other people by their religion or physical appearance.

## **France**

My feelings about the visit to Auschwitz. First of all, we are talking about a place where almost 1 million people were murdered. In this place, I felt the death and the pain, it was a horror at every step of the visit. I saw the things that you cannot feel until you see them on your own. For a long time, we have learnt through newspapers, images, movies and lessons about WWII so we know what happened there but we are unable to feel the cruelty. The mass crime which was committed there seems unbelievable but once you visit the camp you have a better view of the events which happened to men, women and children of all ages. They were killed for no reason and a mass crime was committed against the entire humanity. I do not want to give you any details on how much cruelty you can feel while visiting Auschwitz camp but what I can tell you is that this visit was morally exhausting.

## **Greece**

Today we were given the chance to visit two places internationally notorious, the German Extermination Camps, Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II – Birkenau. We consider the visit to those places, a lifetime experience. We are exceptionally happy that we were given the chance to see what we were taught in history classes and get a better understanding of those truly terrifying historical events. The feelings we got were really mixed, since you could easily walk around and just admire the architecture and the symmetry of the buildings, but then you realize the terrible atrocities which were committed there, one cannot help feeling deeply sad. We were aware of all those events, but it was only after our visit to Auschwitz, that we actually understood the horror beneath them.

## **Italy**

11 am: it is time to go to Auschwitz! Today, with the help of the tour guide we followed a path inside the blocks. They were previously the home of deportees or SSs offices, and now they are used as museums to show photos, documents and other objects found in the fields after the war. The first impression we got about the camp was the entrance inscription

“ARBEIT MACHT FREI”; “WORK MAKES FREE”. It was so terrible that it gave us goose bumps. We were petrified and we thought how men could be so cruel to someone only because of their different thoughts, nationalities, religions and looks. Today we had the chance to see what a man can do to another man . Being different does not mean being worse, it means we should be more tolerant. Now, we understand the minute of silence on Remembrance Day. The victims were people like us and they were killed because of their culture and because of who they were. A man was able to exterminate millions of people, how can you deny that? It was an unforgettable experience. We also got to realize that we are very lucky and that we must appreciate our lives as they are and live them at 109%. Oh yes guys, life is worth living!

## **Poland**

Visit in Auschwitz was one of the most shocking experience in our lives. This Nazi's death-camp is probably the scariest place in Poland. It's the place where about 1.3 million people died, including Poles, Jews and other innocent people from all around the globe. They were tortured and forced to work for Nazis. Thanks to that trip we can now imagine how our ancestor's life was difficult back in the World War II. The most shocking thing in Auschwitz was probably the title on the entrance of the camp – „Arbeit Macht Frei” – which means „Work makes you free”. We can't believe that people could do something like this to other people. We don't see any humanity there. Everything happened because of one man. In Poland the trip to Auschwitz is obligatory, every student must go there.