

DAILY REPORT

Tuesday

WE LEFT THE SCHOOL BY MINIBUS AND DROVE TO THE SANTANA-LAJIDO WALKING TRAIL. BEFORE STARTING THE HIKE, WE PREPARED OURSELVES WITH COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND SHOES BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO BE A LONG WALK. DURING THE TRAIL, WE WERE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE, SEE THE VINEYARDS AND NATURE OF PICO ISLAND. THE WALK LASTED AROUND FOUR HOURS, AND ALONG THE WAY WE SAW AMAZING VIEWS, VOLCANIC ROCKS, PLANTS, AND THE TRADITIONAL VINEYARD LANDSCAPE.

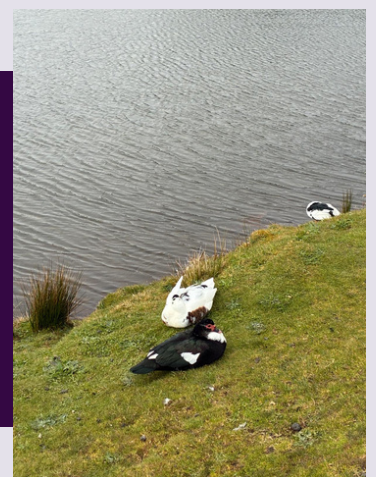


AT THE END OF THE HIKE, WE ARRIVED AT THE VOLCANOES HOUSE. THERE, WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE VOLCANIC HISTORY OF PICO ISLAND AND HOW VOLCANOES INFLUENCED THE ISLAND'S NATURE, CULTURE, AND DAILY LIFE. WE ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE FAMOUS VINEYARD CULTURE OF PICO AND HOW PEOPLE BUILT STONE WALLS TO PROTECT THE VINEYARDS FROM THE WIND. IN ADDITION, WE LEARNED THAT PICO EXPERIENCED TWO MAJOR EARTHQUAKES IN THE PAST AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE DAMAGE AND CATASTROPHES THEY CAUSED FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE ISLAND.

AFTER THE VISIT TO THE VOLCANOES HOUSE, WE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL AND HAD LUNCH IN THE SCHOOL CANTEEN. IT WAS NICE TO RELAX AFTER THE LONG WALK AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER STUDENTS.

IN THE AFTERNOON., WE TRAVELLED TO LAJES TO VISIT THE WHALERS MUSEUM. DURING THE GUIDED VISIT, WE LEARNED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF WHALE HUNTING IN THE AZORES AND HOW IMPORTANT IT USED TO BE FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND CULTURE. WE ALSO SAW OLD BOATS, TOOLS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER INTERESTING OBJECTS CONNECTED TO WHALING.

AFTER VISITING THE MUSEUM, WE STOPPED AT LAGOA DO CAPITÃO. THE VIEW THERE WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL, SO MANY OF US TOOK PICTURES OF THE LAKE AND THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS. WE ALSO SAW SOME FUNNY BIRDS, WHICH MADE EVERYONE LAUGH.



AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL. AFTERWARDS, ALL THE STUDENTS WENT HOME WITH THEIR EXCHANGE PARTNERS. IN THE EVENING, EVERYONE MADE DIFFERENT PLANS, SPENT TIME WITH THEIR HOST FAMILIES, AND RELAXED AFTER A VERY INTERESTING AND ACTIVE DAY.