My Winter Holidays

My family and I decided to spend these winter holidays on a trip. We decided to go to Italy and visit some famous cities.

The trip started on Saturday at 9 am. Mom had prepared all the necessary things. Dad put everything in the trunk and checked if everything was OK with the car.

The first city we spent the night was Trieste. Dad parked the car in the garage because parking is always hard to find, especially in those old towns. We went out and explored the town. Trieste is a very interesting and beautiful city, and it was even more beautiful when the lights were lit in the evening. As it was the Advent time, everything was decorated and there were many small houses selling their products. That's how we came across a little house with a sign: “Nadine fritule i palacinke”. Of course, we were amazed by that and we immediately went there to buy some food, and the lady who served us spoke Croatian like everyone who was working there. That was really great.

On the second day, we left for Florence. Our apartment was a little away from the city, so we travelled to the city by train. That was such an interesting experience. We bought tickets at the station. Then got on a train that was crowded with people. The train took us right in the centre of Florence. Florence is a beautiful city full of various statues, monuments and old buildings. We made the most steps that day because we had to see it all and, of course, take lots of pictures. And at the end of the day, when the lights were on, we saw a big Ferris wheel shining near the road. The view from the Ferris wheel was great.

The next day, we visited Pisa. There I saw the Leaning Tower which was big and stood at an angle. I couldn't take my eyes off it. There were many people around. Everyone wanted to take a picture near the famous tower which left me speechless. The feeling was great and if I go to Italy again it would be just to see the tower. In the evening of the same day, we walked around Florence at night, and everything looked even more beautiful.

It was Christmas and I was not at home. Mom said that it was important that we were together thinking about the gifts that would be waiting for us when we get home. That day I only got drums from my parents as a gift so that I could cheer when “Orkan”, my favourite football club, plays. Christmas was the day to visit Rome. Dad said it was an ideal day because no one was working, and it wouldn't be crowded around the city. The drive took us almost 3 hours. We found a parking lot right in the centre, and in the end, we didn't even pay for it because it was a holiday. Then the walk to the Vatican began. The first stop was the Colosseum. We took lot of pictures. There were some people walking around who were rude and pushed bracelets into our hands to buy them. After Colosseum we visited Victor Emmanuel II National Monument, The Pantheon and Castel Sant'Angelo. Finally, we come to the Vatican City. There were lots of people and police. I look at the balcony with the red curtains from where the Pope speaks to the crowd. I thought all the people of the world were there, it was so crowded. I was so amazed wit the buildings and squares I didn’t know where to look. Everything was so attractive. We left the Vatican and went further to Rome because mom wanted to take some picture at the famous Trevi Fountain, which was also crowded with people. We reached the Spanish Steps, and I keep my head high because at every step there was a monument, a building, or a fountain, everything was so well preserved and arranged. And then we returned to the Colosseum again, and I imagined the gladiators fighting inside. We came back to our apartment tired but full of experiences.

The next day we went to Imola. There is a Formula 1 racetrack. There were a lot of people on the track because on that day it was free for the visitors. There I took pictures of the place where Ayrton Senna died. Dad said he is the best formula driver of all times.

San Gemignani was our next destination. It is a small town on the hill at 324m height known as the Town of Five Towers. We walked around and enjoyed the beautiful streets and towers. After that we were heading to San Marino which is located at 749m above the sea level. The view from the top of the city is impossible to describe. Beaches on one side, green hills on the other side and white peaks in the distance. We climbed the city highest tower and the view from there was even better. We were hungry and we sat down in the restaurant. We chose the table by the window, and we looked at that wonderful landscape. It was so unrealistic. I must say that we made over 15,000 steps every day. All the places we visited were very beautiful and remarkable. Sometimes I felt guilty because my friends were at home, but I thought that maybe I would never see this again and I should enjoy it. Travel time was coming to an end. We left San Marino and head to Rimini to get to know its beaches and maybe see Croatian coast across the sea. The beaches are not as beautiful as ours. The sand is very fine and the beach are several kilometres long. And there was another big Ferris wheel and we decided to go for a ride to see endless beaches better.

Finally, our journey ended. The drive home took several hours. And we were a bit tired but happy. We were constantly turning pictures in our heads and on our mobile phones. I must admit that I felt even happier when I came back home.

I took my cell phone and went out to see my friends. Because it's time to shoot firecrackers and celebrate the New Year.