Diary,

One day when I went from my school, as usually I was eating my dinner and then I heard a ringtone of my email post. So I stood up from dinner, I approached to my laptop and I checked that email. After a few minutes, it reached to me what I read. I have found out that I won a competition. I have won a first prize. It was a journey to European capitals. I love travelling and discovering new places so it was for me very exciting information. This was one of my dreams from my childhood.

Hey,

Finally, it’s time to begin a trip of my life. I couldn’t sleep all time long because I was too excited. So I remained all this time in my bed. When my alarm clock had rung, I stopped this inaction. I dressed up, I drank a cup of tea, I took my baggage and I went out from home.

Diary,

When I arrived to a meeting place, I met new people. These people also won first prizes in the different competitions. We came into coach and we went in the direction for Berlin. During the passing, I talked to these people and it turned out that they are nice and friendly.

Hello,

Berlin is amazing. A completely different city than Polish cities. There is a connection between old architecture and modern buildings. Moreover, I liked this racial diversity, because it is more noticeable than in Poznan. A view from the dome on the Reichstag roof is unforgettable. After all day long of sightseeing, we went to the Czech Republic capital.

Diary,

This city is also a very climatic place on the European map. Of course the most recognizable tourist attraction fell in my memory. But I loved the icon of Prague. The Charles Bridge fulfills itself a dignified role. However, this country captivated me by their cuisine. I loved Czech delicacy calling Knedle. It’s a dish of boiled potato-dough dumplings filled with plums. After all these things, we went to hostel and in the morning we set out to Vienna.

My precious Diary,

Vienna it’s an Austrian pearl. In my country it is known as one of the European capitals and Polish inhabitants connect this place with an Austrian winner of Eurovision Song Contest Conchita Wurst and also as one of the Eurovision host cities. But for me this city is a wonderful place which reminds me about Austrian Empire and one of Polish invaders. Of course I loved Vienna because I have a weakness for the city on the world level with a captivated architecture. At the end of the day we went to the Bratislava.

Diary,

Bratislava is a beautiful, small capital on the old continent. This city, located on the Dunai River, has a special climate. There is very similar to Czech Republic and the native language of Slovakian is very similar to Czech and my native Polish. It’s because of that we are all Slavic. But coming back to Bratislava. I liked the Saint Martin’s Cathedral the most. It’s the most important and the biggest church in that city and it is located in the city center of Bratislava. The curiosity of this church is that there was a place where the monarchy of Hungary was crowned. In the morning the next day we packed and went to Budapest.

Hello,

Budapest is amazing. From the architecture my favorite tourist attraction is Buda Castle. It’s a middle-aged historical castle and palace complex of the Hungarian kings. That Castle has delighted me and I completely understand why it’s a part of the World Heritage Site. Another thing that I loved in this place is from the Hungarian traditional cuisine. Because one of my favorite things to do is eating, so I have loved Lecho since the first taste. It’s thick vegetable ragout or stew which features mainly peppers, tomatoes and onions. In the end I was very tired, so I have fallen asleep very quickly.

Diary,

Next city in our tour has been today a capital of Croatia. Zagreb has been the first city which was in the past a part of the Yugoslavia. Country that now doesn’t exist. Zagreb is the biggest city by population in Croatia, also the newest capital in the European Union. As the other cities in Europe, it is magical and very pretty. But for me this Balkans city impressed me obviously by lovely buildings. For me the best of this is the Saint Mark’s Church. It’s a gothic, Roman catholic church. On the first glance conspicuous the roof. It’s mostly recognizable part of that building. On the roof there are two arms framed from the tiles. One is a coat of arms of Zagreb and Triune Kingdom of Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia.

Diary,

Early in the morning, we packed and went to the next location. After two hours, we came to Ljubljana - the small city in the Europe but the largest city of Slovenia. I think that this city has a very curious symbol. Symbol is Ljubljana Dragon. I have seen a lot of sculptures of Dragon but the best dragon is at the Dragons Bridge. Beyond this symbol, I have liked preeminent above the city a Castle deriving from the Middle-Ages. From this point on a castle we can see the beautiful view on the Slovenian capital. After sightseeing, we got on to the coach and we rode away.

Diary,

Today I have spent my time on sightseeing a city which isn’t the biggest city in a country where is a capital. Vaduz is an unknown city for bigger audience, because it’s a tiny mountainous city in a very tiny country called the Principality of Liechtenstein. The main attraction of this city is a castle where the princess lives. There is a home for the head of state the Prince John Adam II. At this day visiting was so quickly, so we have gone to Italian capitol very early in comparison to the past day.

Diary,

I understood why people love Rome. It’s one of my favorite places on Earth which I have seen. An Italian capital with the prehistoric architecture as Forum Romanum or the symbol of that city means Colosseum. It’s more uncommon than photos or movies present. I loved also the Saint Angel Castle and the most recognizable fountain in Rome. Di Trevi fountain is a huge and baroque fountain with the great sculptures. Naturally, I have eaten a lot of Italian food. The reason is my madness about Italian cuisine.

Hello Diary,

Next day, my group and I have visited the smallest capital in the world. Vatican City is the country-city in the middle of Rome. It’s very unforgettable place for the Roman catholic believers. It’s a home for the head of Roman Catholic Church the Pope Francis. In this tiny capital, I could see the Saint Peter Square in the middle and the Saint Peter Basilica in front of the square. For me and I think for the others the most impressing moments were when we have been over the grave where the only Polish Pope John Paul II is buried. After all, we came back to hotel and went to sleep.

Diary,

Day after Vatican City, we have arrived to the subsequent tiny European country. San Marino is enclave in the middle of Italy. Capital of that country is named the same as the country. The capital city is small but the oldest part with the highest mountain Monte Titano in San Marino is on the World Heritage Site. The patron of that country is Saint Marin from San Marino and from that Roman Catholic saint, the Country takes the appellative. In this day we have seen three towards on the Monte Titano and Castle. I liked the atmosphere and the architecture deriving from the Middle-Ages.

Diary,

Today I have been to almost last capitol on this tour. Monaco is the next small city-state in the Europe and the second the smallest country in the world after Vatican. Monaco obviously is famous for its casino and the district called Monte Carlo. There is one of the most luxurious places in all the Old Continent. The street called Avenue Princess Grace in that district is one of the most expensive streets in the world. Besides, I loved in that city sandy beaches by the Ligurian Sea. That splendor in this place and the beautiful views on the tiny Monaco Princedom located on the Riviera Coast must impress nearly every person on our planet. Later all this one of my unforgettable day from this trip, we ate a supper and we went to the last destination.

My precious Diary,

The last destination on my lifetime journey – Paris - is usually called a city of lovers. People all around the world want to visit this pearl of France. I have been mad about the Eiffel Tower and the Triumphal Arch. From the Eiffel Tower, I have seen a beautiful view on the capital of France. In this day, I got to know why this city is so lovely and why people from the different countries want to visit it. One day was enough for me to understood this. Apart from the architecture, I have tasted snails and they were very delicious. French cuisine is also very good as the other cuisines which I tested during that adventure.

Dear Diary,

I ascertain with sadness that my trip is about to end. I must go to sleep. When I wake up, I will have a long day of coming back home to my excellent Poznan.