Tuesday 15th February

Our trip to Martin started very early on Monday morning. We had 6 large and very heavy suitcases, which we had to carry and then put up on the shelf in the train compartment. It was quite challenging. The journey to Warsaw, where we had dinner, lasted 6 hours. Then we took a train to Bohumin, where we spent some time playing cards in the middle of the waiting room. In the evening got into another train to Żilina. Unfortunately the border between Slovakia and Czech Republic was closed because of the heavy snow which covered everything. That is why we got off the train in the middle of nowhere and we started waiting for other possibility to get to Slovakia. We met there a Spanish Comenius team and we started travelling together. After some time we got into the train, which took us to Żilina. We arrived in Żilina at 1 o’clock at night, there we took a taxi and finally at 2 o’clock we reached the hotel.

Wednesday 16th February

Next day we ate late breakfast ( 11 o’clock ) while the other partners were visiting the museum. When we finally joined them, the visit in the museum finished. Then we went sightseeing Martin. After dinner we went to school where all partners were presenting their legends. The most interesting was the film about Brno, its legends and unusual clock, prepared by Czech students in a funny way. Our presentations about Jurata’s Castle were short but concise. In the evening we went back to the hotel and started Comenius integration. First we taught Spanish team how to play “ the Law of the Jungle”. Then we visited Czech students. The conversation with them was so interesting that we returned to our rooms at 3 o’clock in the morning.

Thursday 17th February

We got up at 8 o’clock, had breakfast and then we went to Slovakian National Library. We listened to a short but very interesting lecture about the history of this library. We could also see some unusual books, for example a miniature of Koran Book or books from the 15th century. After that we went to National Museum of Literature where the guide told us about Slovakian writers and poets. After dinner we visited Slovakian school again. This time we took part in four different workshops. The first one was a Slovak language lesson, during the second workshop we were working with Comenius website. Then we had an opportunity to paint pictures using an iron and we also decorated the cookies. As a reward we could take them home.

Friday 18th February

Early in the morning we started the whole day trip to Strebskie Pleso, a touristic and sport resort. This village is situated in the High Tatras. Most of the students spend their journey sleeping, but these, who didn’t could notice that the road was completely covered with the snow. In Strebskie Pleso we had a very nice walk around a beautiful lake and we also took a lot of photos of it and picturesque mountains. While we were walking , we were also listening to horrifying stories told by Croatian students. After that we had a typical, highland dinner. During it we were talking and joking with Romanian, Croatian and Slovak students. We had a lot of fun. The afternoon we spent in Aqua park in Poprad. We could swim in the inside and outside swimming pools, where the temperature of water was about 37 degrees Celsius. The more courageous students were walking or even lying on the snow, of course outside the swimming pool.

Sunday 19th February

It was the last day of our visit in Martin. The sun started shining at last and it was a bit warmer. After breakfast we went to the open-air Museum of the Slovak Village. The houses and their interiors were similar to these ones we can see in Poland, but there was a nice surprise. Just at the door of the museum we saw a skeleton, then the folk group appeared singing. Every moment there were more and more oddly dressed people. It turned out that on that day Slovak people celebrate the last day of joy before the Lent. People were dancing, singing and we joined them. We also tried delicious cookies. We had a really great time. Unfortunately we had to get back to the hotel, because in the afternoon went to Żilina to do shopping. On the way there we saw a castle in Strecno, which is the setting of the Slovak legend, built on a rocky hill.

In the late evening we said goodbye to everybody and went upstairs to pack our suitcases and rest before a long way back home.

Luckily the journey was a piece of cake and at 10 p.m. we arrived in Gdansk tired but full of unforgettable impressions from Martin