

Saturday December 30 - Day 5
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We woke up at 7am and packed up the rest of our things. And then we left Apeldoorn and headed to Amsterdam. It was a hour and a half drive but it went by fast. We had to put all of our stuff in a storage room because none of our rooms were ready.

After we put our stuff away we walked to the train station and had to take a really long ride to central station. It was kind of nerve wracking to make sure we got on and off the train in time. And it was so cool and pretty when we first got off the train and we saw all of the buildings for the first time.

Then we made our way over to the old church and it looked really small from the outside and when we walked in and it was huge and pretty. We just walked around inside all of the little designs and the ceiling was really cool. Then we went to this old little town where the nuns used to hide.

We stopped and got to walk around for 15 minutes and we all went to this bakery and lexi got a waffle covered in chocolate with a strawberry on top. Macy got a morning glory smoothie which had pineapple and strawberry in it. Then we made our way back to the center and all of the buildings were really pretty and cool.

We all got to walk around in groups and we first went to this sweatshirt shop where we both got sweatshirts that say Amsterdam on them. After that we went and ate at this little place called pizza pasta and steak. I got a four cheese pizza that was pretty good but the blue cheese tasted sour and also garlic bread but the "garlic bread" was just bread with butter with garlic in it and a little spoon to spread the butter on which was really good. And Macy got salami pizza to split with Jaelyn and it was delicious it was basically just pepperoni but extra good.

Then we went to this little gift/ souvenir shop and looked around and it had some pretty strange things. Afterwards we went into the big department store to use the free bathrooms. There was a lot of rich people in there because there was lots of expensive and fancy shops. We eventually made our way up to the top and Macy and others sat on the roof top waiting for Lexi and Caroline to come out of the bathroom.

After that we had to meet back at the center. While we were waiting for everyone to get back we saw vegans who were showing videos of animal abuse on tvs. They all had masks on so they wouldn't get in trouble. When everybody showed up we took a group photo by the big Christmas and a lot of people came up to us talking about their beliefs and someone even tried to give us a card about god.

After that we all started walking to the Anne Frank house. On the way there we lost track of Curt and got lost for a little bit. He's speedy so it can be hard to keep an eye on him sometimes.

Shortly afterwards we made it into the Anne Frank house and it was interesting to learn facts about Anne Frank and what they had to go through. It was cool to see the layout of the house. Through the tour we had this audio box that would play an English translation for us and we thought that was very cool.

After the Anne Frank house we walked over to the pancake house for dinner. Lexi got a pancake with banana and Nutella she thought it was very good but filling so she didn't eat much of it. Macy got the peach pancake and she thought it was delicious there was a good peach sauce on it and the peach slices tasted delicious. Overall we thought it was very yummy.

Finally after a long and fun day we made it back to the hotel, got our luggage and went to bed.