

## Comenius Exchange Trip to Ankara

A group of 10 travelers set off to Turkey to stay with host families during February half term, full of excitement for a big adventure. That's exactly what we got! The host families were so welcoming to our students and though some of our students took time to adjust to a very different culture, they were all sad to say goodbye to their Turkish families on leaving day.

Our trip was a culture fest that took us to some of the most historic sites of Ankara and beyond. The Turkish people are very proud of their rich cultural heritage and we were treated to wonderful dancing and presentations by our host students, visited museums and ancient sites including the stunning Kapadokia and Ataturk's Mausoleum.

One thing we weren't prepared for however was the weather. One moment we were sat in the sunshine and the next we were trudging through thick snow. This resulted in an extra couple of nights stay, as just like the UK, Turkey were unable to cope with the inches of snowfall and flights were delayed and cancelled. The students handled the inconvenience very well and were a credit to themselves and their families.

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