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Participating in this exchange program in Germany was a transformative experience for me. During my stay in Berlin and Potsdam, I had the opportunity to discover a new culture, make friends with people from different countries, and experience moments that I will certainly carry with me for the rest of my life.

From the very first day, the personal presentations and group activities created a welcoming environment, enabling the exchange of experiences, ideas, and perspectives among the participants. It was very interesting to learn about different realities and realize that, even though we come from different backgrounds, we share similar values and challenges.

Another remarkable aspect was the visits to historical sites. Being in Berlin and Potsdam allowed me to see firsthand places that had always been part of history books and to gain a deeper understanding of events that shaped not only Germany but the entire world. These visits inspired important reflections on culture, society, memory, and citizenship.

Among all the activities carried out, one of the most meaningful was participating in the church door restoration project. Contributing directly to the preservation of a place so important to the community was a special experience that taught me about cooperation, dedication, and teamwork. More than a practical task, it was an opportunity to build something together and strengthen the bonds among the participants.

In addition to the knowledge I gained, this experience contributed greatly to my personal growth. Living with people from different cultures, communicating in other languages, and adapting to a new routine helped me develop greater confidence, independence, and teamwork skills.

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I am deeply grateful for everything I experienced during this period, and I am certain that the knowledge and experiences gained will continue to contribute to my personal, academic, and professional development for many years to come.

