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On April 13th we travelled to Bucharest. There we waited about two hours and then we continued our trip to Constanta, a town on the Black Sea. Finally we arrived in Constanta and met our host families, which was very exciting. The next morning, on Wednesday, we woke up early and had a Romanian breakfast, which was just like in Finland: fruit, cereals and toast.

Then it was time to visit our host school. The building was old and big and in the school yard there were apple trees. We also saw other students from Romania and the students with their teachers from other countries. Later we went to the local shopping centre. After having done some shopping and having had a snack, we headed to a beach on the Black Sea. The water was cold!

Later we also went to the cinema to watch the 'The Princess and the Frog' movie. It was good for all of us because the language was English and the subtitles were in Romanian. On Thursday we had a city tour in Constanta with all the other participants in the Comenius project. We visited a couple of museums, after which we went to eat in the La Pizzaco restaurant. I ordered fajitas and I was so surprised because the Romanian students didn't know what fajitas were. Friday was a long day. Early in the morning we left the school and travelled by bus to the Danube Delta. First we went to the Danube Delta Museum in Tulcea. I enjoyed the museum because there was an aquarium and I like to watch fish. Then we all finally went to the boat which took us to sail on the Danube River. It was a kind of cruise.

Saturday was our last day in Romania. We spent it with our host families and later that night we went to the local karaoke place. Then came Sunday, our day of departure. I was so sad because we had to leave Constanta, but luckily I have got other students' email addresses. I will al-



ways remember this trip to Romania.

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The Volcano's ash cloud made big changes in our route back home.

First we thought we were supposed to stay in Romania a few days longer, but the plans had changed a bit.

We went to the airport as we normally would and heard that Lufthansa had a bus trip to Munich.

Of course we took our chances and there we were, 22 hours on a bus through Romania, Hungary, Austria and Germany to Munich! In Munich we decided to stay at a hotel overnight and then continue our way with no idea where to go next. We met the Spanish students at the same hotel, as they also happened to get there by train! It's amazing how small the world is in the end.

In the morning we were lucky to get an airplane to Hamburg after a big mess of many changes of plans which one by one turned out to be impossible. Another day went by travelling, and again we had to take a hotel, which wasn't as good as the one in Munich. But we couldn't be sad since we got some place to stay.

Our headmaster had got us ship tickets from Stockholm (Sweden) to Turku (Finland) for a few days later, now we only had to make it there in time. In Hamburg we first missed the bus since we didn't find it,

but to our relief the tickets were valid for the next bus. So we were on our way to Denmark! On the border of Germany we took a ferry.

On the other side we heard that there wasn't any bus waiting for us to take us to our destination (Copenhagen).

There were a lot of people waiting for the train. It was cold and windy and most people were wearing their summer clothes because they were coming from warmer countries. Before it started raining, an empty train was sent to us suddenly! Everybody fitted into it just perfectly. Three hours and we were in Copenhagen, where we again stayed overnight at a hotel.

In the morning we got airplane tickets to Finland, but the flight was cancelled, which wasn't a surprise.

Instead of flying to Finland we managed to fly to Stockholm! (I have no idea when we even got those tickets, but there they were.) We had a whole day to spend in the centre of Stockholm before the departure of our ship.

We all went shopping and spent the time as we wanted to. In the evening we got onto the ship.

Our trip ended with a great luxury cruise of the Viking Line ship, with tasty food and great shops to look around.

And that's how our trip to Romania turned into a trip through Europe.

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