

I am in Slovenia since the beginning of July and if there would be need just to say one thing what I like here the most I would definitely say – nature. It's really amazing – such a big diversity in so small country. Beautiful mountains, nice towns near the sea, amazing caves, small but really nice capital city and, of course, also surroundings of Vipava valley are really worth seeing. Latvia is flat country, that's why I am not really used to see mountains every day, but I really like them. At the same time, I think that nature in Latvia is also very rich, our two biggest treasures is sea and forests.

Second thing about which I am glad and which I would like to mention is that Slovenians are very friendly and helpful people. It surprised me in a good way.

Impressions can't be only good, so there are also some bad things. The one which is making discomfort for me is bad train and bus connection in Slovenia – they are going very rarely, and if you need to change some transport somewhere, sometimes need to wait for quite a long time. Also public transport is expensive and is not giving discounts for young people – in web page of Slovenian railways I checked that there are some discounts, but when we asked for them, they said that there are not. For example, in Latvia there are also no discounts in trains and intercity busses, but they are not so expensive. I think it is necessary to have a car in Slovenia otherwise it is difficult to go somewhere. ☺

Till now I have been doing quite a many things here – last two months have been interesting for me. I have been participating in some workshops with children, I have been leading them by myself, I have been going back to Latvia for some days, I have been working with my presentation, and I have been in sports camp in Piran etc. In my free time I have visited some places, f. ex, Bohinj Lake, Ljubljana and surroundings of Vipava valley. I have met also some very nice and interesting people.

At the third week of September I will have EVS trainings with all the volunteers who has came to Slovenia now. And then on some weekends I would like to make some workshops and sport activities, but no certain date has been set till now. Also hopefully I will have some presentations and workshops in schools in Ajdovščina and Vipava. Also my parents are coming to visit me for some days so I would like to show them how beautiful Slovenia is.

I have been thinking last days about how to organize some youth exchange project, because of I think it is really good opportunity for young people to get to know other cultures.

Looks like autumn is going to start soon – it is very beautiful and colorful season. And finally it is not so hot – for me it was really difficult last two months to be here in such a big heat. I hope next two months will be even nicer than previous ones ☺