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## REPORT: GROUP MOBILITY OF PUPILS MÉRIDA, SPAIN

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### Italica

On Tuesday we went to **Italica and Seville** and to the aquarium in Seville. It was a really good and a calm trip. We were waiting for the bus in front of the school and the bus arrived approximately at 7:00 in the morning. We arrived at **Italica - an old Roman city** at 9:15 when we arrived we made a stop at the gas station to use the bathroom or buy some stuff like drinks or food. Later when everyone was ready, we continued on our journey to the front gate of Italica, there we made a stop so the teams of people could gather and go on and explore the place. There we saw the **amphitheatre** it was bigger than I thought.



This is a preserved Roman amphitheatre situated outside the ancient Roman settlement of Italica. It was built during the reign of **emperor Hadrian** (who was born in Italica), approximately between the years **AD 117 and 138**. Italica was the first Roman city founded on the **Iberian Peninsula**. The Amphitheatre was used by the Gladiators where they fought

against each other and sometimes even with animals. The amphitheater had a capacity of 25,000 spectators. A gladiator was an armed combatant who entertained audiences in the Roman Republic and Roman Empire in violent confrontations with other gladiators, wild animals, and condemned criminals. Some gladiators were volunteers who risked their lives and their legal social lives. On that place where the gladiators fought I was very chocked because I could imagine everyone cheering for me while I battle against other or even wild beasts. Me and my friend even made a joke and started playing that we we're gladiators.



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In that time the people in the Roman city didn't have bathrooms so they needed to use **public bathrooms called foricae** and they didn't have toilet papers so they used a sea sponge to wipe. Next to every toilet there was a bucket with water and the scrub. The wealthier people had servants to wipe their private parts.

## Seville

Seville is one of the most beautiful City in Spain. It is the capital and the largest city of the Spanish autonomous community of Andalusia and the province of Seville. Seville's population is about 701,000 as of 2022, and a metropolitan population of 1.5 million, making it the largest city of Andalusia, the fourth-largest city in Spain. We arrived there at 11:20, the Finnish people took bikes to cycle around Seville and the Czech and Spanish people went by foot.



There we saw the **Plaza de España** (Spanish square, in English). It was very beautiful and there were a lot of people, there were Spanish women dancing Flamenco a traditional Spanish dance. The Plaza de España was built in 1928. It's a very beautiful square.

The **Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See** better known as Seville Cathedral, is a catholic Cathedral in Seville. It was registered in 1987 by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Seville Cathedral was the site of the Baptism of infante Juan of Aragon in 1478, only son of the Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. **Christopher Columbus is buried there.**

I loved the look of the Cathedral I was just sad that we couldn't go inside because it was closed. But it was one of the most beautiful cathedrals I've even seen.

We also walked around some squares and the town hall and we were able to buy some presents for our families and walk along the main street, The weather was very nice – the sun was shining. We had a rest in the park and then in the afternoon we walked to the Seville aquarium along the **river Guadalquivir** banks.





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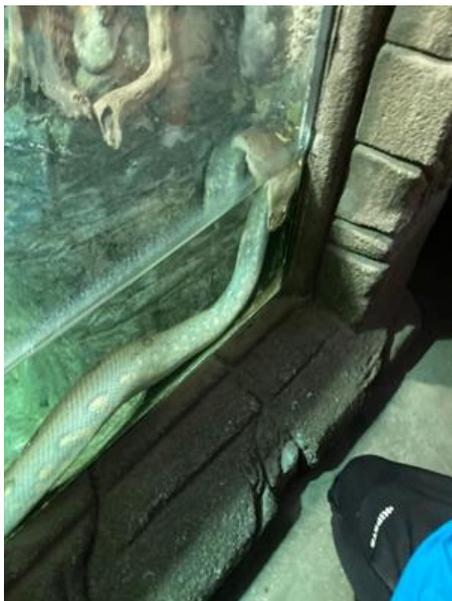


## Aquarium in Seville

Aquarium in Seville -the Seville Aquarium is located on the Muelle de las Delicias in Seville. It has 35 different aquariums containing animals belonging to more than 400 different species.

In the aquarium you could find a lot of different species of animals such as **corals, sharks, fish,** and a lot more. There were also very dangerous and super venomous species of animals in there like the **red lionfish and the poison dart frog.** There were also big animals such as stingrays, anaconda sharks and a lot more.

First we had a **lecture about fish and sharks** in English – **we saw some teeth, eggs and parts of the body.** Then we walked through the aquarium with the guide who was explaining everything in English,



**This was the anaconda.** She was just chilling by the glass looking at us and it was the biggest animal inside the entire aquarium The anaconda is 9 m long and it was huge. **The guide even told us that the Anaconda could eat us alive because she was very big.** Anaconda usually eats chicken and they feed them every month just one chicken.

After the aquarium we took the bus went home, and the ride back home took 3 hours, and we were going insane in the bus, so we started talking so much that some people even fell asleep. **We arrived at Mérida at about 9 p.m.**

We really liked it and next year we hope we can go there again to visit and explore more places in Spain.

