

Excursion to the Technische Universität (TU) Berlin... a flop?

On November 27 my class and I were at the creative „Technische Universität Berlin“ (Technical University of Berlin). A lecture about acoustics explained the way sound waves work. After that we saw a studio and were in two rooms with different sound acoustics. At the end we were at a Christmas market which was very jolly and vibrant.

In the morning we all met at school. Sadly, we still had to go to the first two lessons, because our real excursion to the TU Berlin was too short. Our principal had no idea that we would go to a Christmas market after. Spoiler warning: Our class didn't go to the market. Only four girls and me, but let's talk about that later.

After our two French lessons we met outside and then walked to the train station. One hour later we finally arrived at the final destination (not in the movie-way of course...) and walked to the university. Subsequently, the professor gave us a lecture about sound waves. Wasn't that interesting, since we didn't understand anything? But based on the technical terms he used I guess he did a good job. But to be fair, it was about sine and cosine and we haven't covered that in school yet. And well, sorry to break you but I'm not a person who learns things months before we have it in school.

Then two men showed us two rooms which had different acoustics than we experience every day. One room was with low echo and the other one was with hall space. The room with low echo was actually really creepy since we all stood on a grid. One of the men told the boys to stop jumping... what if they hadn't? Well, I guess we'll never know.

The other men created some weird, high, annoying noises with some technical equipment and said that he feels sorry for this. If you're feeling sorry why would you continue? The other room wasn't that cool so we stayed outside. There was some fancy stuff on the ceiling. At first we thought it's some expensive, modern art but then we realized it actually increased the echo of the room. Sadly - no luckily - the excursion wasn't over yet and we went with a different man to a new building. Going to the toilet was our first priority so we went to the toilet and came a bit late... oops. He told us some cool things I can't remember and after Mister Rüger asked a question the man rejected, our excursion was finally over. It was way longer than it was supposed to be.

Now the Christmas market!! Or not...? 2/3rds of our class didn't want to go there anymore. Hello?? It's a Christmas market??? Even though we were only 5 girls left our teacher still went with us and we had really tasty and expensive food. We also asked a lady to take a photo of us but forgot to give her a phone... Anyways the Christmas market was more than just beautiful.

Finally, it can be said that it was an interesting excursion. In my opinion the Christmas market saved it. Okay, I don't want to sound mean they did a great job at the university but if you have no interest in these topics and if you're not good at maths it's not that cool. I still highly recommend the Christmas market!! It's in Charlottenburg directly in front of the palace and it's beautiful.

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