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The Aqueduct in Alcantarilla, Murcia

On Monday we went on a walk to the **Aqueduct Park in Alcantarilla**. In the morning we had programme at school. After the morning classes, we all got ready to leave. Our whole Erasmus group went together with our teachers. **We got there on foot in about 10 minutes.** It was quite fun because we were talking and looking forward to see it.

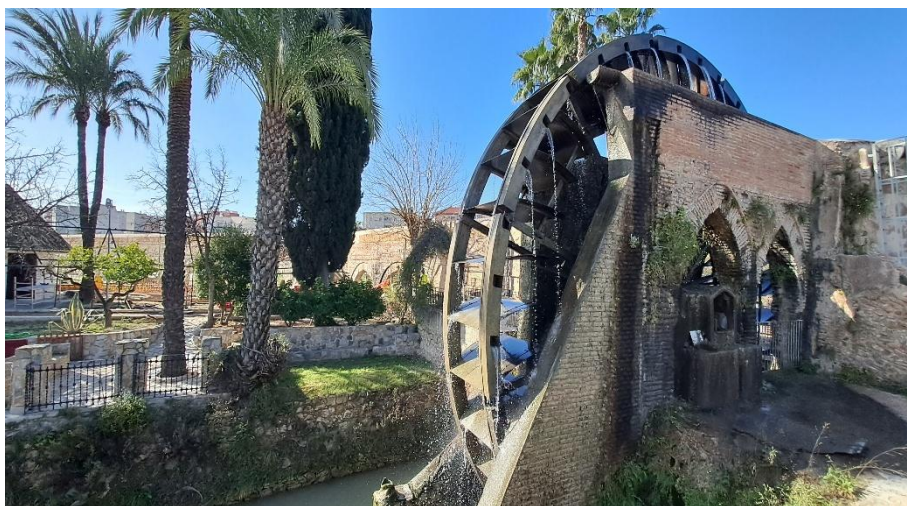
When we arrived, we saw an old stone aqueduct. There were reconstruction works happening, so there was scaffolding and workers around it. We did not have a professional guide. Instead, two Spanish Erasmus students gave us a presentation about the aqueduct. The boys tried their best, but it was sometimes hard to understand them.

What we have learnt

- The Aqueduct of Alcantarilla is an artificial system, that was carrying water from the irrigation canal of Alquibla de Barreras to farmland at La Boznegra.
- **Murcia has always had a dry climate, people created canals and aqueducts to move water where it was needed.** The aqueduct supplied water for growing crops in the region. It's **part of the historic irrigation system dating from Middle Ages.** It still works today as a historical monument and as an example of great medieval engineering.
- **It consists of wheel that is lifting the water to the top of the stone arched structure,** that allows to transport water to long distances via gravitation.
- The first written mention of the aqueduct is **from 1451**. The aqueduct was completed in 1457

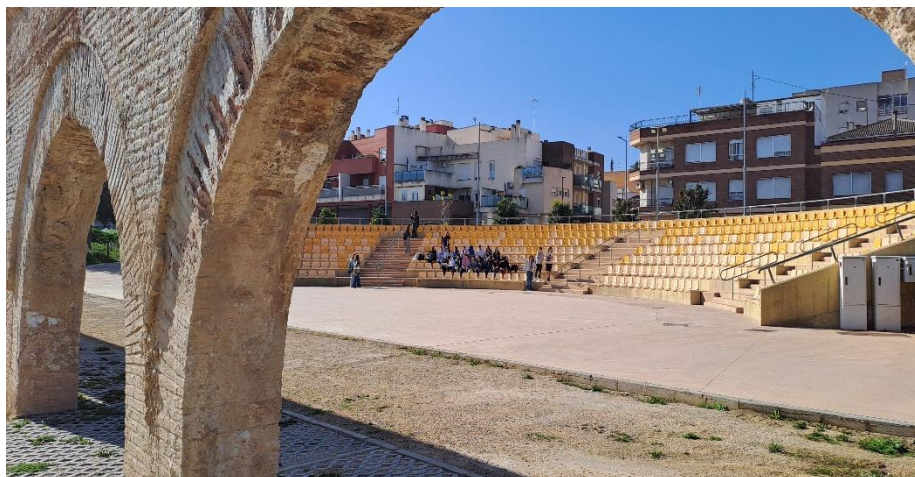
and was in operation for a bit less than 100 years. In 1545 it was damaged by floods and reconstructed again in 1549.

- In the following centuries, further repairs and reconstructions were carried out to maintain the operation of the facility. The wheel, which is part of the current structure, dates from 1956.



In the 20th century, the aqueduct was divided by the construction of a highway. Despite this, it was declared **a national cultural monument in 1982.**

There is a new park around and a **small amphitheatre for various performances.** Nearby is a small museum but we could not visit it, because it was also under reconstruction



We learned that **the aqueduct was used to bring water to the fields.** Even though it was partly repaired, we could see that it is very old. We liked the trip because we learned something new and spent time together outside school. Also, the **weather was very nice**, we wore short sleeves while home in Brno it was freezing.



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