

# **The Story of Magic Bus**

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It wasn't just an ordinary bus - it was tuned with some magic. It could fly, drive itself, make a rainbow and even talk! The bus decided that it would go on a trip around different countries and it would start in Slovakia. The bus made some research and decided to go to the most beautiful city in Slovakia - Košice. The bus heard that near there is one great school with amazing students. So it went to *Družstevná pri Hornáde*. There, the bus met Italia - a mascot from Italy who was on her visit there. They became friends immediately and they went to High Tatras.



They met a shepherd named Jožko. He told them what he does for a living. He takes care of sheep, milk sheep, cut sheep's wool. He also made them typical Slovak food - potato pasta with cottage cheese. They liked it and ate whole bowl! They decided that they want to know about different jobs, people and countries and they continued on their journey...



# The Netherlands



The magic bus took us to Bernardinuscollege in Heerlen. Wow, what a beautiful school this is! Many proud pupils were there at our arrival and they took us with them to a cheese farm. The farmer told us all about cheese. To make cheese you need cows and their milk. The farmer showed us his land and we even helped milking the cows.



After visiting the cheese farm we went to a little town called Volendam.

A typical Dutch town where you can eat fish, wear traditional clothing (take your picture with it - click), say cheese and eat cheese.

Look at the photo and see our wooden shoes!!!!

We also bought nice Tulips, Dutch flowers, to give our friend the Magic bus story, Italy, Slovakia, Poland, Spain and Turkey



After seeing Volendam we were really hungry so the magic bus took us back flying over the beautiful landscapes of the Netherlands. It is a very flat country!! There aren't any mountains! That is why they like to cycle so much!

Oh yes, we were hungry....

A typical Dutch dish is eating mashed potatoes with vegetables mixed up together. As meat they eat sausages or mini meatballs with gravy and applesauce yummy!!!





The end of the day was actually the best part! We saw Ajax play at the Johan Cruyff Arena!!!

Wow!!! They won the match 4-1. We got autographs from Ziyech, van de Beek and Tadic. Oh what a night!





After a very emotional night the magic bus decided to have some rest and took all passengers to a peaceful country called Poland. The bus went through beautiful cities, forests, mountains and finally arrived to Częstochowa, a famous city in the south of Poland.

All passengers were very hungry and they decided to eat typical Polish food. They went to a restaurant and ordered pierogi (dumplings), bigos (sour cabbage with meat and mushrooms), kotlet schabowy and makowiec (poppyseed cake).



In the restaurant they met nice people. All together had a good time and decided to have some sightseeing.

In the morning everything has changed. They heard in the radio that they have to stay in a hotel, wear masks and gloves and can't meet other people. They were very sad. But nothing is impossible for the magic bus team. They always find a solution so they decided to see the most interesting places in Poland in the Internet. They started searching immediately and found thousands of sights.

The Jura upland famous for its castles, caves and mines.





Warsaw and Cracow.



Mazury lakes and Tatra mountains



and many other which they are going to see during next visit in Poland.



# TURKEY



Magic bus finally came to Turkey. They started from Istanbul and there; They visited Maiden's Tower, Galata Tower, Basilica Cistern, Yıldız Cistern, Spice Bazaar. Then they went to Ankara where is the capital of Turkey. There they visited Anıtkabir, Ankara Castle, Atatürk Forest Farm. They ate Ankara honey and Ankara doner in Ankara and they got very tired but it was worth it because they were so admired.





After that, they went to Şanlıurfa. Here, they visited Göbeklitepe, a cult center dating back 12000 years, and from there they went to Şanlıurfa's most popular lake, Balıklı Gol. They listened to the story of the Balıklı Gol and were very impressed. While walking down the street, the magic bus was very tired and very hungry. They ate Cig Kofte (raw meatballs) and kebab, the most famous food there. Then, they continued on their way. From there, they went to the Sümela Monastery in Trabzon, which is very important for Christianity. They listened to mystery



They toured throughout Turkey. The magic bus had a question on its mind :

-I wonder where is the first settlement of humanity?

-Is it Göbeklitepe or Çatalhöyük?

They immediately decided to go to Konya to seek the answer to this question. LET'S GO TO KONYAAA. They landed at the school in the Küçükköy village in the Çumra district of Konya. There were wonderful children in this little school of this little village. the kids there were very surprised. They had seen a flying bus for the first time and they were very happy about it. They also saw that there were a lot of kids on the bus.



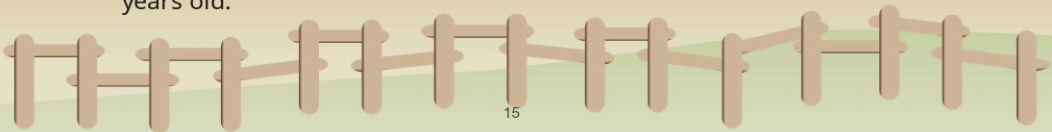


At school they met with the children, but they kept their distance, because it was a pandemic that spread all over the world. The Magic Bus enthusiastically asked his question;

- Could you tell us where is the first settlement of humanity?

But before that there had to be someone to help them, and the farmers knew this area best. Because the most famous and most common occupational group in this village is the farmer. A farmer working in Catalhuyuk and the students of the school took the magic bus and the guests to the archelological site. Before the tour, the farmer told them the story of Catalhuyuk;

FARMER: Catalhuyuk, where 8 thousand people lived together in the Neolithic period, is considered to be one of the first settlements of human beings in the world. It was discovered by British archaeologist James Mellaart and his team in the 1960s, Çatalhüyük is 9 thousand years old.



Çatalhöyük farmers grew little but a wide variety of crops. They grew, ate and traded Wheat and barley. They also grew peas, strawberries, and nuts. Also, this old settlement is on the UNESCO World heritage list. Agriculture, which started 9 thousand years ago in this region, still continues today.

Hearing this, the magic bus and its friends were very impressed and hungry at the end of this adventurous story. They ate Etliëkmek, the most delicious and most delicious dish of Konya. The farmer has prepared a delicious Etliëkmek for them with the cow meat and the vegetables he grows himself. And they went to visit the beautiful places of Konya. For example, they visited Kilistra, Mevlana's Tomb, Akşehir Lake and Sille.





After visiting Turkey the mascot Italia and Magic Bus arrived in Italy.They visited the capital Rome and its most important monument: the Colosseum.





The Colosseum is an iconic monument with the largest amphitheater ever built that the whole world knows. It is also called the Flavian Amphitheater and it is situated in the center of Rome. Built under the Flavian Dynasty, its construction started in 72 AD and was completed in 80 AD. Built in concrete and sand, the Colosseum could hold up to 80,000 people, though it usually held 65,000.



Spectators could come to watch gladiator contests and other public show, such as simulated sea wars with props, public executions and mythological dramas. It wasn't until the medieval era that the building was converted and used as a housing facility, a Christian shrine and a fortress





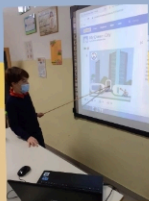
The mascot Italia, after visiting the Colosseum, stopped in a restaurant because she was tired and hungry: here she met a very kind waitress named Lina.

Italia was also very curious to meet chef Antonio who cooked many good typical Italian dishes: spaghetti, lasagna, pizza and Tiramisu' of course.





But people were very afraid because of a virus; they wore masks, kept social distance and could not stay in groups. The streets were not very crowded. Before leaving her Country, the mascot Italia and Magic Bus went to Taranto, a city in south of Italy because they wanted to meet children and teachers in a primary school. Even at school the children and teachers wore masks. They frequently washed their hands and they often cleaned their desks. It was not possible to sing, go to the gym, hug their friends, shake hands play sports. They could only go outside in the playground. Everyone was very respectful of safety measures. Children and teachers were very happy to see Italia again. After spending some time together, Italia and Magic Bus continued their journey to live other fantastic adventures together.





Next the bus came to Spain. When it arrived it went to a famous restaurant in our country. THE LASARTE. The chef on this restaurant is Martín Berasategui. The bus ate Paella, Spanish omelette, and gazpacho.




**The magic bus went to Sagrada Familia, in Barcelona. They went to La Puerta del Sol (Madrid), to La Catedral de Santiago and to La Alhambra (Granada), too. They said Spain monuments were incredible. Then, the magic bus wanted to relax on the beach. It went to Montgat, a beautiful village in the north of Spain. It said it was the best beach that it had ever seen.**









After seeing the monuments, the magic bus went to see "El Clásico", a football match between FC Barcelona and Real Madrid.

FC Barcelona won 2-0!

The typical job in Montgat was fisherman. Nowadays there are just a few fishermen left. Now you can see the boats and fish auctions from Monday to Friday at 13h.



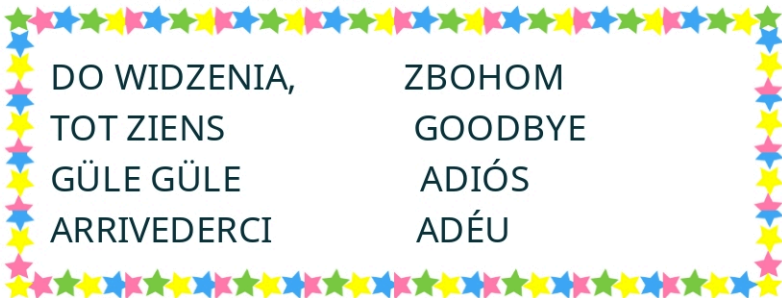


The magic bus went to the beach and sun bath and ate ice cream it was happy so it decided to stay for the summer and invited the mascots.





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