

My trip to Finland

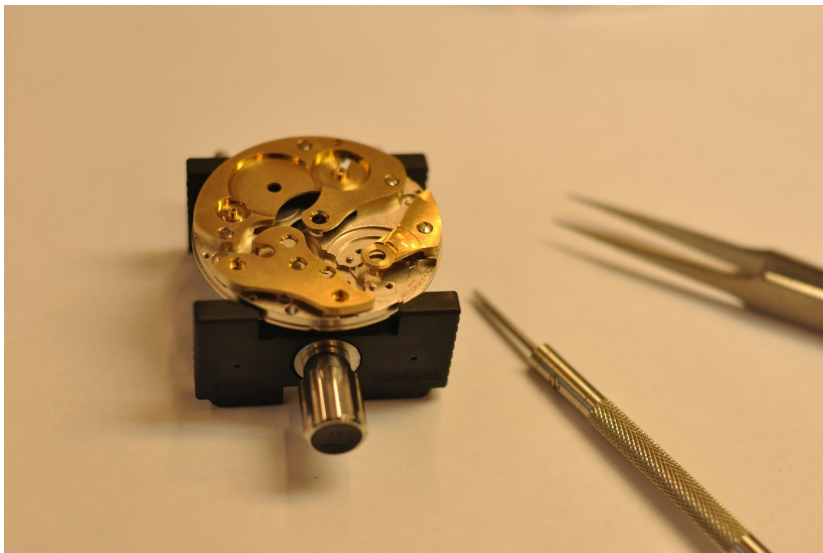
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In the following I'm going to describe my trip to the "Kelloseppäkoulu" (The Finnish School of Watchmaking).

This year I was granted the opportunity to travel to Finland and participate in a 2 week project where we skeletonized an Eta 6497 movement.

The project itself was as fun as challenging since I had never done anything like that before. I'm so glad that I had the chance to do such a thing and I can ensure that my entire recollection of this trip is positive.



My trip started when I met up with Jasmin, a fellow watchmaker from the G16, at the Hamburg airport and we got onto our plane towards adventure.

The school was very keen on showing us as much from the countryside as possible and we had a very tight schedule filled with short trips to significant places.

My very favorite trip started when i got waken up by the glimpsing sunlight shining through the window. It was the first sunny day we have encountered so far and it was a very nice variety to the usual cloudy weather, even though all the Finns confirmed to us that the weather hasn't been that nice in months.

Brightend up by such a good start we got to the trainstation and took the train to Helsinki where we met up with other students from to school who volunteered to go sightseeing with us.

In a group of 6 we started to head towards the port and hopped onto a ferry to some kind of departed island.

It took us about an hour to get there and we didn't quite know what we were going to expect from that island.

From far away we could see a small tower standing in the middle of the island and a very nice tower clock wich was restored by one of the school's teacher.

Welcomed by a relaxing athmosphere we went to the tower first and we had a coffee inside that old building while we had to wait a bit for some guy to unlock the door to the actual movement of the clock. We climbed the tower, had a quick glance into the movement and took a couple of pictures wich didn't quite turn out due to all the dust und the dim lights in the room.

As the other students explained to us we were standing on an old fortified island wich played a major role in the Finnish history and to be honest, it kinda looked like the Shire in "Lord of the Rings".

There were still some ruins of the old fortfications and it was fun to go into the underground system and get lost in all those tunnels and rooms filled with cannons.

The day passed and we enjoyed the sunset near the seaside with the other Finnish students and of course we had to adopt their habbit of drinking a cold beer at the beach...

