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It was always my dream to make an exchange, but not a simple exchange, but rather, one that offered me challenges. Sometimes, I thought I would not be able to realize this dream, I doubted that this moment would come until one day I opened my e-mail and I saw the e-mail from my coordinator, informing about the opportunity of scholarship to study in the Czech Republic and without hesitation I signed up to apply for the scholarship.

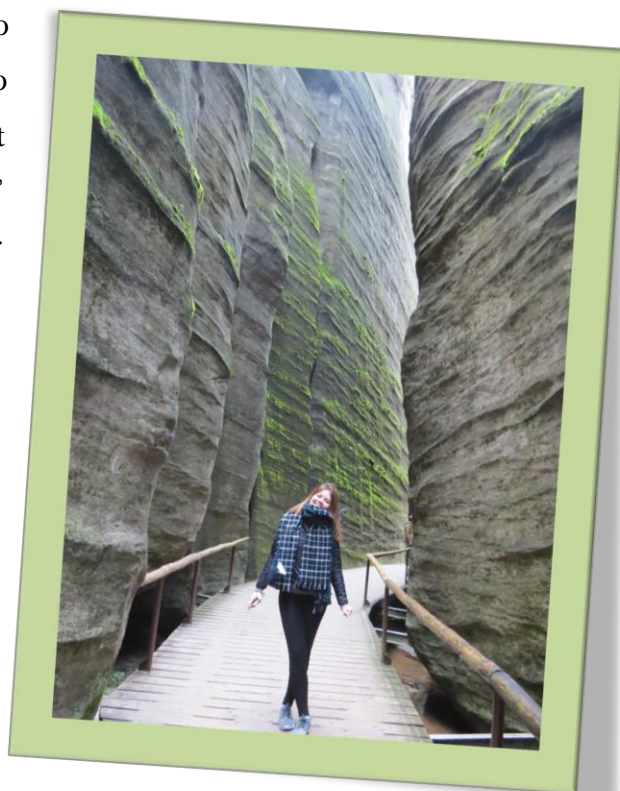
The first challenge began there, with a proof of proficiency, a letter of motivation and an interview. When I was selected, other challenges began to emerge: to travel by plane for the first time, to go to São Paulo (one of the largest cities in Brazil), to return there alone to get my visa and finally to cross the ocean and move to another country for five months.



I think it is difficult to express what happens when an exchange takes place and to specify the experiences, because every day is a day of experience, you learn something new. To try to summarize this I will have to speak in general and say that the Czech Republic was like a mother to me, a mother who taught me things in the most difficult way and also showed me the most wonderful things that exist in life, simple.

In these last months I have learned to love more, to live more intensely, to value what I have now and to understand that every little experience we have spent in life has a giant significance. Thanks to “this mother” I will be a better daughter, a better friend, a better student, a better person.

We prove to ourselves that we are able to live without being under the wings of our parents, but we also have a sense of how much these "wings" are missing; We learn to be in constant change, construction and deconstruction; made new friends, built families without blood ties, and learned that it's always time to say goodbye. But, this goodbye does not mean something bad, it means that you loved somebody or a place and that all this was wonderful.



I believe that nothing happens by chance. Seeing the e-mail, I was chosen and I ended up coming to the Czech Republic, living in Palachova and studying philosophy in the Faculty of Philosophy of Hradec Králové was because this whole journey had something to teach me. I do not have much more to say than thank you, Martina, and the Faculty of Philosophy of Hradec Králové for having given me the happiness to fulfil my dream and to learn from

it as well. Congratulations to the University and to you for performing this incredible work. I do not know if you have realized it, but you are responsible for the dreams of many students. My best wishes, I'm very thankful for all.