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On September I left my city to start a new part of my life, studying abroad, the name of the country was: The Czech Republic, at that time, I had known almost nothing about this country. But I knew the name of the city where I was about to live and study for almost 6 months, the city is Hradec Králové. Before I arrived here, I was not afraid of anything that was awaiting me here in this city because I had Martin – my buddy- and Martina who gave all the information about the city and the country. And I also had three friends from Bolivia- Cae and Ernesto who took the plane with me and Luciana who waited for us at the airport- who helped me in almost everything that was related to tickets and paperwork before coming to the Czech Republic.



When I arrived, I did not have any problem of any kind – except that I forgot my Medical Certificatebut that was my fault. The University and the Buddy System did almost everything for me.

During this time, I lived in a flat along with 5 Latin-American boys and we overcame small problems and we managed to spend good time and learn a lot about each other's culture. Before coming, I would

not imagine that Latin-American people are like a big family. I consider myself lucky having lived with these guys. But that was not enough because in my same building I found amazing people from other countries in rooms F3 and F4 and in general really nice people living in Palachova.



When I had to choose my subjects, I could not imagine that the University had lessons in Spanish or lessons related to Latin-America. Before thinking twice, I took all the lessons in Spanish, one in English called Latin-American Politics and the local Language. These five subjects were really interesting and helped me a lot to realize many things about Latin-America and my country that I hadn't known before. Czech lessons helped me to learn more about the country and to survive in some places. All the teachers were really good and professional with their work.

To finish, I would say that I really enjoy my time in the Czech Republic and in Europe, I am really thankful to all the people who helped me and shared good moments with me.