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I arrived to Hradec Kralove on August 14th, 2018. It was totally different from the type of city that I am used to. I have to say it was the opposite to it: small and very calm. The first weeks were rough because it was the first time that the Czech course was given for foreign students, and the people from the buddy system wasn't informed about that. We didn't had a buddy package, a cheaper SIM card for our bank account (then, it took longer to have it), and other issues that made us understand that we weren't at home anymore, and that we were in a new country, with different rules, and different ways.

Despite of all of that, we learned, we got in touch with new people that, over time, became very close friends.

Approximately a month after the classes started, with more people that arrived for Erasmus, and Czech people that were on our classes, the city was more crowded and alive (Is it because Hradec Kralove has live because of the students that arrive to her? Maybe). The weeks passed, the classes, the presentations and also the equilibrium



between travelling on weekends and the responsibilities for the university. Some days more tiring than others but we got in a point that all of these was completely normal for us.



The winter started, the snow came, and also the start of the end of our academic year. Saying goodbye to our teachers and to our classmates it is not always easy, because with this we know that the end of our journey is coming. The journey that we all started with a lot of expectations, and sometimes fears, that became reality (or even better than we thought), it is about to get to its end. The arrival to our countries is getting closer, but now it doesn't make us happy necessarily, because now we have networks in the Czech Republic. We do understand the culture, the people, the manners. We

have gotten into it, and we have learned from that, from all the experience, and that is the most important that we can take with us.

