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Ahoj! Jmenuji se Ynti Tischler a jsem brazilský!(Hello! My name is Ynti Tischler and I'm brazilian!)

I don't know who is reading this letter right now, but I'd like to say you something very important. Don't think too much, come to study at the Univerzita Hradec Králové!

When I arrived in Hradec Králové it was already dawn and I had almost two days without sleep because of anxiety and also a little fear of experiencing something so different than I had ever lived. The truth is that when I arrived at the Palachovy Koleje I waited a bit at the reception, there the experience was fantastic. In the first few minutes I was talking to a Russian and a Czech. There I got my first friend in Hradec Králové! When I got to the apartment I was surprised, there were people from 3 different continents and even though I did not sleep very well for two days, my energies subtly recharged and we spent much of the night talking. I arrived and the G13 was complete. Nicaraguans, Brazilians and Ghanaians, that was our team.



On the first day you have the fantastic feeling of waking up in a room on the other side of the world, looking at a beautiful landscape that is the park behind the Palachovy Koleje. Then you open the door of the apartment and simply meet someone from a country more than random. And every step was like this for us, every moment someone new until the first week passed and we were already cooking together, going out to sightseeing, having lunch, dinner and of course having some great Czech beers!

Then the classes started and also the university events. I began to discover fantastic things, mainly related to the organization of the university and this somewhat different way of teacher-student relationship that the Czechs have. Everything was different, even the class topics. The classes on Latin American Politics simply fascinated me, it was a perspective similar to what we learn in America, but still somewhat different. I fell in love with the Integration Processes of the Central European Countries in the European Union, and I loved to study about the social systems and welfare states in Europe! All this added to the comfort and organization of classrooms of the university made me very happy to stay one more semester. And I got it, so I had more time to discover the city and Czech people as well.



About Hradec Králové? There is no other word to describe it! Perfect! Perfect! Perfect!

The city is perfect in size and services, I could find everything I wanted here. Almost everywhere you can find people who speak a little English and the communication is possible, completely the opposite of what many people tell us when we are arriving in this city. The distance between Hradec and Prague helps a lot when traveling through Europe and it is often unnecessary to go to Prague to travel, like when you go to Poland, Slovakia, or Hungary.



The amount of pubs simply fascinated me and in 90% of the pubs and restaurants there are attendants who speak English many times better than me.

In the midst of so many pubs and so many choices of drinks, snacks and especially beer (Pivo), I almost forgot to talk about what the city looks like during the day! There are many forests for picnics, barbecues and to find mushrooms. There are also some very beautiful lakes and a good water park with amazing swimming pools for a very low price! In winter life becomes a bit difficult, especially for a Latin American used to a tropical weather, but it is still beautiful to see the snowy city in December and January, and go out for wine and a traditional garlic soup!



I am very grateful for the opportunity to study here and would like to say that one day I must return to this city and relive the exciting moments that I lived here.

Tak Čau!