

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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*"Without doubt, the
Erasmus experience
has been the
experience of a
lifetime"*



At first, when I chose the destination, I was a bit disappointed, as it was my 9th or 10th choice, so it was not my favorite. When I got it, the girl who signed me up told me that her friend had been in Hradec on Erasmus and that she had a great time, so I was a bit more encouraged.

The days went by and in one meeting, I met my first adventure partners, we created a WhatsApp group in which people from all over Spain joined. I saw the day of this trip far away, but finally on September 18th after

putting 3 months of my life in two suitcases, we took the flight to Prague.

Afterwards, we had a very long trip to Hradec, but finally we arrived at the place that would be our new home. When I entered the apartment, I was disappointed again, because there were no kitchen utensils (not even a microwave), the beds were very bad, and in general, everything was a bit old. But we thought it would be just 3 months and that it couldn't be that bad.

Little by little we got to know the Spaniards first and their flat mates later, among whom were people from France, Turkey, and Armenia. The first days of classes were a bit of a disaster until we settled in and adapted to taking classes in English. We fixed all the paperwork we had to, and everything went on as planned.

If I had to give an advice, it would be to squeeze every minute, because you don't know how fast time goes by when you are at ease. When we had been here for a month, we thought it was like only one week had passed, and the day to go home was getting closer and closer.

It has been an incredible experience, I have learned to value much more everything I have, besides meeting wonderful people and taking friends from all over the world. I have met people from Cape Verde or Hong Kong that I probably would never have had the chance to meet. I have discussed the political regimes in Latin America and the role of African women with people from different cultures and perspectives. I have been imbued with a lot of new knowledge that I probably would not have acquired at my university. I have travelled all over Europe (and I still want to continue travelling), I have missed my family and friends and I have realized who cares and who doesn't care about me.

It is an experience I would recommend again and again, and I wish I could repeat it.

