

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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*"My time in
the UHK"*



To start, I won a scholarship to study for one semester in the UHK. I applied and competed with other students from my home university to get it, and when I first knew that I won this scholarship, I started to search for some information about Hradec Králové and the Czech Republic, because back in the day, I completely ignored all the history of the country and other things that I, fortunately, know quite well now.

I must say that I am really grateful to the Buddy System; my buddy was very helpful to me and to other international students that arrived that stressful day, the 12th of September.

Since my journey lasted around 15 hours or more -including the flight connections and everything- this was insane for me, a whole new experience in every aspect.

I am surprised by all the natural heritage that the Czech Republic has, it is really beautiful, and I could not miss the opportunity to watch some of them and to know other cities besides Prague. So I visited some of them: the Orlické Mountains, Adršpach Rocks, and Karlový Vary, which is an exceptional city.

Another wonderful thing is that students in the Czech Republic have many discounts: in cinemas, food, shops, and mainly in transportation. Without such an enormous discount on trains and buses, I could not have traveled as much as I did!

It is interesting how people in Central Europe express about Czechs; they think, generally, that Czech people are too serious and not so kind to strangers, but I found later by myself Czech people are normal, like the rest of the European people. Indeed, too serious yet kind when you ask for directions or help. Moreover, it is important to say that when it is time to party and to drink beer, Czechs are totally extroverted and very funny.



I was very excited and I felt really optimistic about studying here, to get to know so many people from all around the world, and also to travel to different countries. As a result, I obtained more than I could have ever expected. I will carry with me few but very good friends, people to whom I will always feel grateful, with whom I will always keep being in touch with through social media, remembering all the moments that we lived in "Palachova": some of them good, some others bad, but undoubtedly, these were (until now) the most beautiful months in my life.