

MY SEMESTER IN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

The semester in Hradec Králové was an adventure I never could have imagined. Arriving in this university town in the Czech Republic, with its quiet streets and historic buildings, felt like stepping into a small world of its own, yet with an international spirit. From the very first days, I met people from all over the world: from Spain to Turkey, from Italy to Japan. With them, I shared not only classes and university projects, but also impromptu dinners, late-night conversations, and endless walks around the city, discovering hidden corners and cozy cafés together.

Traveling was at the heart of the Erasmus experience. The first stop was Krakow, a city that fascinated me with its deep history and timeless charm. Walking through the Old Town, between Wawel Castle and the Main Market Square, and soaking up the lively atmosphere of cafés and small shops, felt like diving into the past without losing touch with modern life.

Bratislava, on the other hand, surprised me with its understated elegance and proximity to the Danube. The castle overlooking the city and the narrow streets of the center, filled with street art and small bistros, left me with memories of long evening walks with my Erasmus friends, full of laughter and impromptu photos.

Budapest was the most intense stop: between thermal baths, cruises on the Danube, and streets illuminated at night, the city made me feel the magic of Central Europe. It was there that I learned to mix cultural exploration with the lightheartedness of days spent with people who, like me, were living a unique experience.

Every trip, every encounter, and every discovery made this semester unforgettable. Hradec Králové was not just a base to start from, but the place where a network of international friendships was born—friendships that will last a lifetime. After all, Erasmus is not just about traveling; it's about discovering the world through the eyes of others and finding, among different languages and cultures, a sense of global community that is hard to forget.