

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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My stay in Hradec Králové has exceeded all my expectations. Staying in a foreign country for several months can be scary, but it is worth it. I have learnt so much, and I have grown as well. Hradec Králové is a beautiful city with a short distance to both the capital and other neighboring countries. There is so much to see and experience in Hradec. Czech people have been nothing but helpful, regardless of the language barrier. Actually, to get by in Hradec, you have to learn a few easy phrases, since most people here don't speak English.

Hradec is also very cheap, especially if you come from outside the European Union. The University of Hradec Králové has also been very flexible and it has been easy to communicate with teachers. The lectures have been interesting and there has not been too much to do... I mean, even though you go to school, you still have a lot of free time to experience both the city and everything outside the city. A good recommendation is to stay in the dorms since it will be easier to make friends. Joining the gatherings at the dorms is a good way to get to know other Erasmus students in Hradec.

On the other hand, if you choose to live in the city centre, almost everything is within walking distance. A shock I experienced being a Norwegian, is how polite people here are. They are also very grateful when you try to use some Czech phrases because you show some interest in their culture. And even though many things here are not digital, it is still easy to get by.



It is also important to remember to always have cash with you because some places don't have bank-terminals. The city also has great nightlife with a variety of pubs and nightclubs you can try. If you are a beer-lover, you will love this country. Beer is cheaper than water, so make sure you remember to drink water.

