

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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My Erasmus in Hradec Králové has been one of the best experiences of my life. Since the beginning, I have been convinced about my decision of coming to the Czech Republic to spend 5 months with new people. I needed to go out, hang around, meet new people, learn about other cultures, travel... to change my routine and live my life in a different way. With a lot of energy to enjoy my youth, I think I have made the most of my Erasmus. People here are very nice; everyone tries to help. When I arrived, the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) organized a lot of cool events that helped students to meet each other. The way in which everything was organized surprised me as every day something new was ready for us. I especially loved the Welcome Party, in which I met people from other nationalities. Besides, I have made a group of friends that I am going to miss a lot. They have been there my whole Erasmus, including our trips to neighboring countries, parties, birthdays, and nice plans.

Although the weather in Hradec Králové is freezing, I have liked the city a lot. It is not very big, but it has really good vibes. There are some clubs, parks and beautiful landscapes to visit. The dormitory is located in front of a lake where we had done some barbecues, and it is near a football field where we used to play football.





Moreover, there is a gym right next to the dormitory (something that has encouraged me to stay fit) and three supermarkets. In general, public transport is very easy to take and everything is close so it does not take a long time to displace to other locations.

Regarding the university, their treatment has been excellent. The International Office has cared a lot about Erasmus students, who at the beginning are usually lost. My coordinator has facilitated me with very useful information, and she has helped me with any kind of problem here. The University of Hradec Králové (UHK) is very cool because they prepare games and, sometimes, they even give you gifts! I really recommend coming to Hradec Králové because it is 2 hours away from Prague, a gorgeous city. Likewise, the Czech Republic is part of Central Europe, which makes it easy to travel a lot. Besides, life is here is not very expensive especially if you are coming from a country like Spain, Germany or France. Thus, the living costs are quite low.

I am very happy to have spent my Erasmus in Hradec Králové!