

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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What is an exchange? Well, an exchange is the mixture of cultures, learning, and knowledge, which is exactly what the Erasmus experience was for me. Several months ago, I was studying in my home country and one day, I found out that there was the possibility for me to do a semester abroad, specifically in Hradec Králové. The idea excited me a lot. The dream of studying in Europe, meeting new people, and being able to see the old continent is attractive to anyone, so I decided to go through the process and I received the news that my application was approved. And that's where my trip began because, to be honest, the journey begins when you prepare yourself for it.

Once I arrived in the country, my fears felt more latent and real; it was no longer just a dream, now I was practically alone in a new country and with people I had met just a few hours before -although, during my flight, I met one of my best friends who became my roommate and my travel companion throughout my stay-. The first contact I had was very welcoming since there was a volunteer who helped me and my new friend to settle in and taught us more or less how the experience was and how to move around in this new place.

The first fifteen days were the most difficult for me because being away from home and sharing my days and my room with new people was a challenge that I had never had to live but as the hours and minutes passed, I built bonds with my mates and now I consider them as a family that I will miss throughout my life, The people, the teachings and the feelings that you discover in a multicultural and international experience like this are undoubtedly intangible treasures that I will keep and remember with happiness... A few days before my time here comes to an end, I am sure that it has been the best decision I have made.

The quality of the teachers and their vision reminded me a lot of when I started my university degree: that spark of something new and the excitement of seeking to be the best student in my class was rekindled once I started at the university. It is true that the English classes were a challenge but after a few days, believe me, you get used to and enjoy the excitement of seeing new things and meeting your lecturers -and I must mention that some of them have an impressive career that would amaze anyone-. Quality, secular, and very organized are the words that I would use to describe the teaching transmitted by the professors of the university of Hradec Králové. The fellowship and support that the other students give you can be felt in the air, from creating reading or study groups to receiving advice. That's what helped me to learn and get the best out of each of my classes and teachers... But this does not end here because the illusion and desire to learn was growing with each of my classes and with every hour I spent learning with my new friends and classmates.



Erasmus for me was a set of emotions and learning that developed a new Anthropologist in me and awakened the desire to travel more and learn about the different cultures of the world.

If you are looking for a family, good friends, and quality education as well as touring a new country, Erasmus and the University of Hradec Králové are for sure the right ones for you.