

The process before coming to Hradec Králové was a little bit stressful but without any doubt it was worth the best experience of my life.

I always wanted to come to Czech Republic but besides Prague I didn't know much about other places. That was when I discovered Hradec Králové, which there was not a lot of information about. Luckily I had two friends that had already been here for Erasmus+ so I talked to them while choosing the options. I was very afraid that I wouldn't be able to come to Erasmus+ but I not only came but also could realize my dream of studying in Czech Republic.

Until now I still think that it was the destiny bringing me here, the place where I lived happily over the past few months.

At first I was afraid, moving abroad without any family or friends can be very scary, always thinking if I would be able to make new friends, to travel, to adapt to a new language and culture. Spoiler from the future to Maria from September, you made it and it couldn't be better!

When I arrived, the trip was very tiring, but my buddy from ESN was amazing and she helped me a lot, both before and when I arrived.

I was very excited about the idea of leaving "alone" without my parents but at the same time nervous because what if I couldn't be friends with my roommates? That was never a problem, I wouldn't even call them roommates but my friends, since the first day we met, we all went along so well! I'm very grateful for each one of them. When I found out that we all spoke Portuguese, I felt at ease because there are some feelings that can only be expressed in our own language, and with them it was possible. I was never alone and we made a lot of good memories together, since trips, the Christmas, to the deep talks about everything.

I liked living in the Palachova, because we can talk and be friends with the other Erasmus students that are having the same experience as us. Palachova is very well localized, and I can go to anywhere in Hradec by bus. Also shopping groceries is a lot easier because there are different supermarkets around the dormitory.

Something that I think is an extremely good point is that here the transports work and we can arrive fast at any place. Also the price for the transport card is affordable,

Learning Czech and more about the culture of Czech Republic and the Central Europe is being a very enriching experience, and after these months Hradec Králové feels my second home.

Thankfully to the good localization of Czech Republic it's very easy to travel by bus or train to the countries around here, so I could get to know a lot of different places, cultures and make good memories.

Studying in the Hradec Kralove Philosophical Faculty was amazing, i'm very grateful to the teachers, i learned a lot with them and they were all very welcoming and helpful.

100% that Hradec will go with me whatever i go, was a very important experience where i've grown up, learned a lot. Go back is very difficult, specially when we were so happy in a place. I've made friends for life!

