

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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Describing the experience of living in the Czech Republic is not an easy thing to do in a few lines. Coming to a country that is halfway across the world with zero expectations and finally leaving the same place calling it home is one of the best things anyone can experience, and everyone should try and at least give it a shot.

Being 6 months living in Palachova is for sure the best experience I have had in my student's epoque. The environment of the dormitory is unique, a place where you are never bored because there is always something to do, even if it's not a party, you can always call a classmate, a friend, or even a roommate to cook together or watch a movie. Everybody comes here for the educational part, but the side-experience is even better: getting to meet people from almost everywhere in the world and even learning at least some phrases in different languages is truly something that nobody talks about enough- You get to know the culture, the ways of talking or even some customs from places you've never thought about.

In my personal experience in Hradec Králové, I got to meet a lot of people that now I'm glad I can call friends. I got the chance to make a lot of trips around the country and even to other parts of Europe with people I met during the semester at the university. There was even a time when a lot of people organized independently to go to Budapest on the same date, and there I got to meet three of the people that would end up being my best friends during my stay.

The schedule of the classes I had was perfectly planned for me to have free time, especially on weekends, which I used for traveling or just resting. Finally, I can say that the most important part of my stay at UHK was not the classes themselves, even though I thought it would be like that, but the personal interactions that helped me to improve my English and even learning new stuff I never thought I would even get to know because they are so distant from me.

Coming to the Czech Republic means that you come to one of the most beautiful and underrated places in Europe and the whole world, it means coming to a place where you can try the best beer in the world and for very cheap prices, Coming to the Czech republic means coming to a place that even though is one of the most different places from my home country it feels like home.