

## Travel Report

### GENERAL INFORMATION

---

What was your semester abroad like?

<b>I agree to the publication of the report and attached photos (there are no third parties rights to these photos)</b>	Yes
<b>New outgoing students sometimes ask us for a way to contact former outgoings. Are we allowed to pass on your contact details in case of inquiries?</b>	Yes
<b>My stay (this information will not be displayed if the report is published)</b>	
<b>Academic year</b>	2022/2023
<b>Start semester</b>	Frühjahr/Spring 2023
<b>Duration in semesters</b>	1
<b>Study program at EUF</b>	BA European Cultures and Society
<b>Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students)</b>	
<b>Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students)</b>	
<b>Subject 3 (only applicable to teacher training students)</b>	
<b>Host country</b>	France
<b>Host university</b>	Université Lumière Lyon 2

### YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

---

<b>How did you prepare for the semester abroad? What should be organized in advance?</b>	The most important part is finding acomodation in advance in a new country. Another challenge was preparing the lugagge with limited space and deciding what I will need or not.
<b>Do you have any recommendations for environmentally friendly travel (if applicable)?</b>	In my situation, I took the plane, but a more environmentally friendly way of travel would be using the electric transportation.
<b>Where did you live and how did you find your accommodation (self-organized/provided by host university, dormitory/private etc.)?</b>	Because I didn't get accomodation from the university, I had to find it myself and I was lucky to find a studio through a private person.
<b>Did you participate in events for exchange students? How did you establish social contacts in other ways?</b>	Yes, I particitaped in some of the organised trips for international students around the city and outside it, where I had the opportunity to interract with a lot of different and interesant people. Other ways of establishing contacts were spending time together outside the university and organising trips together.

<b>How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities, staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?</b>	I was quite satisfied with the host university because the staff was very nice and we benefited from the same facilities as the French students (same prices for food in the student's canteen or public transport). The course offer was diverse and we could choose both from special courses for international students (where the teachers were more understanding with our language difficulties) or regular ones with the French students.
<b>Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?</b>	Yes, I studied French in high school but I took French courses there too. The language was very important during my stay because I had to use it everywhere in the city. I felt very free to socialise with everyone and I improved my French skills considerably during this period.
<b>What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?</b>	Being able to find common interests with people from totally different cultural backgrounds really marked my stay.
<b>Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?</b>	After my stay in France, I realised that French people are fighting a lot for their rights. For example, the students were protesting too for their democracy by blocking the campuses.
<b>How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?</b>	I chose to have courses every day so I can have a routine to follow. I was going shopping after the classes. The hardest part for me was the transportation because my accommodation was outside of the city, but it also gave me the opportunity to prepare for class while in the bus or metro.
<b>Do you have any recommendations for a sustainable stay abroad (projects, initiatives, everyday life)?</b>	A recommendation would be sorting the garbage even if the French people are not so much into it; buying bio products would also contribute a lot to the environments. Another solution for a sustainable stay abroad is participating in the Environmental friendly projects or protests.
<b>How did you manage financially? How much did you spend on visa (if applicable), travel, accommodation (per month), living expenses, leisure activities, other expenses (books etc.)?</b>	In my opinion, France is more expensive than Germany. I would say that most of the money was spent on living expenses (470 euro for a studio) and the food. The financial aid from Erasmus covered just a part of it and I had to use my own savings for the leisure activities, shopping or other things.
<b>What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?</b>	My best experience was meeting amazing people from all around the world. I made a lot of friends and I had the opportunity to discover myself in another country.
<b>Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?</b>	Yes, I would highly recommend a semester abroad for those who are interested in the French culture and the French language. This is a great opportunity to improve your language skills and get in contact with the French daily life.

## PHOTOS

---

In this section, you may upload some photos that represent your stay abroad. When selecting the photos, please bear in mind that the pictures will be visible online if you have given us the permission to publish your report.

**Photo (1)**

**Photo (2)**

**Photo (3)**

**Photo (4)**

**Photo (5)**

**Photo (6)**

**Here you have the possibility to enter descriptions/explanations for the photos**