

Travel Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

What was your semester abroad like?

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| I agree to the publication of the report and attached photos (there are no third parties rights to these photos) | Yes |
| 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? | Yes |
| My stay (this information will not be displayed if the report is published) | |
| Academic year | 2022/2023 |
| Start semester | Herbst/Fall 2022/23 |
| Duration in semesters | 1 |
| Study program at EUF | BA European Cultures and Society |
| Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students) | |
| Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students) | |
| Subject 3 (only applicable to teacher training students) | |
| Host country | Hungary |
| Host university | Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem |

YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

How did you prepare for the semester abroad? What should be organized in advance?

You should organise in advance: -accomodation: There are a lot of offerings specifically targeted at erasmus-students. However, be careful that you are not scammed. Stick to agencies with official websites and always request a video call where the flat is shown to you. Never send anyone money, you've met on facebook. And don't go there without having a place to live, it's not worth the stress. It's best to start looking immediately once you have your confirmation. The good stuff is gone fast! -insurance: going to the doctor's in Budapest without global health insurance is expensive. -In Hungary facebook is still used regularly. You can join the university's international groups to stay up to date with all the events

Where did you live and how did you find your accommodation (self-organized/provided by host university, dormitory/private etc.)?

I lived in the 6th district (6th or 7th are the best ones. Lots of bars, cute cafés, clubs and cool stores) I found and ad posted by the agency on facebook, checked if they had a website and requested a video call. Some aspects of your daily life in Budapest are quite cheap, however, rent is not one of them. I paid around 400€ for 10 m2 in a shared flat with four other students

Did you participate in events for exchange students? How did you establish social contacts in other ways?

Join the facebook groups. DON't participate in the ELB trips, they are usually not worth their money. Badly organised and not worth it. I participated in the Prague/Brno/Bratislava trip, that one was okay but we mostly did our own thing and didn't join for the ELB organised events. You meet people very fast, through partys, uni and don't be shy to join events organised by ESN. Everybody is in the same position and more than happy to meet other people :)

How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities, staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?

The university is one of the better ones in Hungary. But comapered to EUF you can tell that everything is not as modern regarding the facilities. But that's okay and part of the experience. Additionally, the requirements for students (and Erasmus students in particular) is way lower than in Gemany. So you can relax, everything should be manageable. I too a class, "The Orban Regime and Beyond", which I can recommend hugely if you are interested in politics and want to understand more about the political development in Hungary.

Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?

I enrolled in a language course but IMO it's not worth it. It is fun if you are interested in language but it's more to get a general feeling for the language as it is one of the most difficult european languages. Most people speak English or German, so it's not necessary to learn it.

What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?

I've met people from all over the world and learned to develop an understanding for cultural differences and peculiarities.

Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?

I now have a different view on Central/Eastern Europe. I've learned about their rich cultural and beatiful nature and that they are so much more than the "poor" and neglected part of Europe They are immensely undervalued. There are the most beautiful cities, good food and kind people.

How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?

Transportation, going out to eat and party is way cheaper than in Germany. You can get a very nice meal at the restaurant with something to drink for 10€. (Grocery) shopping price are comparable to Grman prices.

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.)?

If you stick to you budget you can manage pretty well in Budapest. However, as rent is comparable to German (not Flensburg) prices and if you want to travel it can get more expensive fast. I've spent monthlyaround 400€ rent 30€ for weekly grocery shopping around 20/25€ when going out and then there are also trips with their expenses. The Erasmus grant is a nice add on but doesn't cover expenses the slightest.

What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?

I loved how easy it is to travel to other neighbouring countries. Train tickets to Vienna are 13€ and I can recommed to make the most out of this. Nothing is further away than 3h by train. I've been to Zagreb, Prague, Brno, Bratislava, Vienna and various smaller Hunagrian cities. A rain ticket to cities in the area costs around 1,50€.

Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?

You have to be aware that Budapest is very touristy and mostly known for its buzzing nightlife. If that is totally your thing, do it! You can party there everyday and very cheap. A lot is organised by the uni's erasmus network and the city is very beautiful. It is still a big city, very loud, full and there is a very noticeable gap between rich and poor. If the big city life isn't something you enjoy I would not recommend it. Oterwise, yes. Budapest is a n up and coming vibrant city with a lot of opportunities for young people.

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