



PERSONAL REPORT

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MY EXPERIENCE IN STUTTGART

I could say that going on Erasmus has been one of the best experiences of my life.

It is true that at the beginning I was not very sure about going abroad to study, but I do not regret having been able to enjoy this experience.

The first few days were a bit strange, as many things were not the same as what I was used to. What helped me a lot was that I was coming from Bilbao with another university classmate, and thanks to that the first days were much more bearable. Another thing that helped me a lot was the university, since from the first moment they offered us a lot of help with things related to the subjects of the university as well as with insurance and paperwork that we had to do because we were new in the city.

The first classes were German classes. We started to get to know our classmates a little better, each one coming from a different part of the world. It was a great experience since I had never had contact with this language before.

After the first month of intensive learning of German and after getting used a little bit more to the new culture and city, the second month came quickly, and with it the trips.



Photo of the excursion to the TV Tower

I had the good fortune to meet a group of people that I can now call friends. With them I started to plan some trips around Stuttgart. The first one was to the Black Forest, where we could learn a bit more about Germany and its customs.

Shortly after that, college classes began. We were quite surprised by the few hours of classes we had, but it is true that they were few but intense.

The teachers were very nice and made the classes fun. I also have to say that I found the subjects we covered interesting and I learned a lot about other cultures and specifically about German culture. Most of the classes were practical in which we had to do a lot of presentations and work.



This is a picture of one of the subjects

It wasn't all about studying, the days I didn't have class I took the opportunity to visit a lot of cities in Europe.

The first trip we made started in Budapest, where we spent three very nice days. Then we took a bus and traveled to Bratislava, where apart from visiting the city we attended a party where we met with Spanish students who were on erasmus in other European cities. After a few days in this city we traveled to our last destination, Vienna. I have to say that it is a spectacular city, since all its streets are beautiful and it has beautiful buildings.

Following this we were working hard to finish the work of one of the subjects about autonomous cars. We were very lucky to be able to test the car simulator of the university and many facilities and machines that I found very interesting.

The next vacation period we had I took the opportunity to get to know Germany a bit better. I made three trips to three different cities: Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt. Each of the cities was very different but I found them all very nice. Besides, the Christmas markets were already set up, which made the city much more beautiful.



Photo on the berlin wall

After returning from these trips we spent the last days in Stuttgart. We took the opportunity to get to know the surroundings of the city a bit more. One day we went to spend the day in Constance, where we could see the beautiful lake that the city has. In these last days we also took the opportunity to visit some of the places that we still had to see in Stuttgart, such as the Killesberg park or the pumpkin park.

In summary, these four months in Germany have been one of the best experiences of my life. I have had the opportunity to meet fantastic people from all over the world, I have learned a lot about other cultures and I have discovered beautiful cities in Europe. I would definitely recommend this experience to all students who have the opportunity.