



PERSONAL REPORT

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BEFORE ARRIVING IN STUTTGART

This report is going to be about my experience in Germany and how and why I made the decision to go to Stuttgart and to this university.

First of all I have to say that I wanted to go to a German city to start learning German, as I understand that it will be very useful to know this language for my future job, and there is no better opportunity to start learning German than going to Germany.

My university offered me many German cities to do the exchange, and I made my selection by looking at their universities and the courses they offered. We had to put 8 universities in order of preference, and I had no doubt that DHBW was my first choice, and they gave it to me.

It was my first choice, because unlike the others DHBW Stuttgart offered an exchange student study programme, and that seemed very interesting to me, both to get to know other cultures and to meet more people.

Also, I was interested in what the city was like, and from what I read I liked it a lot.

As soon as I was accepted by both the university in Spain and the university in Stuttgart, the process after that was very easy, the coordinators of the university in Stuttgart have been very kind and helpful at any time. So, contrary to what I had understood with other experiences in other universities, making the academic agreement was really easy.

And everything seemed to be going well, but the truth is that the experience has far exceeded my expectations, it has been an incredible experience, and probably one of the best experiences of my life.

EXPERIENCES IN STUTTGART

I went with a friend from my university, and we went on the 1st of September, because even though the courses at the university started in October, we did an intensive German course in September.

The intensive German language course takes place in a language academy, but it is offered by the DHBW University as one of the courses for exchange students and we were given credits for it. The truth is that it was a perfect course to start to understand German culture and to get to know the language, highly recommended.

The first month was amazing, the university coordinators prepared many activities for us where we could meet the people we were going to study with and enjoy our free time. They were people from all over the world and we were able to learn a lot from them.



This day was the first day, where they explained everything to us and brought us pizzas so we could meet our colleagues.

And the second picture is when the university gave us the opportunity to go to the tv tower with our buddies.

During that first month we also met many Spaniards, and we started to create a group in which we were all eager to meet people and get to know the world. So in September, we went on our first trips.

We all agreed and went to visit Heidelberg. It is beautiful, highly recommended.



And then we went on a weekend trip, just two weeks after we met. Living abroad is much more intense than normal and you get to know people as if you've known them all your life.

We rented cars and went to visit the villages of the Black Forest. We visited some beautiful German villages and the city of Freiburg and Strasbourg, here are some pictures.



And from then on, everything was incredible, it's inexplicable how you get to connect with all the people and how much you get to know each one of them.

We did a lot of travelling and in between trips we went to the university courses we had signed up for. The truth is that they are not the courses we are used to in Bilbao.

