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Q: Can you describe your Erasmus studies in terms of teaching and student life?

A: It was an indescribable and self-confident experience in which I was in a constant tempo and socialization. Thanks to the courses at my university in Hungary, I was able to improve myself a lot and student life was full of activities.

Q: What were the enriching aspects of your studies?

A: I can say that I was classmates with many students of different races and I socialized with them by doing group assignments.

Q: Can you share any memorable cultural experiences or events that you participated in during your time in Europe?

A: On March 15th, the Hungarian National Day, I went to Budapest with my friends and they were celebrating with songs and dances in the city center and we even joined them. That day I bought a badge with the Hungarian flag and I still have it.

Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?

A: I ate Goulas, Kurtoskalacs and Langos as Hungarian foods and Langos is my favorite.

Q:How about the weather, atmosphere and people?

A: I went in the spring semester and it was very cold in Hungary until June. I think the people were very friendly. I stayed at a Hungarian friend's house for a week and his family was very hospitable.

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Q: Did you have the opportunity to explore other cities or countries during your time in Europe?

A: Yes, with the student ticket, I visited most of the cities in Hungary because they were free of charge. Apart from that, I went to Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria and Slovenia.

Q: Have you tried learning the local language? Can you say something in the local language?

A: Yes I tried a bit! Köszönöm as Thank you, Bocsánat as Sorry.

Q: What is your general impression about country?

A: Hungary was a small but lively country, It was also cheaper than other European countries and transportation within the country was very easy.

Q: Would you recommend other Turkish students to apply for studies in Europe or internship?

A: Exactly! You can go abroad at any time of your life, but it is very different to have such an experience as a student. You should definitely try it



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