



#ERASMUS  
DAYS



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

**A:** Compared to our classes, the course content was different. There were some similar points, of sure, but not many. Therefore, I think I improved myself at different points. Additionally student life was quieter because there was no campus life for students.

**Q: What were the enriching aspects of your studies?**

**A:** I would say different course contents and friends from different races.

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

**A:** Being in a country with Baltic and Russian culture, the whole culture seemed very different at first, but I welcomed this difference because I realized from the first moment that I was going to experience a completely different culture. As soon as the weather started to warm up, different kinds of festivals started and they were all very fun and fascinating. I was able to get to know a completely different culture. The simplest thing is to wait for the green light with everyone else, even if there are no cars at the red light, which we don't care about that much.

**Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?**

**A:** I discovered different flavors rather than dishes.



**Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?**

**A:** It's a country with cold weather and you directly encounter that winter atmosphere. People living in cold countries have serious expressions on the outside, but the moment you get in touch with them, you realize that they are lovely.

**Q: Did you have the opportunity to explore other cities or countries during your time in Europe? If yes, what were some highlights of your travels?**

**A:** Yes, and the main focus of these trips, as a student, was always the budget. Because of that, you can suddenly find yourself sleeping on the floor at the airport. After setting the budget, it's all about the happiness of discovering a new country and the energy that somehow gives you the ability to travel everywhere, no matter how tired you are.

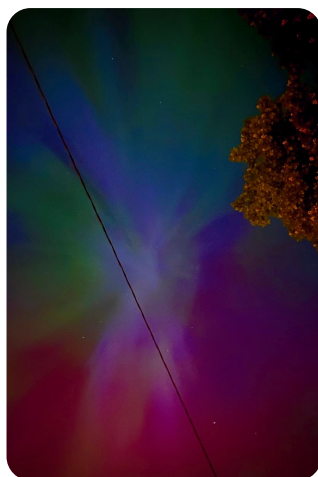
**Q: Have you tried learning local language? Can you say something in the local language?**

**A:** Yes, words and phrases like *sueiki*, *labdien*, *kā tev iet*, *es mīlu tevi*, *nakama pietura* became something we used constantly for fun. Especially *nakama pietura*, which means next stop and is said at the beginning of every bus stop, we continued to use it with our friends even after we returned to Turkey.



**Q: What is your general impression about country?**

**A:** The country is a sweet Baltic country. It has both Russian and European influences. Because of this, there is a chance to experience more culture. It is a country with long and very cold winters. For people like me who don't mind the cold weather, I think it is definitely a country where you can live.



**Q: Would you recommend other Turkish students to apply for Erasmus studies?**

**A:** I highly recommend it. I am sure they will have an experience they will never forget in their lives. Everyone should go, see and live this experience.

