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

A: The education at my school was challenging and did not provide facilities for Erasmus students like other schools. It is really a university to come for academic purposes. They also had many cultural activities. As a result, student life in Europe differs according to the school we go to. But either way, you will definitely have a quality student life.

Q: What were the enriching aspects of your studies?

A: I would say that the student is definitely valued. Also, being able to study in a different country in the same class with people of different nationalities. Lastly, it increases the ability to live on your own in an unfamiliar country without knowing anyone and to solve problems.

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

A: Since there was no Christmas in Turkey, I had never participated in any Christmas related event or environment before. During the 2-week Christmas holiday, I went to Germany and France. There I visited many 'Christmast markets'. Everything was alive, the lights and decorations were incredible. There were sweet smells and wine smells coming from everywhere. It was a very different environment and I loved this culture.

Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?

A: Yes, I did. In Portugal I had Pastel de Nata and I got addicted. In Spain I had churros in the oldest churros place in Madrid, it was incredibly good.



Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?

A: Since I was doing erasmus in the fall semester, the weather was usually rainy. In general, Porto had a much milder climate than other European cities. The atmosphere and the people were very nice. Portugal has Mediterranean culture and people are friendly.

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: I went to Lisbon and Aveiro in Portugal. Lisbon was very beautiful. Aveiro was a cute little town. Other than that, I traveled to Germany, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Spain and the Netherlands. Of all the places I visited, I liked Spain the most. At Christmas time, I went to Strausburg, a very famous Christmas city.

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

A: I had the chance to learn a little bit of Portuguese. I can say 'bom dia' and 'boa noite'.

Q: What is your general impression about country?

A: Portuguese people are very friendly and warm. They are helpful. But they are very slow. If we had something to do at the bank, government offices or anywhere else, we had to wait a long time.

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

A: Absolutely. Because the Erasmus program is something that every student should experience at least once. Of course, they can go to those countries to travel in the future, but the chance to study or internship as a student is a great advantage. At the same time, they will have the best time of their lives because there will always be Erasmus students like them around them.

