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

A: I can say that my internship in Europe contributed to my education more practically than theoretically. I think student life is something that I cannot fully evaluate because I came in the summer and I will return at the end of the summer.

Q: What were the enriching aspects of your traineeship?

A: Here, I had the opportunity to be involved in more operations than I could have been in my last year at my own school, and I had the chance to practice blood collection, wound care, drain and intravenous catheter removal, first by watching other trainees and then by practicing it myself.

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

A: I had the opportunity to attend a concert of a classical music piece I have been listening to for years. It was a fascinating few hours for me.

Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?

A: I can't say it's my favorite dish, but when I went to Paris, I had snails in a historic French restaurant. It tasted pretty good. I thought it was going to be something sticky and bad, but the flavor was good.



Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?

A: It can rain at any time in Germany and the weather is generally humid, but despite this, Essen is a cool city in general compared to Turkey.

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, I had the opportunity to visit many cities but my favorites are Berlin, Paris, Trier, Amsterdam and Cologne.

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

A: My German level was A1-A2 when I came here, but I carried it a little further, especially in the hospital and social environments, and I also learned something about German Medical Terminology. Let me tell you something I heard from one of our patients: "Schönen Feierabend!" and this means good afternoon in Turkish.

Q: What is your general impression about country?

A: Germany is a country of rules, in general people obey the rules, pedestrians obey traffic lights at a really high rate, vehicles do the same. I observed Germany as a place where people are generally what we call cold, but in fact they don't really care about what others are doing, everyone has their own personal space even in public areas.

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

A: Despite everything, everyone should go at least once. To be honest, my internship conditions are a bit heavy, we work between 7-15, bloodletting, wound care, assisting the lecturers in operations, etc. My days were quite busy and it was a very difficult thing for me to get up about 2 hours earlier than I normally get up for my own faculty because we started work at 7, but I think it was worth it, even if it was tiring, so I can say that be prepared for what may be a heavy program, but despite everything, although you cannot travel every moment, they are all very valuable experiences.

