

Hello Everyone! It's time for a new story about Erasmus experience! Dominik will tell us about his adventures in Malaga :)

Hey! Please introduce yourself and tell us about your hobbies! :)

My name is Dominik, I'm 22. I'm from Poland and I'm studying Psychology. My hobbies are : football, music, books about self-development, deep talks with people and parties!

Could you tell us what place you decided to choose as your Erasmus destination? What was your first feeling when you arrived there? What did you hear about this city before and what you were excited about?

I've chosen Malaga in Spain as my Erasmus destination. When I arrived there it was so beautiful, I already felt amazing about what is going to happen. To be completely honest my only expectation in the beginning was an amazing weather and Málaga didn't disappoint me :)

Why did you decide to choose Malaga as your Erasmus destination?

I think there were 2 reasons :

1. It's a great challenge for me to conduct my studies in completely other language (Spanish) and I like challenges a lot :)
2. THE WEATHER :)

Tell us a little bit more about the application process. Is it hard? Do you have any suggestions for students who want to take part in Erasmus+ program as well?

The whole application process in Poland was in my opinion very well explained by mails. It was actually written step by step what to do. Also I consider myself lucky because my Erasmus Office back in Opole was extremely helpful with all my questions and doubts.

Did you think long time whether you should do it? What ultimately convinced you?

I just really wanted to do it when I started my studies (I'm on 4th year now) and there came the time when it was totally "Now or Never".

Why do you think it's a good idea to study in a different country? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this decision?

I don't really see any disadvantages except different levels of education and it could get really hard to pass (especially if you study in different language). In the first place I was told that there is no problem for me to take exams in English but it turned out that I need to take them in Spanish.

Advantages : you develop culturally, learn language really fast, meet amazing people, travel, party and much more!

Are classes at the University hard? Is it hard to pass exams?

Yes. Yes. :D

What do you like the most about this city?

I love the people in there. If you go on Erasmus you have a chance to meet a lot of people and more important - you meet the people that are just like you!

What surprised you the most when you started living there?

I wasn't really surprised by anything to be honest. I guess I was really well prepared for this adventure.

What do you recommend to do in Malaga? How can you spend your free time there?

At the first place of course I would recommend to go to the beach and enjoy the sun and waves! But really there is such a lot to do in Málaga - a lot of museums, city view points, pubs, clubs, stadium, exceptional restaurants and the city is just marvellous ♥

Your favourite places in Malaga and close to this city. What are the best places to visit? Did you visit any other places in Spain?

Near Málaga there are a lot of cities worth visiting such as : Granada, Cordoba, Sevilla, Marbella, Murcia...

In the first semester I focused more on other parts that are Portugal (Porto, Algarve), Gibraltar, Ibiza, Mallorca :)

How about the transport? Is it hard to find buses / trains / flights to other places? Is it expensive / cheap?

The transport around Málaga is really well organised in daylight, at night though it's a disaster haha

If you get your bus card fast and you remember to recharge it every month, its really cheap (around 30€ per month). Be aware of airport buses - your card is not accessible in those, you always need to pay for the ticket (4€) and always remember to have some change with you because the driver have a right not to sell you a ticket if you pay for example with an 100€ bill.

Can you describe Spanish people? What are they like?

Spanish people are really nice... For the Spanish culture it's just a normal thing to wish a great day or say thanks for even the smallest things.

On the other hand Spaniards don't care that much. They always have time and usually end up starting a project couple hours before deadline :D

Is it difficult to communicate with them in English? Do they know English or foreigners should know at least a little bit of Spanish?

I think some Spanish people know English but it's definitely better to know at least some basics of Spanish.

Tip : If you know a word in English, just make it sound Spanish and there is really a high chance that it's correct :D

Is Spain an expensive country?

Not that much. Of course to live your life here you need some savings but I will label it as affordable.

Your favourite Spanish food! What can you recommend to non-Spanish people?

Definitely Chorizo! I love it! In addition, it's really worth to try Paella and sea cuisine in general (they know how to do it in here :D).

P.S. Sangria... A lot of Sangria!

Would you recommend to others to go there or in general take part in Erasmus+ program?

Of course I would recommend... It's your one and only chance in life to make something like this. I wouldn't care much about the place for Erasmus (everyone should choose what they like) but I can assure you that everywhere you go, amazing people and unforgettable memories are waiting for you there. <3

Dominik, thank you so much for sharing your experience with us! :)