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Country and city of destination: Portugal

Receiving institution: Faculty of Architecture, University of Lisboa.

It's all by coincident that I heard Erasmus from a friend who has taken the Erasmus Program. He introduced the life in Denmark which impressed me deeply. Except Pécs, I hope I can experience another city for a long time in order to know deeply of a new city. This is an important point for me.

As far as I am concerned, the relatively difficulty for me is the language. But thanks to that most of the Portuguese can speak English, at least a little. When choosing course, I met several problems that some of the courses are in Portuguese and I was not sure the exact subjects. So one way is to ask student association if some students in high grades who know the language the prof in. Another way is to go to the class personally and check with prof if he/she speaks English.

In terms of travelling, because of the stay in Lisbon is a long time. Actually, I have a long time to explore the city. It 's really easy to find the tourist attractions on Internet. After join several facebook groups, it's more easy to find activities in the city.

In Faculty of architecture, university of Lisbon, They don't offer dormitory. So I had to find apartment by myself. Finally, I found an apartment on the website 'student housing.' The rental is 1000 Euros (almost including bills). I shared the rental with another friend so 500 Euros for each of us. In Lisbon the average rental is about 400 euros. So if you want to rent a cheaper apartment, you have to prepare it much more earlier when you arrive there.

For the transportation in Lisbon, students who under 23 years old can make a monthly card for special price and this is the best way because almost everyday I had to take bus to faculty. In terms of restaurant, after I met some friends in Lisbon, they always brought me to some local restaurants. Here I want to list some: Pasteis de Belem, Cervejaria Ramiro. One thing should be mentioned is that it's really easy to go to Spain from Portugal.

For me The monthly fee is about 1000Euros (including rental).

The Erasmus life is really excellent for me not only the trip but also the school life. The local ESN is really helpful that they will help you when you meet any problem and they provided a lot of activities like party, conferences and so on.

The receiving institution is a really excellent and professional faculty. They have only architecture, urbanism, interior design and fashion design. It's a professional design institution. The professors there are full of experience. During the courses they will offer a lot professional conferences. The project I did is also interesting because you can choose the type of project which interests you. For study, I finished all the courses successfully and get somehow good grades.

The best thing for me is to make a lot of friends including local students and other Erasmus students. For the project, teamwork is really essential. During this course, I would make deep friendship with others.

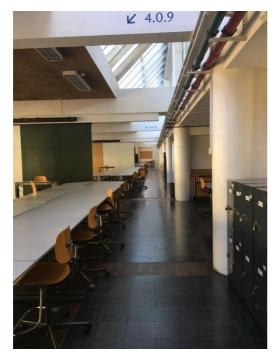
I am willing to recommend Erasmus to other students because it's a really gorgeous chance to live in another city for a quite long time, experience local life and meet new people. Actually, to feel the cultural shock is quite important.

For study, it's also nice to have different educational system to be

a diversification person.



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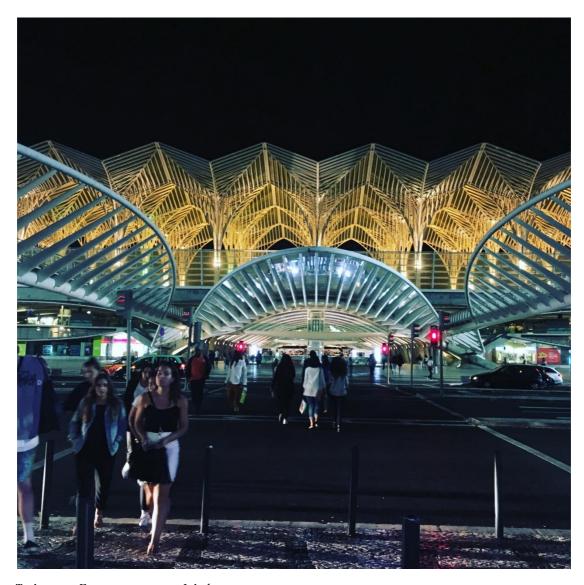
Classrooms are connected with a long corridor



Taking classes.



Roca, Portugal The end of the Continental Europe



Trip to Expo center, Lisbon



Trip to Porto, Portugal

Thanks to Erasmus, it's an excellent experience of studying and trip for me.