My journey in Finland

When I first heard that I am going to go to Finland as part of an Erasmus project I was very excited and nervous. I was a little afraid that I will have to talk with people in English and Finnish people won't be helpful.

I was wrong. Everyone was so kind and helpful. They were so talkative; it was nice and easy to have a conversation with anyone there. At first, I was really shy, and I didn't dare to start a conversation or to ask a question. But my fellow Hungarian students were brave, and they asked a lot of questions, and this gave me a lot of courage. So, I started to get braver and talk as much as I could. In the secondary school I talked with a few students; the most common topics were usually the Finnish and the Hungarian school systems, Finland and Hungary themselves. For me the Finnish school system was shockingly good. What I really liked about it was that the students there have independence; They can make their own schedule so they can choose to do what they are interested in. They can also decide if they want to go to school in the morning or in the afternoon. What was also different from the Hungarian schools is that there are 75-minute lessons in some schools, so they only have four classes a day. While here we only have two timetables per year, they have five.

It was also shocking that education is free of charge: the meal is free, they get laptops for free and even the bus tickets they use to go to school are free. The teachers were also really kind. We could talk to them anytime we wanted to. They made presentations for us. One of them took us on a sightseeing tour around the city we were in. She was very kind, and she said a lot of fun facts. During the week we went to two museums: the Kuopio and the Old Kuopio Museum. We went up to the Puijo Tower. The view was beautiful. In the hotel where we were staying, there was a wellness section with swimming pools and spas. I was only in the swimming pool, because I don't really like spas, and they said that the Finnish spas are quite hot. Instead, I was playing mini golf with my roommates.

On our last day at school some teachers brought their pets, they were so cute!

I really enjoyed that week and I learned a lot. The company was amazing and joyful. I am very grateful that I could be there.

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