

Erasmus Exchange Experience

The semester in Pamplona started with very unpleasant rainy weather, therefore we had to explore the sunnier and warmer coast of Spain – the northern beauty – San Sebastian (Donostia) in País Vasco (Basque Country) region. It is a truly marvelous place; there is a beautiful beach with turquoise colored water, warm sand, waves suitable for surfing and +25 degrees Celsius.

Our Erasmus group enjoyed this opportunity of summer in autumn every weekend all September.

Through San Sebastian also Camino de Santiago goes through, and a lot of pilgrims can be seen passing by and passing through, and we decided to enjoy a little of the spiritual adventure, and climbed the mountain, where all of the coast can be seen and where the Camino signs are.

As the semester progressed, we had a lot of group works, presentations, and reports; therefore we stayed up late, and studied all together.

And my favorite class was the Spanish class, because all of the Erasmus students were enrolled there, so we had at least one class all of us together. It was very nice.



To my surprise, knowing that Halloween is not a National holiday in Spain, it was celebrated widely, and all of youth and kids were disguised. I and my Erasmus friends were invited to a local Halloween celebration, where all of the people had very different and interesting costumes and characters.



And that was only one of many surprises that Spain and Spanish people provided me with. I cannot even begin to describe how much I enjoyed this experience, how much it gave me in terms of my academic, professional and personal growth, how many new friends and acquaintances it gave me, how many new impressions, new places and new experiences it left me with. If I were to describe it all, I could probably write a book of at least 145 pages, a page per day I was there. The goodbyes were sad, and I hope to see my Erasmus friends again soon.

