

## Erasmus in Porto

I am one of those students who could spend a semester in a foreign country thanks to ERASMUS scholarship. My teacher's, friends and other students motivated me in making the decision of taking part in such a big experience.

My choice was Porto (Portugal) more precisely the Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto (ISEP).

Porto is an amazing city with both old and new monuments, bridges, charming small and curvy streets, and other beautiful places. This is a city where you never get bored. Just to mention a few things in that you can find excitement: cultural festivals, sport activities, and the Atlantic Ocean and its beautiful beach with the possibility of surfing, and so on.



Football has an influential part in the city's sport culture; when Porto FC wins the national champion league or any other championships, there are big street parties where any people can take part.

Life in Porto is a little bit more expensive, than in Hungary, especially public transport. The rental costs of a house or a flat/ a room is quite similar. To return to the topic of the Erasmus scholarship program there are a few things you may know. Firstly, it is usually the host institution that offers possibilities for accommodation. You'd better accept the host university's offer because it is very risky to look for accommodation individually. Swindlers, and offers without contracts are very common in Portugal, and if you are not lucky, you can easily find yourself in a very depressing situation. I know it from my own experience.

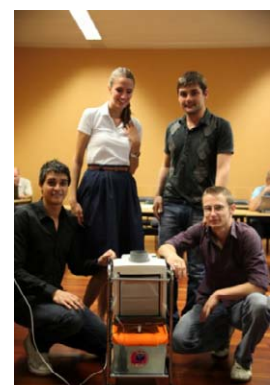


Nightlife in Porto is also great especially if you are an Erasmus student; you can meet students from several countries. Piolho is a kind of meeting point, one of the most popular places where not only Portuguese but also foreign students go before parties. If you ask young people, they will all know where that place is. ESN office (Erasmus Student Network) regularly organize trips, parties, dinners, surf courses and other interesting events typically for Erasmus

students. It is a great opportunity for meeting new people.

I met Catalan guys and Spanish girls who became my lifetime friends. To explore Porto and parties with these people was one of the best things in during my Erasmus.

Erasmus –not mentioning the big parties and entertainment- gives opportunity to practice and develop your language and professional skills and knowledge. I participated in the European Project Semester, with a project work for 20 ECTS credits and five courses (Portuguese, Project Management & Teamwork, Marketing & Communication, Ethics & Deontology in



Engineering, Energy and Sustainable Development) 2 ECTU credits/course. The language of the education was English and the requirement for the courses usually was a Power Point presentation or a report made individually or in a group.

On my return from Porto to Hungary, I flew to Paris, spent the night at the airport, had an around half day long sightseeing trip, and then came a 22 hours bus trip from Paris back to Budapest.

To sum it up, this was one of the greatest experiences in my life. I am happy that I could be involved in such a great opportunity and I honestly recommend it to everyone.

Last but not least I would like to thank Dudás Mária and Kádár Péter, who helped me in everything, and special thanks to everyone who made it possible to me.



If you want know more about my Erasmus or need help in anything do not hesitate to contact me.

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