

My Erasmus in Porto

My name is Miklós Kiss and I am a student of Óbuda University Institution Kandó Kálmán Faculty of Electrical Engineering. I studied in Porto in the University of ISEP (Instituto Politécnico do Porto) with the help of Erasmus Scholarship in 2010 for three months in the autumn semester. Porto is the second largest city in Portugal and always has rivaled Lisbon in economic power.



During this time I tried to learn the Portuguese language and I took part in a project work which helped me for doing my thesis at home. Mostly the teachers were helpful but everybody needs to ask them many times for an appointment because they often forget it. Portuguese people are really relaxed.

Needless to say that there was enough time to discover beautiful areas of Portugal if the ocean climate allowed us for sightseeing. You should see the closer cities like Braga, Coimbra, and Aveiro etc. You have to travel to the Capital of the country to see how amazing Lisbon is. It is like a metropolis and of course with much higher prices.

About climate, I need to mention that 80 percent of Porto's population does not have any heating system at home. It could be embarrassing to sleep in 15-16 degrees in winter but luckily we were in the 20 percent so we had heating. Other Erasmus students solved this problem with much more blankets.

The prices in Porto are quite similar to Hungary. The food, drinks, the parties are nearly the same price. The only thing which is really expensive is the public transport. We paid almost €35 for five districts in Porto. Renting a room is between €100 - €200 or you can get a flat for €500 including 2-3 bedrooms. It is a little bit expensive but we are lucky because Erasmus pays this. In my opinion €200 for the living per month is perfect if you do not have so high demands.

This all Erasmus thing was a really unforgettable experience. I met many different nationalities, different cultures, and made friends all over the world. I recommend it to everybody to catch the opportunity of the Erasmus program because this is a wonderful experience. Nobody will regret this challenge.

If anybody has any further information of Porto, do not hesitate to contact me.