



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Study programme WUR	BLP Landscape Architecture
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	until 22/12/2023
Exchange destination: University	NTNU
Faculty	Department of Civil engineering
Country	Norway
City	Trondheim

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To broaden my knowledge in terms of city planning and mobility. Also to discover another country and its culture

What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

The university itself has courses I am mainly interested in so that is the main reason. Besides that I like to go into nature in my spare time and Norway has a lot to offer on that side. I have never been there before so I wanted to discover the country

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

From the Netherlands it is possible to go with the train but it takes way more time than other modes of transport. This is the reason I went with the plane as it is by far the cheapest and fastest mode of transport to Norway and within Norway

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	TBA4179 – Urban facilities Management	7.5	The management of Urban facilities	3	Not a very structured course so you have to rely on yourself to keep up
2	TBA4315 – Economics of transport infrastructure	7.5	Economics of transport infrastructure projects and everything involved in it	4	Helpful course as it goes in depth into the economics and planning of big infrastructure projects
3	TBA4345 – Sustainability issues in Transport	7.5	Planning for transport and mobility while keeping it sustainable	5	Very helpful as it covers a lot of topics
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What is it like to study there?

It is comparable to the Netherlands.

What is the culture of the university?

There is not a lot of engagement with local students so you have to rely on other internationals. The teaching culture is mainly lectures and some group work

What does the university offer students additionally?

Nearly everything you can think of is near the university. And you can buy subscriptions for the catering, gym etc.

5. Housing-travelling-living

What are the possibilities for housing?

Housing is mainly covered through the university but there is a small chance you have to search on the private market.

What is the culture of the country like?

The food is worse than in the Netherlands, the quality of fruits and vegetables is bad (especially in the winter). Norwegians are very nice but you always have to be the one initiating the conversation as they are very secluded.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

The costs of public transport are pretty cheap compared to the Netherlands. Everything in

the city is reachable by bus and with Trains and planes you can be everywhere in Norway within a small day

6. Expenses

Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?

E.g. you can also indicate price differences (higher/lower/equal) in comparison to the Netherlands.

Prices in euros

Ticket there: 500 (retour)

Visa if applicable: -

Vaccinations if applicable: -

Insurances (extra, if applicable): -

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: shared apartment (400)

Groceries: 400 per month

Public transport: Bus: 300 for entire semester

Restaurant/going out for dinner: 200 per month

Daytrips/sight-seeing: 1500 entire semester

Additional remarks regarding expenses?

It is hard to know the exact numbers so this is a rough estimation

7. Free time

What are must-sees in the area?

Trondheim itself is not that amazing but the nature surrounding it is beautiful. Ostmarka is a really nice area with a view of the city. Visiting cabins is a really nice way of enjoying the nature and you can book them through the university.

What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth a visit?

Sporting events in Trondheim. (especially Handball, Ice hockey and Football)

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?

Trondheim is a really active city with a lot of things to do, and it is really easy to go hiking as nature is always closeby

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

I think the main challenge is the weather. It is smart to buy some clothes in advance to prepare for the rain, snow and cold. Besides that homesickness is also a challenge so it is important to stay in touch with the people you know at home.

What is your best memory of your time abroad?

Visiting Lofoten with my friends and seeing the northern lights

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