



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Life sciences	
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	01/09/2022	until 06/02/2023
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Czech Republic	
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Brno	
<b>University (exchange)</b>	MendelU	
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Forestry	

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Because it is simply an amazing way to explore new places and get to know new cultures/people.

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

It had great courses in my interest point (forestry), I have never been in Central Europe and food and beer is cheap.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

It is easy accessible with train, but also with airplane and bus if you would like..

## 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
<b>1</b>	Applied Mycology	4	Basics of morphology of fungi, uses, cultures, species, edibility,..	3	Very small amount of studies
<b>2</b>	Basic Principles of Game Management	4	Broad view on regimes concerning hunting mostly, what animals do what damages to forests and agricultural fields etc.	3	
<b>3</b>	Forest Establishment	6	Every process between seed and forest. But then in a more agricultural way, more about forest farms and how you afforest a deforested area.	3	
<b>4</b>	Herbology	4	Lots of different crops used in Cz and Europe, what the purposes are, pest and weed control,..	3	Very small amount of students
<b>5</b>	How to Read the Landscape	5	Analysing a landscape and the viewing the aspects of it to see what changed it and how it became what it is.	4	
<b>6</b>	Log Yards and Sawmilling	4	Every process and machine used from trees in the forest to processed wooden planks	1	Very small amount of students

**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Some courses were more serious than others. Depended a bit on the ECTS I think. Also the amount of students was not that much either. But in general everything was very relaxed, not much homework or almost none and the exams were very doable.

**What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)**

It was a bit less personal, I think it is because we are Erasmus students and maybe not taken that serious because we are only there for five months. At the wur they have a way more personal approach which is super nice

**What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)**

Catering facilities, vending machines for drinks and snacks, sport facilities,...

## 5.Housing-travelling-living

**What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)**

The vast majority of the students live in dorms, which are very easy to get into. You are almost certain that you will have a room when you arrive, if you don't postpone the administration too long. There are also possibilities to live in private flats.

**What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)**

Well, the people in Czech are way less open then in the Netherlands. Also the level of English speakers is quite low, it was more rare to see fairly good English than bad English. Cuisine is not really for the vegetarians out there. A lot of meat and simple dishes without vegetables. But in Brno you have plenty of restaurants to eat at for a very good price with very good beer.

**Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?**

A three-bed dorm room with kitchen and bathroom was €150/month, which is way cheaper than in the Netherlands.

**Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)**

You can have a subscription with student discount for limitless public transport (except train) for three months for about 25 euros I think. Plenty of public transport, also driving the whole night. Lots of tram connections too. Super easy to manoeuvre in the city.

## 6. Free time

**What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)**

There are some very nice caves nearby Brno and it is in the central of Europe so you can literally go everywhere. With bus/train/plain for a cheap price you can visit cities like Budapest, Krakow, Prague but also Venice, Kopenhagen, Ljubliana,..... so many travel options really. I highly recommend going to the tatra mountains in Slovakia if you like mountains, nature and adventure.

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

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**Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)**

There are plenty of clubs, pubs and restaurants to go to. If you want something more diverse and bigger, you can easily hop on a €2 flibus to Prague and do something there.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

**What was a challenge you have experienced?**

Nothing was a challenge, it was a very relaxing and dynamic time.

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Went visiting the high tatra mountains in autumn and in winter, those days were incredible. But also countless memories with my friends visiting cities, funny drunk experiences and yeah.. too much to name.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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