



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Bachelor Food Technology
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/09/2022 until 31/01/2023
Country (exchange)	Hungary
City (exchange)	Budapest
University (exchange)	Mate
Faculty (exchange)	Buda Campus (Food Science and Technology, Horticulture, Landscape)

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to go on a study exchange, because I heard good stories about going on exchange from friends. Next to that it seemed like a great opportunity for me to live in another country for a semester what I always wanted to do.

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

I chose for Budapest Hungary, because I thought that Budapest is a great city for students. This is because Budapest is located in the centre of Europe, so it would be easy to travel to different places. Also Budapest is not that expensive compared to other big cities in Europe. And Budapest is a beautiful city where there is a great nightlife for students.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I went to Budapest by plane, because this was a lot cheaper then the bus and train. Also the bus and train took way longer then flying. Going by plane was not expensive and easy from Eindhoven. But now flying is more expensive, so then taking the train would be a better and more sustainable option.

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	Advances in Sensory Science	4	You will learn more about the field of sensory science and you will write a paper on a study	4	
2	Basics of Raw Materials	4	During this course you will learn about different grains and fruit and vegetables on how they are kept fresh and how you can determine the quality of these products.	5	Interesting practicals
3	Dairy Technology	4	In this course you will learn a lot about different fields of dairy technology. Like cheesemaking and the chemical structures in milk	5	
4	Food Additives	4	In this course you will get lectures about the different food additives and how and why they are used	4	
5	Food Packaging and Safety	4	You will have lectures about food packaging and what effects packaging has on the environment	3	
6	Sensory analysis	4	You will have lectures and practicals in which you will learn about the fields of sensory analysis	5	Interesting practicals

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

Most of the courses consisted mainly out of lectures and we had quite some practicals. We also had to give quite a lot of presentations. The classes were really small, mostly like 10-15 students. And you will be in separate classes with only Erasmus students. I would say that the academic level was easier then that we're used to in Wageningen. The examinations were mostly written exams and sometimes a paper or presentation. I followed 24 credits on my exchange and this was really doable and had more then enough free time.

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?)

I would have to say that this really depends on the teacher. Some teachers were really approachable and gave a lot of tips on for example things to do in Hungary and we had nice conversations. But some teachers didn't do this and only focused on the classes. We didn't really have engagement with the local students, because we were in classes with Erasmus students only and this is why we didn't get to know a lot of local students. I think the difference with the WUR is that the campus in Budapest is a lot smaller.

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

Because the faculty that I attended was not that big we didn't really have a lot of facilities, but this was not a problem because you can get everything you want in the city. But we made a really nice trip to lake Balaton with the Erasmus students from MATE university.

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?)

Because the university didn't offer any housing, you need to get a room yourself. The university gives a list of different sites and facebook groups where you could get a room. And all of my friends got a room via another facebook group or website. The university will also send you a list of different websites on where you can find a room, which can be useful. The website that I can recommend is mycolive. I also recommend a room in the centre, because this makes everything easier and more fun.

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

I have to say that this is a difficult question, because I didn't really met a lot of Hungarians. This is because we were put into classes with only Erasmus students. But I have to say that the Hungarians that I've met very nice and friendly. And you have also some nice Hungarian cuisine like goulash soups, chimney cake and lángos. But because Budapest is a big international city, you can get any type of food you want.

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

I would say it was a bit more expensive in Budapest than in Wageningen, but all other things are cheaper in Budapest. My room was also a bit more expensive, because I lived in the centre of the city. I really do recommend to get a room in the centre.

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

The public transport is really good and cheap in Budapest, it was only 40 euros for the whole semester. To find the way, I always used google maps and always gave me the best route for the public transportation. The taxi's are also quite cheap, but I rarely used them. To use them use the app Bolt, because otherwise you will probably get scammed.

6. Free time

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

A must-see in the area is the lake Balaton, it is a really beautiful lake. You should go there when the weather is nice. Next to that you have all the famous sights, like Gellert hill, the parliament, basilica, heroes square. But for trips I can recommend Vienna, that is only 3 hours by flibus/train. I have also been to Prague and have been skiing in Zakopane.

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

Me and a few friends rented a car and we drove to the B  kk national park, which was really cool!

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

In Budapest there are countless of really good affordable restaurants, but one I really have to recommend is the Italian place Il Mulino. For going out Budapest is amazing. I can really recommend going on Mondays to Morrisons, because they have Erasmus night there on Mondays. For the rest Club Instant is really good. For all the parties and activities you really should follow Erasmus life Budapest on Instagram, they organise everything.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

I was really sick for about one week, but luckily I had some good friends that could help me.

What was your best memory abroad?

My best memories are all the amazing new people I met during the parties. I really had such an amazing time during my Erasmus, if I could go back I would do it again without a doubt.

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