



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

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| Field of study in Wageningen | Management & Consumer studies |
| Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy) | 11-02-2023 until 30-06-2023 |
| Country (exchange) | Hungary |
| City (exchange) | Budapest |
| University (exchange) | Corvinus |
| Faculty (exchange) | Social Sciences |

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Because I wanted to broaden my horizon, and take the next adventure in my life. Studying in Wageningen, and moving away from my parents already learned me so much. I thought that exchange would bring me that too.

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

Because I was interested in Eastern Europe. I have been there a few times and thought it was really underrated. The nature is beautiful and the cities too.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I did it by plain, but know that going by train is also really accessible. There is a night train from NL to Vienna. From Vienna going to Budapest is just 2,5 hours.

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 |
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| 1 | Serving international customers | 6 | Supply chain management and marketing around the world | 2 | I don't really like supply chain management / logistics and didn't think this subject would be that |
| 2 | Intercultural communication | 3 | Communications between cultures | 4 | Interesting subject |
| 3 | Cultural Anthropology | 6 | Learning about different cultural groups in the world | 3 | Interesting sometimes, but sometimes a little vague |
| 4 | Business Ethics | 6 | Ethics within businesses | 5 | Learned a lot by applying knowledge on cases |
| 5 | Corporate Social Responsibility | 6 | Environmental and social impact of companies | 5 | Same as business ethics |
| 6 | Applied Business Economics | 3 | Applying knowledge of business economics | 2 | It was not really interesting to me, ended up not following but I wasn't allowed to drop this course |

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

It differed a lot per lesson. I thought that some courses were quite hard, not easy to follow and a lot of work. Other courses did not have a lot of workload. I think for the academic level that it was maybe a little higher than I expected. I thought that it would be really bad, but it turned out to be of quite some quality. The examination though, was nice. Passing a course was easy if you showed up to class and did your assignments well enough.

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 like the culture there. I had lots of small classes with around 20 students and it was really personal. The teachers tried to learn our names and being interactive was necessary. I liked that. At WUR is totally different, where there are more big lecture halls with lots of students and some practicals but those are still with around 40 people

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

They had points where you could get free warm, cold and sparkling water.

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?)

Really good. It was easy for me to find a house for a reasonable price. I reacted to some rooms, and got one.

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

The people are grumpy and the local food is not good. But it is a big city so you see a lot of internationals and there are lots of places to eat different cuisines.

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

Around the same. In Budapest I ended up paying 400 per month inclusive gas, water, electricity. In Wageningen I pay 300.

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 get a student semester card for 40 euros which is valid for 5 months, and it allows you to make use of public transportation throughout all of Budapest. I mostly walked to university. If you wanted to go outside of the city it was also quite cheap. Back and forward by a one hour bus was around €2,50

6. Free time

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

The highlights of the city. Some nearby other cities (Vienna, Prague, Krakau, Bratislava). Going by train or flibus is how I went to those places. Both were really nice travel options. But also exploring Hungary was nice, going to other places there and the Balaton lake. You can go by train or bus, it is really cheap.

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

Etyek; a really cute little wine town where you can drink a glass of wine for €1,50 between the vineyards.

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

Lampas is a really cheap student bar, instant a really big club with loads of rooms and ruin bars like szimpla and fuge udvar are really nice.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Being away from home for a few months makes you sad sometimes. But that is logic, and everyone experiences those feelings. So talk about it with friends.

What was your best memory abroad?

I can't choose a specific memory as it was all so amazing, I recommend it to everyone as the barrier to live abroad is so low and will never be as low. You will do amazing once in a lifetime things, so my best memory is just this whole experience.

8. Contact details (optional)

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