



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Management and Consumer Studies
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	Jan. 31st until June 17 th 2023
Country (exchange)	Czech Republic
City (exchange)	Prague
University (exchange)	Czech University of Life Sciences (CZU)
Faculty (exchange)	Faculty of Economics and Management

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I chose to go on study exchange to broaden my horizon, meet new people and discover a new country/city.

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

Before studying in Prague, I have been on holiday before in Prague for a couple of days. I really loved it. When being offered the chance to go on exchange in another country, I therefore chose Prague, Czech Republic.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I came by train, but it was quite a hassle. I had a large suitcase with me and had to wait in Berlin for 2 hours. The whole trip took me at least 11 hours. A Flixbus might be easier. There are also supposed to be night trains to Prague but I could not find any. Flying is of course also an (less 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	Marketing Communication Strategy	5	How to develop communication strategies for marketing	3	Really easy
2	Marketing Plan	4	You learn about you to develop a marketing plan for a product/service	5	Very interested course, nice lecturer. Was only a course of a week (block course) but I have learned a lot.
3	Trade and Commerce	5	Course about international trade and globalization	2	Have not learned much. There were 2 parts. First part was mostly about 'personal development'. Second part some recorded lectures with a couple of questions as assignment.
4	Human resource Management	5	Basics of HRM	4	Interesting course. Learned a lot about the basics of HRM.
5	Theory of Management	5	Basics of management theory	4	Good introduction course for management.
6	Online marketing	4		4	Decent marketing course. Includes lectures, a presentation and a group report.
7	Management skills	5		3	A bit vague course.

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

I only picked Erasmus block courses. This means that you follow a week fulltime a course and then you are done (and maybe have an exam in the week after). They were generally fairly easy. Academic level is much lower than in Wageningen. There are big differences in course/lecture quality among courses. I only had essays and written exams as testing method, but many people also had orals.

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?)

Lecturers are approachable in my experience, comparable to Wageningen. The classes I was in were smaller than what I was used to. I have not met many local students.

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

The university has dormitories on the campus, and one far away (50 min for campus, 30 minutes from city center). On campus they do have a menza where you can eat for a couple of euros.

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?)

I stayed at one of the dorms of the uni (dormitory west). I do not recommend that. It is far from the center (30 min) and university (50 minutes), is old and you have to share a room. You can try getting a room via facebook but be aware that there are a lot of scammers active. If you do this always ask them for a videocall in the apartment or visit it yourself. There are also website like Erasmusinprague that are trustworthy, but also overpriced.

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

I would say that Czech people are a bit reserved, but if you need help they are willing to help. They appreciate it if you speak some Czech. Their English is not great (their German might be better, especially among the elderly). Their cuisine mainly consists of dishes with meat. However, in Prague there are also a couple of restaurants that offer the vegetarian/vegan version of these dishes. I did not experiences any minor cultural differences.

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

Comparable. I paid 400 euros for a shared room in the dorm of the university.

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

They have a great public transport system. As a student, you can get a three month ticket for 15 euros. Trams/metros run 24/7. Also taxi's are quite affordable. The university is quite far away, in the outskirts of the city. From the dorm, where I lived, it takes about 50(!) minutes to get there.

6. Free time

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

I would recommend just walking around and discovering the city yourself. Vienna and Bratislava are also not so far away. I have not been to any other Czech cities, but it is really cheap to get train tickets.

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?)

For going out: chapeau rouge, lucerna, dogs bar.

Restaurants: old Hanoi, maitrea, las adelitas, Indian jewel

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

When I arrived, I was scammed with accommodation. If you do get a room via Facebook, please ask for a videocall or try to visit the room before paying anything.

What was your best memory abroad?

Meeting so many people and doing so many fun things together.

8. Contact details (optional)

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