



Wageningen University and Research



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Enjoy!

With regards,

VeSte Wageningen

# VeSte Goes Abroad

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## 1. Student Information

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### 1.1 Basic information student

Name (optional)		
Field of study in Wageningen	Msc - Animal Sciences	
Form of study exchange	Other exchange	
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	3/14/2018 until 24/6/2018	
Country (exchange)	Austria	
City (exchange)	Vienna	
University (exchange)	Univeristy of Veterinary Medicine	
Faculty (exchange)	Kea lab	
How did you get information on studying abroad?	Websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contact person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Exchange programme	
	Study advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other students	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 1.2 Motivation for exchange

*Reasons for exchange, why this choice, interests, etc. (optional)*

Answer:

To get more experience in the working field. In the Netherlands there are not many options to work with wildlife.

## 2. University and studying

### 2.1 Academic structure

*How is the study formalized; study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material etc.*

Answer: The internship exists mostly out of 'field' work. When you get back you are required to write a small report.

### 2.2 Courses

*General information about the followed courses. If desired, more detailed information can be added beneath the column.*

Answer: NA

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
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### 2.3 Culture of the university

*What is the culture like, how approachable are the lecturers, is there engagement with local students? Introduction programme present; mentors, buddies? Differences with the WUR, etc.*

Answer: It is very clear in Vienna who is a student and who isn't. People from Vienna are less likely to behave extremely friendly towards outsiders. However, the students are welcoming and if you participate actively in the social life it is not hard to make new friends.

### 2.4 How does the university function?

*How does the university function in the broader sense? Enrolment university, course registration, faculties, presence international office etc.*

Answer: It is very easy to enroll at the Vetmed. It only costs 18 euros for 1 year. I have no clue about the course registration, but I do know that the international office is very helpful in getting you started.

## 2.5 Facilities of the university

*What does the university offer the student additionally? Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities, etc.*

Answer: Interesting lectures (in my case Jane Goodall)

## 3. Free Time

### 3.1 Culture of destination

*What is the culture of the country like? Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners, etc.*

Answer: Culture in Austria is very similar to that of the Netherlands, except where Dutch people are known to be direct, Austrian people can be rude (for example: really pushing you if they want to pass you by on the escalator). However an upside is that Austrian people do not complain about the weather, whereas Dutch people always complain about the weather.

### 3.2 Travelling in the surroundings

*What are must-sees in the area? Nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan, etc.*

Answer: Donau Insel is a perfect place to relax and leave the city behind without leaving the city

### 3.3 Insider info

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

Answer: Almost everything of Vienna is mentioned in the travel guide, but I would recommend spending some time in the neighbouring villages (like Bad Vöslau)

### 3.4 General info

*General tips and tricks about leisure time. For example: recommendations for restaurants, going out, etc.*

Answer: If you want to eat something that is typically Austrian, than I would advise the restaurant: Pürstner. Also, all movies in Austria are synchronised in German, but they do have an English cinema: Haydn Kino.

## 4. Travelling and living

### 4.1 Housing

*What are the possibilities for housing? Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates, other costs, good neighbourhoods, etc.*

Answer: It is fairly easy to find housing, however housing in Vienna does not come cheap. There are rooms on campus, however these are not widely advertised so you will have to ask if there is a room available.

### 4.2 Living

*General price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen. It does not have to be an exact calculation.*

Answer: If you want your own room/kitchen/bathroom the prices are around 500euros/month and shared spaces are around 375euros/month.

### 4.3 Accessibility from the Netherlands

*How do you reach the destination? When to book your flights, transportation means, etc.*

Answer: There are direct flights, single flight is about 100 euros.

### 4.4 Extra costs to reach destination

Extra costs to reach destination			
Should a visa be requested?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[eventual costs visa]
Should a residence permit be requested?	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>	[Meldezettel is free, however longer than 3 months stay will cost 50 euros]

## 3.5 Transport

*Public transport infrastructure. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university, etc.*

Answer: When enrolled at the university you can get a public transport card for the semester (summer or winter) and this will cost 79 euros. This is the only cost, except when you pass the city borders.

### 4.6 General Tips

*General tips and tricks for travelling and living.*

Answer: Enjoy your time, because time flies. Also it is advisable to pick a room near a metro station (line does not matter, all are well connected), so you will be able to get around quickly. Also follow unitours vienna, they have cheap excursions to other parts of Austria, or even other countries.

## 5. Contact details (optional)

Is the reader allowed to contact the writer?	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Will I allow my name and contact details to appear on the website?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## 6. Thank you!

Thank you very much for sharing your exchange experience. We are confident that many interested students can be helped with making their decisions! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send a mail to: [veste@wur.nl](mailto:veste@wur.nl)

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