

Hi, I am Maria and I arrived in Graz to live my first experience abroad: an Erasmus+ program. I am really looking forward to meeting new people and living on my own for five months. Let's see how it turns out!



February 1st, 2024. I woke up at 4.30 am to catch two flights and said goodbye to my mom at the airport.

The very same day, finally arriving at Neubaugasse 12 at 3.30 pm. I hadn't even entered my apartment and some Spanish girls were already inviting me over!

Hi, it's really nice to meet you. I am Isa, from Valladolid. I've been here the whole year.

I am Ruth, from Granada. Would you like to join us for dinner tonight so we can get to know each other?

Oh... yes, sure! I'll bring some pizzas to share!



Soon, I also met Jon and Pablo, who had just arrived in Graz. We started doing something that I can't stop doing here!

We have to travel a lot and take advantage of the cheap tickets and flights.

And Ljubljana? And Maribor? We can also go to Zagreb or Lake Bled.

Yes, please! How does Stockholm sound? Somebody has to stop us!

February 6th. Within a week in Graz, I was already doing my first trip. I took a Flixbus to Ljubljana and also visited Lake Bled.

We must be crazy. I can't believe we are doing this yet!

That's so true! And on Saturday we will visit Maribor as well with Pablo, Noa, Ruth and Isa!

February 17th. Croatia was waiting for us and we danced the night in Zagreb. We had a lot of fun!

Welcome you all to Judenburg for the Welcome Weekend of PHSt!

During the Easter break, I travelled to Krakow, Warsaw, Berlin, Nuremberg and Copenhagen. I even travelled alone in Europe for the first time in my life!

And I even go out usually with my friends, either to Two Brothers (to grab a drink) or to whatever idea we have.

And grab some kebabs at the cheapest and best place ever next to my dorm!

On the whole, I am living and creating my own experience and traditions in Graz. They don't necessarily look like other people's experiences.

Should we travel to...?

Let's do it!

We are going to Rome!

We have to stop meeting for "having lunch"!

I'm coming too!

And just some days after...

In the Erasmus, I have time to play some board games and make new friends, overcoming all the fears I had first when I arrived in here all alone.

I am donating plasma.

I even do go to school placement and university most of days and learn a lot about European education and Austrian schools!

I am taking the chances given to me and also creating new opportunities, I'm learning to live on my own, being responsible and assuming my duties and, most important...

You got an infection. You need to take some medicine.

I feel so sick and my throat is hurting.

Being on an Erasmus+ is giving me time to do a lot of things...

I even have time to train a little bit (not much because I won't give up traveling!).

I go to gardens and parks in the city (such as Schlossberg, Augarten or the Stadtpark) and arrange some picnics and baths with my friends.

And some of us have joined a running group and go running every Wednesday! Doesn't it sound amazing?

I am growing, becoming a better future teacher and having the time of my life.

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