

Erasmus experience story

Choosing Nice as my destination was an incredible choice that I will never regret. I was studying at Ipag Business School, and during my whole stay, the university's management was very friendly and welcoming, if I had any questions regarding my stay, they quickly offered help and direction.

The university campus was not so big, but it still offered high-quality studies and was located in a great neighbourhood near the city centre. The lecturers and their different teaching methods were refreshing and with various practical elements. Moreover, my classmates were very understanding, friendly and open-minded. Also, study times and schedules were well structured and given before the start of the semester, so there was plenty of time left for planning travels and enjoying Erasmus's stay to the fullest. Even though I did not know French, I had positive encounters with locals since most of them were friendly and knew the basic level of English.

Since Nice is a popular destination and the city each semester welcomes hundreds of students from around the world, trips and other events were planned weekly for all the exchange students to take part in, and get to know each other better. Furthermore, it was incredible to experience French culture with a little taste of Italy as well and visit nearby villages with incredible landscapes.

However, students should remember that Nice is the 2nd most expensive city in France, and they should be financially prepared for it, but it is still possible to find more budget-friendly options around the city. French Riviera ultimately gives incredible insight into the luxurious lifestyle and showcases its rich history with style. During spring and especially May, major iconic events are happening near Nice, such as the Cannes film festival and the Monaco Grand Prix, which attract bigger crowds of tourists, and I was lucky enough to have a chance to see those events live with my own eyes. Also, in February city of Nice holds a carnival that ultimately creates a festive spirit and should be something not to miss.

The warm, sunny weather and sky-blue Mediterranean Sea with an incredible promenade are one of the main things I will miss the most as being part of my daily life. French Riviera gave me unforgettable memories, pictures, and experiences worth remembering and cherishing for life!