

My name is Dávid Spenger. Currently I am studying in the John von Neumann University in Hungary. I spent 3 months in Stuttgart as an Erasmus student. I was studying there International Business. This semester was my 5th semester.

Why did I choose Germany and Stuttgart?

First of all I have been here already once by an exchange program. I really liked the city and always liked the German cultur. Secondly I love the German language and I am able to speak it in C1 level. When I had to decide which program fits me mostly it was an argument as well. Because I had two opportunities to choose from. I could have chosen the International Study Program, where all of the lessons were in English. The second option was the International Business, where half of the lectures were held in German, half in English. Of course I have chosen the second option.

My other motivation was that I wanted to get to know myself better. I have never left my home for more than 2 weeks before. So this opportunity was a great experience. I really found out a lot of things about myself. I learnt independency too.

We travelled by car from Hungary to Stuttgart on 1 September. The journey lasted for 10 hours. Fortunately I was not alone, one of my friends was travelling with me. I drove all the way alone, after it I was very tired. But there was no time for resting because we had to attend in a local wine festival with my buddy.



*I think we went a bit overboard...*

### Dorm:

I was living in a Wohngemeinschaft, where 5 people were living together in a flat. We had a shared kitchen and 2 shared bathrooms. Everybody had their own room. I was totally satisfied with this environment. The Hausmesiter was very kind and helpful. I was living with 2 boys from China, one from India and one from Ukraine. Our nationalities were so different but we were not so different. We played poker together and even went to the gym once.

### Studies:

In the beginning we did not know which classes we should choose. That is why we applied almost every of them. After a month we realised that we need to rework our Learning Agreement in order to succesfully accomplish the semester. Finally we accomplished 4 classes, 2 in English, 2 in German. I had a lot of fun attending to those classes. They were a bit different from our subjects in Hungary. The teachers were extremly kind and they did not treat us differently than our classmates. Because our classmates were Germans only. We have been integrated to their system. So I came home with 10,5 credits, what is enough to the scholarship.

### About the Buddy Program:

I find this program very useful and great. My buddy was Frederik, we had quite good relation. But our first meeting was not in Stuttgart, but in Hungary in Budapest. He was on holiday in the summer before the Erasmus mobility, so I have visited him there. In the first couple of weeks we had a few activities together with the buddies. For example: indoor climbing, visiting a traditional German restaurant, quiz night. I really enjoyed these activities. He even invited me to his home in the Rheinland-Pfalz region. We spent there a whole weekend. We hiked together next to the German-French border. The destination was a castle ruin what was exactly ont he borderline. The view was beatiful.



*Castle ruin next to the French-German border*



*My buddy and me*

I spent my weekdays with attending in lectures. But I was never bored at the weekends. I made several trips. I was in Switzerland by the Rhein-fall, in Strasbourg, in Konstanz and in Heidelberg. I had a big advantage because I had my own car there so I did not have to take the train everytime. The university organised us a one-day trip to the Europa-Park. It is the biggest amusement park in Europe. To be honest I was a little bit afraid trying all the rollercoasters out but in the end I enjoyed it very much. Many thanks to the university because of the organisation and it supported most of the programs financially.



*Konstanz by the Bodensee*

Germany is known from its beers. That is why it is essential for every city to have their own beer festival. In Stuttgart takes place the Cannstatter-Wasener. It is the second largest beer festival in Germany after the Oktoberfest in Munich.



*Cannstatter-Wasener*

I got to know a lot of different people from a lot of different countries from all over the world. It was a really great experience. In summary I would make this journey once again with the same circumstances. I can only recommend it to every student.