

Experience report on studying abroad

Semester abroad in Split, Croatia

Information about studying abroad

Home University: Technische Hochschule Rosenheim, Germany

Partner University: University of Split

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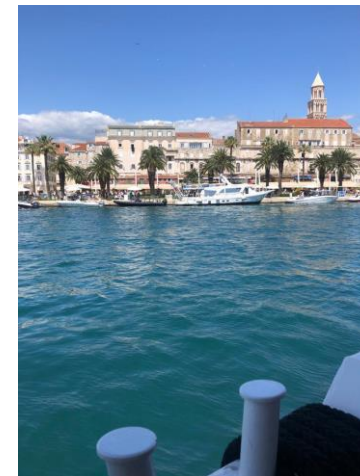
Originally, I didn't want to go to Croatia for my semester abroad, but really wanted to go further away for half a year – but I'm so glad that I chose Split for the few months. I totally underestimated the country before, but it just has so much to offer and is the perfect destination for a summer abroad: summer, sun pure and beach

Preparation

In the end, Split came about for me because it was the best time to coincide with the end of my bachelor thesis. The application was relatively uncomplicated via mobility-online.de, and the International Office of the TH is also available for all questions and problems and is very helpful.

The next step is then the choice of subjects: just always consult with the professors of your university, then this should not be a problem.

And you need a language certificate: our University e.g. issues a DAAD certificate free of charge.



Accommodation

Unfortunately, I was scammed with my apartment at the beginning... and I was not the only one in our semester. In the end, however, I found a great apartment with 2 other Erasmus students via the WhatsApp group of all Erasmus students from Split.

I can recommend: don't look at Facebook!!

It is best to ask the International Office for contacts to the University of Split or to students who have already done a semester abroad here in Split, they have contacts to the ESN people here, who take care of all the concerns of Erasmus students and can also help with the search for accommodation. They are on site and know what's going on – when looking for an apartment on the Internet, the risk of being scammed is unfortunately very high.

For rent: I paid €300/month for a relatively large room with living room, kitchen, 2 bathrooms.

Unfortunately, some landlords double the rent from July, because that's when the tourist season starts. But the semester ends at the beginning of June anyway and so there is still a bit of time for vacation afterwards.

Studying at the host university

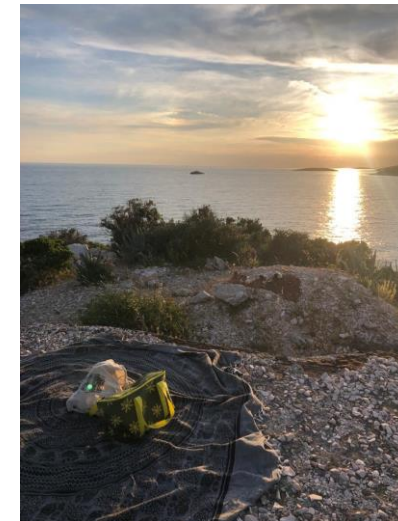
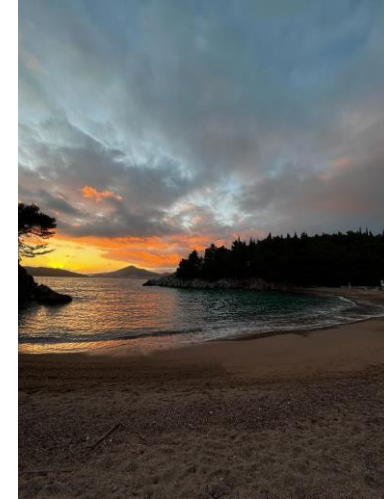
What was a bit misleading at the beginning is that the TH Rosenheim only has a contract with the Department of Professional Studies (not with the actual faculty of the ING program). But that's not a problem either, you only have to take 50% of the subjects from the Department of Professional Studies (the selection is not large, but you can easily find 1-2 subjects that fit) and the remaining subjects can be taken at any faculty of the University of Split.

For example, I have demonstrated:

1. Croatian Language (Faculty of Humanities)
2. Manufacturing Process Planning (FESB)
3. Renewable Sources of Energy (D. o. P. S.)
4. Business Statistics (D. o. P. S.)

What you should definitely take advantage of are the free sports offered by UniSport at the University of Split. Courses are e.g. Unifit, basketball, volleyball, diving etc.

I was in the Unifit course, an abdominal, legs, buttocks training, which is offered 3 times a week and is really fun, and all for free! In the course, for example, I also met 😊 a good friend, so it's perfect for connecting.



Connecting

here in Split among the Erasmus people is no problem at all: the ESN organizes 4-5 activities every week throughout the semester. These are e.g. craft evenings, clubs, bars, excursions on the weekends, watching football together, beach volleyball, party boats, etc. So you won't get bored under any circumstances. In addition, Croatia and the surrounding area has a lot to offer. Here are a few things you should definitely see during your time in Split:

- The islands near Split (Hvar, Brac, Vis, Korzula, Solta)
- Marjan Hill in Split (by NextBike or on foot)
- Beaches Split: Kasjuni (most beautiful beach, but very crowded from June), Trstenik, Bene Beach
- Makarska: Biokovo National Park (Skywalk, Sveti Jure and hiking)
- Šibenik
- Dubrovnik
- Omis (very good for hiking)
- Montenegro
- Bosnia: Sarajevo and Mostar
- National parcs: Krka and Plitvice
- Zadar
- Primosten
- Bars: Crew Bar, Monkey Bar, Harrats Pub, Leonards, Fabrique
- Clubs: Bacvice, 305, Central Club, Vanila Club, Fabrique
- Cafés: Utopia (on campus), D16 (in the city centre)

And what you should definitely make is the CEE Festival. This is a festival for all Erasmus students from Croatia at Zrce Beach in Novalja at the beginning of May.

Result

In summary, I can say that I can recommend a semester abroad in Split to everyone. You don't always have to travel to faraway countries to see something – the surrounding countries also have something to offer: Croatia has surprised me again and again in the few months, it is such a diverse country with beautiful nature and beaches. So it's just the right thing for a summer semester.

Here you live according to the motto: POMALO, which means in Croatian: take it easy, take it slowly - and exactly according to this motto the whole semester abroad has been designed.

