
BRATISLAVA

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My Experience

Traveling has always been a great pleasure for me. Every opportunity I get for doing it, I have to take it.

Last summer, I traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia, not really knowing what to expect, but still excited to go.

I have to confess that I felt nervous about the language because slovak is very different from spanish, but when I met my contact persons I knew kindness can be understood in every language and, I ended up learning more words in slovak than I thought I would be able to memorize. Every person I met, including doctors and nurses were warm and welcoming, and being away from home, a simple

smile can make your day better. Not to mention, the CPs helped me get a SIM card for my phone, showed me the way to different places like stores, cafeterias and, of course, the Hospital.

During the clerkship I chose the dermatology department, which I heard is not a very popular choice among the rest of the incomings, but it is my field of choice and hopefully my next step. The doctors encouraged me and showed me procedures I hadn't seen, which I found really helpful .

Bratislava is a very beautiful city, easy to commute, pleasant to discover, and it doesn't miss a thing. The center of the city is always alive, there is music in the streets, nice restaurants, beautiful squares and, of course, there is always the lightened castle across the river...an amazing sight.

We were well guided by the hosting committee. They had a plan for the incoming every day, they managed to show us every spot in town, they took us to a laser tag game, also swimming, had dinner, went dancing and they even took us to the river to make a bonfire and enjoy a dinner with typical dishes.

I got to visit different places within the country during the Social program SloMSA organized, and I discovered the most beautiful landscapes and majestic castles. I enjoyed the Pieniny Park very much, where they took us to the river, tasted different homemade cheeses, and saw the typical outfits of the region.



Undoubtably, I would go back to Bratislava, where many friendships were made, amazing moments passed and a piece of my heart was left.