

Exchange in Slovenia

Here I am. Finally, I arrived in Slovenia.

Alone. Afraid. Not so far from my country (Italy), but far from my family, my friends, my daily routine life.

I'm ready to live an enthusiastic month.

Slovenia occurred to me, I did not choose this region with full awareness.

I knew a new world, inside of me and external to me.

First of all, I shared my room with a boy, in a hostel.

Well, the perspective of sharing all my time with a boy, exactly not my boyfriend or a male relative, has been hard to me. So the immediate first consequence was that I'm a survivor, from this point of view.

Then, in Slovenia was not a social programme in October so living in a hostel in which there were Erasmus students gave me the possibility to meet guys from all over Europe and let me know how European I am.

I rediscovered the pleasure to meet people and to know other culture, ways of living and of thinking and the need of a continuous comparison with others.

In this way, I can say that Ljubljana is not a big town, but it has got a huge potential: it is a European capital that offers a lot of attractions and occasions to find out the contemporary world through international alternative artists (for example, Ursula Martinez, Liad Hussein or the dancer Andrea Miltner) and in alternative places (such as Metelkova).

There are many places where you can spend your free time: pubs, discos, cafe and so on in a special frame characterized by the castle at the top of the hill and the various bridges along the river.

Out of Ljubljana, I spent my weekends at the Bled lake and at the Postojna caves and furthermore in Zagreb (Croatia): Slovenia is a bridge to reach other parts of the East of Europe easily.

My experience was very satisfied at the hospital.

The polyclinic centre is very modern; there are several departments full of joyful and available doctors and nurses.

I did not do a lot of practice (I am a student at the fifth years of Medicine), but I could see many important gynaecological laparoscopies.

I met young doctors that were very happy to show me their work and stimulated me to be curious, more than I am.

My month spent in Ljubljana was as fast as amazing and all my joy had been transmitted to my classmates so that many of them decided to participate to the Clerkship competition this year.

This is another satisfaction that let me say that I am proud to participate in this exchange - it changed myself and it has been unique.