

### #ERASMUS+ DAYS



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#### Q: Can you describe your Erasmus traineeship in terms of teaching and student life?

**A:** First and foremost, this traineeship is an unforgettable experience for us students who aspire to deepen our knowledge in teaching English. Exploring new cultures and adapting to European working styles are crucial aspects of the traineeship program, especially for young and inexperienced students.

#### Q: What were the enriching aspects of your traineeship?

A: One of the most enriching aspects of this experience is learning to make yourself at home as a foreigner and building confidence in what you do. Even something as simple as navigating the train to your destination in a completely different country can boost your self-belief.

## Q: Can you share any memorable cultural experiences or events that you participated in during your time in Europe?

**A:** One of the highlights was attending the Gràcia Festival, a lively neighborhood celebration with beautifully decorated streets, music, and local traditions. It was an unforgettable experience that allowed me to connect with the community and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of Barcelona.

#### Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?

A: Everything tastes wonderful, but I can say I really enjoyed paella!



#### Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?

**A:** Spain has a vibrant and colorful vibe. The people are incredibly nice, always smiling, and ready to help. As expected from a Mediterranean city, the weather in Barcelona is hot.

# Q: Did you have the opportunity to explore other cities or countries during your time in Europe? If yes, what were some highlights of your travels?

A: I visited France and Italy.

### Q: Have you tried learning local language? Can you say something in the local language?

**A:** For now, all I can say is "hola!" But since I'm passionate about learning languages, I'm definitely trying to pick up more.

#### Q: What is your general impression about country?

**A:** Spain has a genuinely welcoming atmosphere, which pleasantly surprised me given the recent news about protests and negative sentiments towards tourists in Barcelona. The people are warm, the culture is rich, and the landscapes are beautiful. It's a place where tradition and modernity blend seamlessly, making it truly captivating.

## Q: Would you recommend other Turkish students to apply for studies in Europe or internship?

A: Of course, I would strongly recommend that every student in my country participate in one of these programs at least once. It's an invaluable experience that will undoubtedly broaden your perspective on both other nations and our own. I personally enjoyed the opportunity to compare and contrast different cultures, which helped me become more understanding. It fosters a deeper appreciation for diversity and encourages personal growth.



