

## **My Impressions about Latvia**

I come from Turkey. I chose Riga as my destination during the ERASMUS+ process.

There are many reasons for this choice and I will explain you some of them. One of them is life standards. Riga is a safe city. I have not heard any criminal events in my environment. You always feel safe in the city. And the air is very clean! Nowadays most of the big cities have air pollution problems but not Riga. With so many parks and green areas you live like in nature. Every district of Riga has huge parks, they all look beautiful. There are also many historical places and amazing buildings in the city. Nature and manmade buildings combine perfectly. Another reason for choosing Riga for ERASMUS+ is money. This is an important point for students. Riga is cheaper than most European capitals. If we compare the costs in Riga with other countries, we can see that Riga is cheaper for almost everything. I have talked a lot about the city but now I also want to mention the people here. I have always seen smiling faces since I landed here at the Riga Airport. Latvian people are very helpful, friendly and lovely. And they are respectful to foreign people.

Last but not least, education is an important factor for choosing Riga for studies. Riga is one of the educational center of Europe. There are a lot of universities and colleges here. Education has very high standards. I have heard the phrase that Riga is basically an international science fair. Universities accept a high number of skilled international students. You can meet people from every country. This environment develops your social skills and makes you a more open minded person. You can learn to communicate better with people from other cultures.

I am studying at College of Law. I think that I am really lucky to be able to study here. My teachers and college personnel have always been nice to me. They are very understanding towards students. College of Law has a big advantage for law students because as the name already implies, almost all the lectures are related to law. A huge plus is that the building is in the center of city. Transportation is so easy!

To be honest I feel very happy in Riga. My decision to study here has been absolutely correct. Therefore, I would recommend everyone to study here.

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