

The Erasmus experience I lived turned out to be the best decision I could have ever made in my life. Despite the initial fear, which is totally understandable, related to being alone in a foreign country, having to communicate in another language with dozens of other people or being hosted by complete strangers, the experience was fully worth it.

Everything was perfectly organized: from the flights, the movements to the trips and lessons. I was lucky to go to Athens, in Greece, during a fairly quiet time of the pandemic, so I didn't have any type of problem during my stay.

Every morning we used to go to a Greek school where we took part in different activities and had lessons with all the students from the other countries to learn the basics of modern Greek. Those activities were always really interactive and engaging, and they allowed us to interact and form relationships with different people.

In the afternoon we had different visits to museums, like the Acropolis' museum, the museum of ancient music and technology and a day trip to Delphi. Every single day was always full of activities! We never got bored.

Another positive element of this experience was that we had to be completely independent and responsible for our actions, since our Italian teachers weren't busy on some different school activities and we were with our Erasmus partners ; in addition many times there were activities organized by our host families and friends. All of this let me form deep relationships with a lot of different people and get to know more about their cultures. It was really exciting to compare some aspects of each culture, even the simplest, because they were often extremely different.

This experience allowed me to acquire not only a greater ability to communicate in English, which was always fundamental for every type of communication, but also to be more aware of myself and of my responsibilities. I was able to go out of my comfort zone and challenge myself, ending up discovering a lot of aspects of myself I really wasn't aware of before.