



Why Zagreb?

Hello everyone; I'm **Esra Kale** from **Turkey**. I'm studying at **Ondokuz Mayıs University** in **Samsun** and currently I'm an **Erasmus student** in **Zagreb, Croatia**. Maybe you can think why did I choose Zagreb? Or maybe someone who is reading this wants to decide which country to go for Erasmus. I want to help everyone who needs help about this and want to tell my story in Zagreb!

Firstly, the reason why I chose Croatia was the culture. The Balkan culture is actually kind of similar with the Turkish culture for me. Both have warm relationships and friendly approach. So I wasn't disappointed when I first came here, I was expecting warm welcome and I got it. Because, to me, even if I was supposed to spend only a few months here, the relationship with local people is very important. Everyone wants to feel safe and welcomed in their home.



Secondly, Croatia is a really beautiful country. Zagreb is the main city, has so many historical places, parks, museums, exhibitions, events, art galleries, bars and restaurants. So it's impossible to get bored in this city. Sometimes even if I don't have a plan for a day, I just grab a coffee, go to the Upper Town and watch the city. Or at night, if you don't have a plan for the night don't worry because Zagreb has a really vivid and full night life. You can find a concert, performance, ballet show, movie night or a fun game in a bar.

Let's talk about another cities. So far I've been in **Pula**, **Zadar** and **Split**. And I fall in love with each city. It's hard to believe that this country is itself full of history. Every

place you will go to, has hosted different empires. For example Split; Old Town of Split is a stone maze and it has cozy bars, restaurants, gift shops. Every road you take in Split will lead you somewhere else and it's so beautiful because basically the people are living history everyday. And Zadar has this Sea Organs and a beautiful sea view. You can simply spend hours while watching the sea and listening to the organs.

So far I had the best days in Croatia. Parties, friendships and trips have unquestionably affected my Erasmus in so many fantastic ways but the biggest reason was my university here. **RRiF College** has been a family to me. Whenever I had a question, I could write to Martina Herceg Rendeli and she has always been there and always amazingly helpful. All of my teachers are incredibly nice people. And of course our Dean is so cooperative and devoted, i don't have any bad memories.

If you want a perfect second home, please choose Zagreb and RRiF College, you will not be disappointed!

Greetings from Zagreb!

