

Mevlüt Özkan Vytautas Magnus University

Dear Mevlüt,

Hello. My name is Indrė. I am a student of a small Secondary school in Neveronys near Kaunas. I'm 16, well, almost 17. One day I read your letter about Erasmus change programme and it seemed very interesting to me, so I decided to write you back.

I have to confess that I haven't had much information about Erasmus. At least until now. Actually, my brother is a student of Vytautas Magnus University and he should know plenty about Erasmus. I know, that he knows but he is a little closed about this question. And I don't know why, maybe I'm fussing him with all these questions. Anyway, I'm really happy that you decided to go to my country. I know, it is not very tempting choice for majority because Lithuania is a small and unknown place. But even here foreign students can have a good time. And I'm glad that you are having fun here and don't have any serious problems.

Erasmus is a huge chance to broaden your outlook. I know it because it's obvious. You can go to foreign country, change your living and studying place, meet new, different people, visit unseen places and learn a foreign language. It's so exciting to experience other cultures! Also, the experience is invaluable. As you said, it shows new ways for the future. That's why I want to be one of Erasmus students so badly... Your story made me extremely infected with this idea. I'm jealous of you because you had a chance and you took it.

In addition, if I had an opportunity to go abroad, I would totally do it. And I won't say why because I've already done it. Talking about countries where I would like to go for Erasmus, I don't have one final decision. I want to go everywhere! But right now I would say France. And I can't exactly say why. I just have a warm feeling to France. I've always wanted to visit this country. Since I was just a kid I have dreamed about journey to this magic country. I know it sounds childish but that's who I am, a dreamer. But now I have to go back to the reality. It's logical that I have to speak French at least a little bit. Unfortunately, I just can say "Bonjour" and still with an accent. Of course, I speak English pretty well, so it could help me to communicate. Also, I have the foundations of Russian, however, I have doubts that in France I could use Russian. I want to study French in the university because it's a really beautiful and quite necessary language. By doing that I could expand my work possibilities and improve my life in France if it ever happens.

Me leaving Lithuania and studying abroad could be useful to other people too. Just think about it. People, who don't like or are tired of me could relax from me. I'm just kidding. Let's be serious. Firstly, I could introduce foreigners with my country culture, traditions, tell what is the life in Lithuania, Lithuanians lifestyle and living conditions. Foreigners could broaden outlook and get more information about my country. Moreover, communicating with foreigners is always a good thing. If they are not criminals, terrorists or racists, of course. The more acquaintances, the better.

So, I think I told you everything I wanted. I wish my dream to be Erasmus student one day would come true. It is said, "Never lose your hope". I never will. Promise. By the way, remember I said that I live in Kaunas. So maybe some day we will pass each other in the street or maybe we have already done it. But we don't know each other, so I just can wish you good luck. Have a good time and enjoy your days in Lithuania. I hope you will reach your dreams.

Best wishes, Indrė

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