

Erasmus

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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Hello everybody! Thank you for reading our Christmas Newsletter! We will share some stories with you about why we chose Ecsedi- Isalt and about interesting classes and activities.

First of all, why did we choose a school in Brussels? Certainly not for the weather, but for plenty of other reasons. One reason is of course the language. Attending classes in another language is a great way to acquire the language. You also get to know other students with whom you can practice French in a more informal way. This way, you do not only learn 'academic French', but also a lot of other words that you do not find as easily in regular dictionaries.

Secondly, Ecsedi-Isalt offers options in tourism and in office management. Two very interesting options that are taught in a very practical manner. You have a lot of group works during the year, but these will save you a lot of time during the exams because you have already revised the subject material once.

And last but not least, Ecsedi-Isalt is located in Brussels, at a 10-minute walk from Schuman, in the heart of Europe.

So if you are looking for an Erasmus for next year, with lots of interesting classes and a great location; look no further! And the weather is not too bad after all, today it's not even raining!

Hope to see you soon! Andrea & Kimberly



Formations Entreprises

One very interesting class given at Ecsedi-Isalt is 'Formation Entreprises'. It is a seminar given by professionals from outside the school. In the beginning of the year, you can choose one of the subjects that interests you most. We chose Human Resources and Hospitality Industry.

Human Resources is given by three different people who work for Randstad Group, one of the biggest HR companies globally. The first class was very practical and zoomed in on a very current topic: the burn-out. We were given lots of tips to be able to recognize and prevent burn-outs in our later professional lives but also in school.

In Hospitality Industry four professionals talked about the different branches we can find in tourism sector as hotel management and travel agency. We also learn how to use Opera computer program for reservations and we had the chance to go to the Hilton hotel. They showed us the hotel and different department directors talked about their roles and responsibilities in the hotel.

We think it has been a great opportunity and we have learned a lot of things which we will use in our professional life.

German trip to Cologne

Our German teacher organized a trip to Cologne. As Cologne is only a two-hour trainride from Brussels, we could make it a trip for one day. The first thing we did was go to the tourist information office to get our city maps. Then we went for a tour guided by all the students in our class. Every group had prepared one or more places of interest of Cologne.

This way, we got to see and know a whole lot more about the history of Cologne. A few of the places we visited were Cologne Cathedral, Hohenzollerbrücke, Köln Triangle (with its spectacular panoramic view), Belgian Quarter and the Old Town.

In the Belgian Quarter we went to visit a church and were treated to an impromptu organ concert.

After the sightseeing, we had two hours of free time, during which we had to find several locations that the teacher had photographed during the day.

Luckily, we found our location rather quickly and had plenty of time left to do some shopping and replenish our cosmetic stock.

Ten hours after debarking in Cologne, we had to take a train back to Belgium. On the train back home, everybody was very quiet; the cold weather, long hours in the outside air and many impressions of the day, had taken a heavy toll.

Satisfied but tired, we arrived in Brussel's Midi station.



Amadeus and Geography

Although these subjects are so difficult, we have to admit that they are very interesting and necessary for our career.

In Geography we had to do search the most touristic cities in Morocco and Tunisia. Besides, we did three exams of the most important cities of each country in the world. We finished exhausted but we are sure we will never forget it.

Amadeus is the most important computing program concerning flights reservations. It has been so gratifying being able to understand how it works and doing exercises in which we reserved flights for ourselves to travel to Bangkok, Montréal, New York and so on. We wish that had been the case!

