

Erfahrungsbericht – Kardelen Koc aus der Türkei

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Hello, my name is Kardelen Koc.

I am from Turkey and currently 25 years old.

I grew up with one sister, who came to Germany three years ago to work as a doctor. Being influenced by her positive comments and hearing about other people's happy lives, I have decided to live in Germany for a short period of time. After exploring a few parts of this country on my past visits, I decided to do my master's degree in Würzburg.

So, 2017 I came to Würzburg in order to study mathematics at the University. On my first semester at the university, I stayed with my sister in Schweinfurt. It was difficult to take the train every day, so I have decided to move out and with the help of the Studentenwerk I have applied for an accommodation. Their website and the tutors from the international office have guided me very well in my student life. After all it got easier to a certain extent. Now, I know quite a few people from other countries. I go to dances, hang out in an Irish pub, play billiard or bowling and sometimes watch movies with my friends on my leisure time. However, I can tell that running outside is the best activity for me. I want to use this country's fresh air as much as possible along with its delicious beers. On my holidays, I try to arrange short trips all over Europe as having cheap flights with such a wide train and bus connections, which is one of the advantages of living here. Nevertheless, I prefer spending my summer in Turkey at the seaside.

My program at the university is English oriented and I am allowed to learn German at the same time I attain my degree. It is possible to do more interdisciplinary study at this university as a mathematician since they offer a variety of courses on both academic and industrial areas.

All reasons and experiences combined, I like a lot of things about Würzburg: My first day here for example was an unforgettable memory. I started walking through the city centre at a sunny and warm weather. Everybody around me looked so calm and happy. When I arrived at the "Alte Brücke", I grabbed a glass of wine and listened to the voice of the water flowing over the river. I walked at the river side and passed through the alleys. I strolled around the stores on the road and ended up at residence's garden. I can say that this is one of my favourite places - seeing people reading a book, walking with their dogs, jogging or taking photos was idyllic. Wait for it to look fascinating in spring!

If you like wine and an oasis of peace like me, Würzburg simply is a nice city to study! It might be too calm on weekends, though. Especially finding every shop and the markets closed on Sundays was very difficult for me to get used to. Eating habits and food are also two of the main differences between Turkey and Germany. It took a long time to adapt to German cuisine. Still, I want to extend my thanks to the person who cooked Apfelstrudel for the first time! On the other hand, I need to admit that most of the Germans are more cool-headed than the Turkish people. Although, I wish they would have more intimacy in their relations with others.

To sum it up, being an international student has contributed a lot on my self-improvement with the pluses and minuses. I believe, learning a whole different culture provides a broader perspective in our lives. Herewith, I am in a place where I want to spend my life for a while in the future.