

We had already made contact as exchange students of my home university before we were in Moscow, the first days were very relaxed, because met directly as a group.

We also had assigned buddies.

Together with our buddies, we met with the exchange students and had a direct, communicative and good start into the semester.

After a few days, we had an introductory day from the economics faculty with all exchange students from our faculty.

The day was super organized and everyone had fun.

The next day we had a city tour, which was good too.

Overall we had great coordinators and social contact was right there.

Moscow never gets bored.

Many bars, museums, parks and shopping streets always give a place to spend your free time.

But you have to remember that in the evening at the weekend you reserve in restaurants.

Since the euro-ruble exchange rate was very good for us, we often ate out.

St.Petersburg is a must-do, you can get there by night train for about 50 € and it's comfortable, but you never know what the weather is like.

Kazan is a beautiful city where you can spend 1-2 days. The prices for flights back and forth are, if you book early very well. In the short term the flights were 50 € and the accommodation in a hotel, with breakfast, about 15 € per person. It was well worth it.

To get to know the "real" Russia, I recommend going to Nizhny Novgorod for 1-2 days (4 hours from Moscow) and exploring the city as there was a lot of history going on.

The economics department is very good. Our coordinators were always ready to help, took their time and positively influenced our semester abroad.

To the lectures one must say that the professors determine the beginning of the lectures and are very free in their planning.

As far as free time is concerned, you never have to be bored in Moscow.

I think it was a unique and very good semester abroad and it was just indescribably great in Moscow, because there are a lot of positives and negatives.

In any case, I can say that it was one of the best semesters!