

# **OUR ERASMUS JOURNEY IN ROMANIA**

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# HELLO EVERYONE AND LET'S MEET! THIS IS US:



**MILOS**



**VANJA**



**BOZIDAR**



**STEFAN**

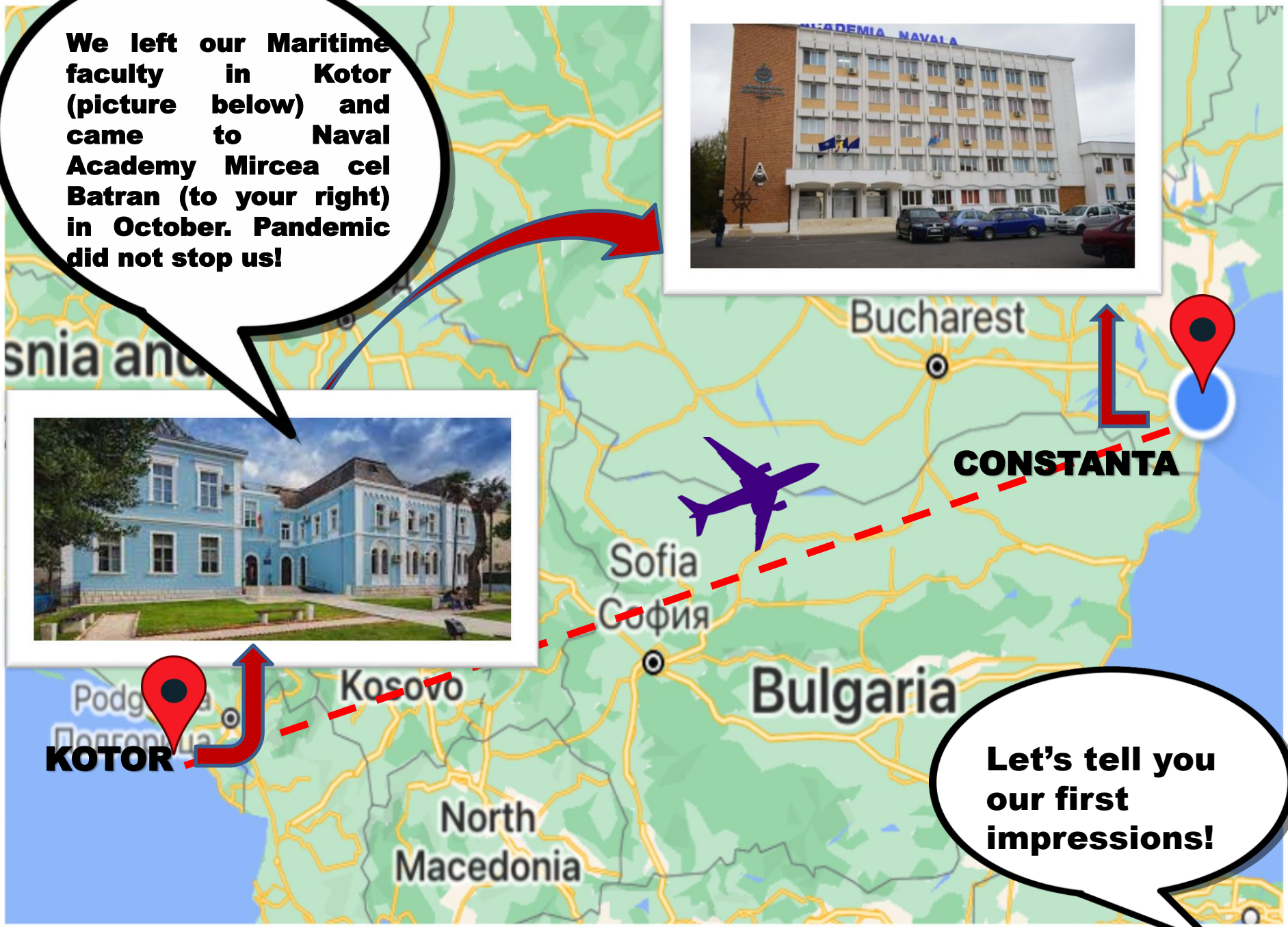








**We left our Maritime faculty in Kotor (picture below) and came to Naval Academy Mircea cel Batran (to your right) in October. Pandemic did not stop us!**



**Let's tell you our first impressions!**



A long, straight asphalt road stretches from the foreground into the distance, flanked by dry, golden-brown grass and low hills. In the background, large, rugged mountains rise, with some peaks partially obscured by mist or low clouds. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of a long, open journey.

**“Run towards adventure  
and not away from it!”**



**Upon our arrival and first weeks we got ourselves accommodated and familiarized with the academy, professors, colleagues and student campus.**

**Academy here is much bigger than our faculty in Montenegro, they have studies for navy/military and for civilian students.**

**It made a very good impression on us to be able to see that type of diversity in one place. Every day we would see military students around the campus - practicing, marching, doing their duties and activities. We could all agree to respect their discipline and work ethics. Even if we are civilians being in this environment made us be more responsible and try to follow up and learn some things from them because they are a good role model example.**

**Everyone was helpful and we felt very welcomed here. We had our Romanian buddy Stefan who was in charge of us and he was a great help in providing us information regarding academy and the city. Alexandra and Laura ,our Erasmus coordinators, were a great help too.**



**For our classes here we needed to follow a schedule which was a bit different from the one we have back home. Classes here are scheduled for two weeks and they repeat after that. For us it was something new but also interesting because we were foreigners here and we were a part of their educational system and we were a bit out of our comfort zone. But we adjusted very fast.**

**Most of our classes were held in person with professors , a few of them online. And we were really happy about it. Because it was a pandemic time and with respecting all necessary measurements we managed to have real live learning experience. It was great because nothing can replace a live word and teaching in person.**

**Classes were held in English language which helped us a lot to improve our communication skills and we all got to learn something from each other. All of the professors were really nice and helpful. Beside standard classes we always had time to discuss any topic with them and some of the conversations and advice we will always be grateful for.**

**Also one important thing we want to mention is that learning facilities, classrooms, simulators are really great here. Everything is new or in a process of renovation so we were also impressed by that. Clean, comfortable and modern classrooms with all the necessities, projectors, equipment. But the biggest impression for us was definitely studying in navigational simulators. Back home we have only one simulator but here they have many and we got to practice in 4 of them. It was a great opportunity for us to learn about radar navigation and it helped us a lot because we got to apply our knowledge in practice. It also helped us prepare for our next semester back home when we will get to practice on our simulator . We already feel that we have advantage.**

**Beside our classrooms and rooms, we also had access to academy's library where we could go to work on our projects, do our researches and study in quiet atmosphere.**

**Academy here has all that you need. Beside academic buildings for classes it has dormitory buildings, parks, sport field, student canteen, gym, medical center.**

**But most amazing time for us was definitely our dormitory. It is there where the social life was most vivid and where all the fun was happening.**



**We were placed in High school dormitory , the building is very nice and has a student spirit, you could always see students around running after their daily routines. We were on the ground floor together with other Erasmus students from Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine and Bulgaria.**

**Rooms are with 2 beds, TV set, refrigerator, microwave, toaster, 2 desks, 2 chairs, bathroom. They are really comfortable and exceeded our expectations. Also the price was around 50 Euros per month which was really great and affordable for us.**

**But that was not that much important because we live in dorms back home, and we are used to that life, the most important thing here was the cultural exchange. And experience of meeting all other students here. Making friends with students from different countries and cultures, getting to know their ways of thinking, their sense of humor, learning some words in their language, their view on life, finding that we have so much in common. That was the best lessons that we learned here . We spent so many days here together, helped each other, laughed and cried, spent endless nights in talking and drinking ( just a little bit haha), had great parties, birthdays, holidays celebrations.**

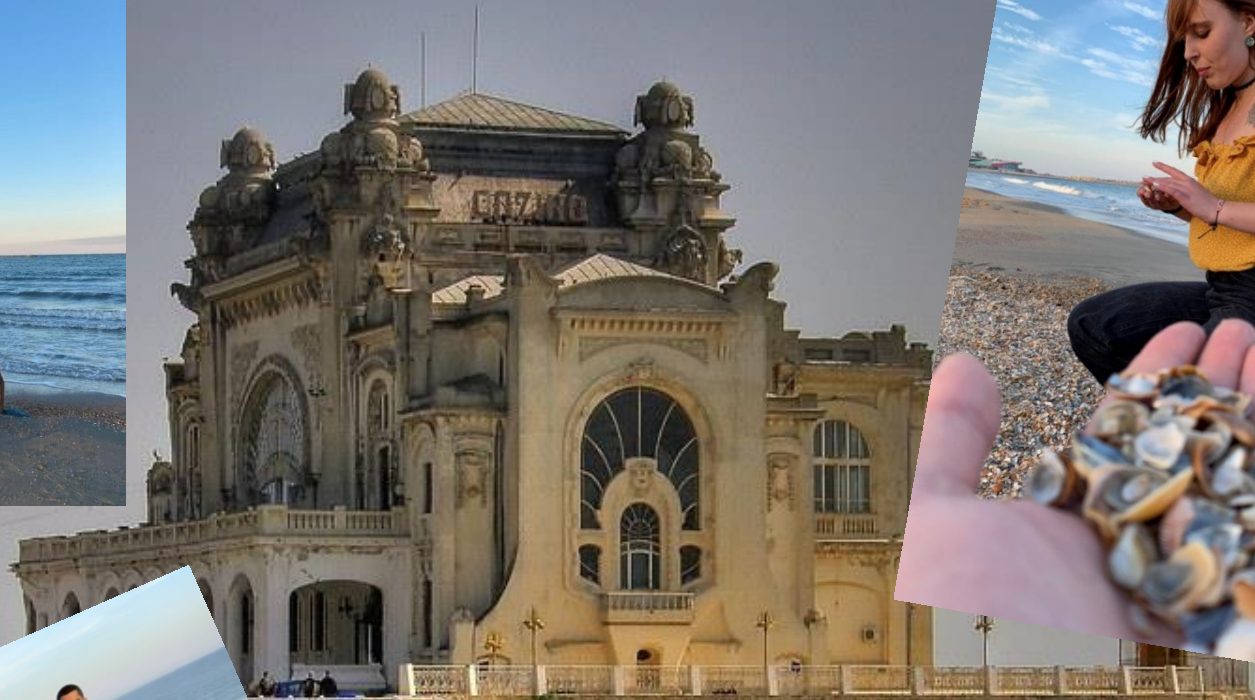
**Friends are definitely the best part of Erasmus for us. We are already looking for arrangements and planning our next trip to some of our friends here.**

**We all learned something from each other. After sharing our life with them we certainly feel more open, more tolerant, more knowledgeable and more international. Friends here are like a family.**





# THE CITY IS AMAZING!



**Constanta is an amazing city. It was our first time here and we didn't know much about it but it is definitely worth visiting or even better - studying here. And we got the chance to explore it completely. Our weekends were always reserved for exploring the city. One thing that is great here is the city bus transportation. The busses are very frequent and on time. CITY BUS mobile app is a great thing to have to help you around the city. Also the bus tickets are very cheap.**

**It was our first time seeing The Black sea and it is beautiful. No palm trees like we have back home but the beaches here are very huge and with nice sand and view. Walking along the beaches and resorts and taking pictures with friends was a really nice activity, or also good escape place to enjoy nature and sea.**

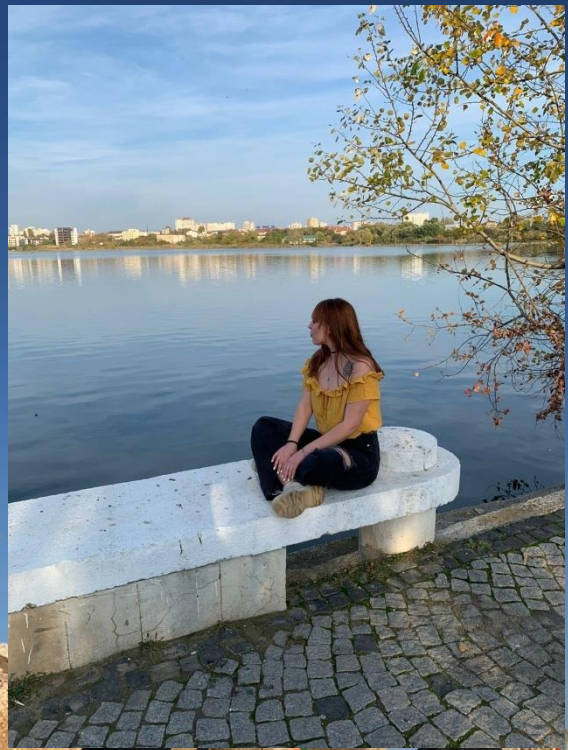
**Architecture here in Constanta is very nice, similar like back home, but the prettiest for us is the old town. It is near the port, has an amazing architecture with a spirit of old times, many streets and statues, bars , museum . The one of the most recognizable monuments there is the building of OLD CASINO. It is really unique and worth seeing. It gives the town a special spark. Unfortunately it is under reconstruction so we didn't take any good selfies there but still it made a great impression on us.**



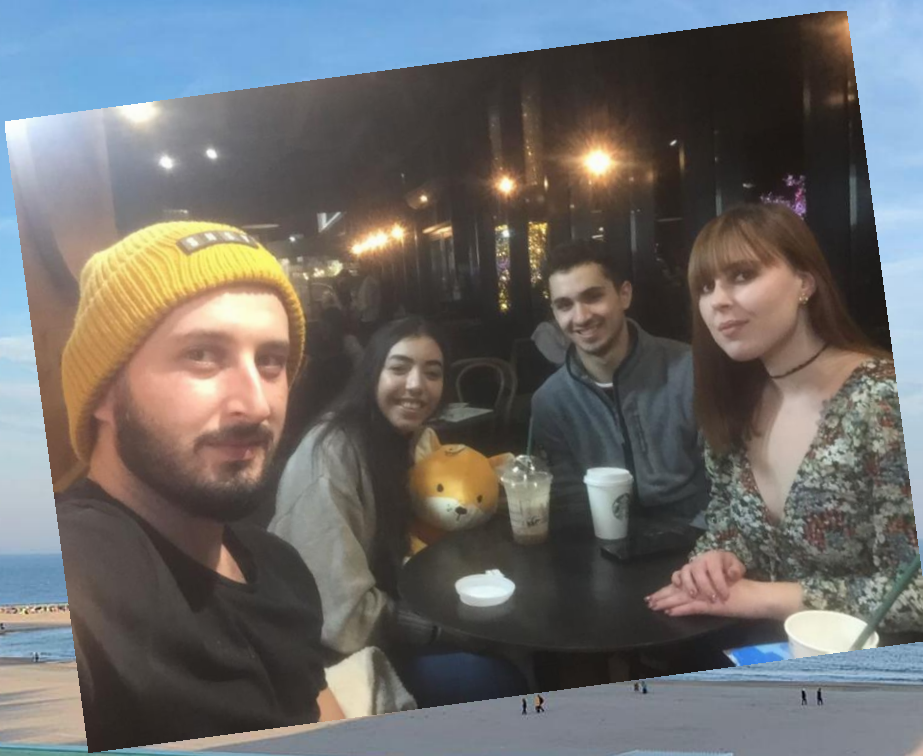
**If you get tired of walking you can always find a good place for a coffee with friends. Constanta has a lot of bars and cafes especially in the old town. Our favorite is Buddha bar , we made some really great memories there. We also enjoyed skating rink, when winter came it was our favorite activity , and Constanta has a few.**

**Food and drinks here are also similar to what we have back home. We were positively surprised that we share some traditional meals like sarmale and mici. But also we tried many other meals which are part of Romanian culture and we loved it. Beside traditional you can always try something different because the city can offer you a lot of international choices – Greek, Turkish, French cuisine and many more.**

**When we are talking about the food we also want to notice that most of our meals we ate in the student canteen. And it was a great choice for us. Meals are really affordable, around 20 Euros per week for 3 meals a day. We ate with military students. Every day it was a different menu for the day, the portions are really good and big. Sometimes some days were better some not so great but it is a matter of the individual taste. Overall it was good, we also had a kitchen where we could prepare some meals for ourselves.**





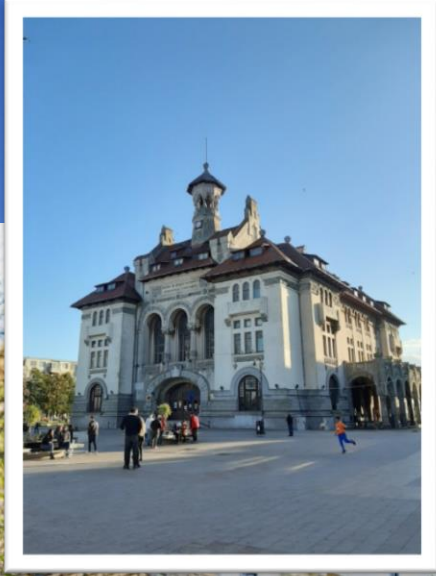








**HAVING FUN WITH FRIENDS WAS MORE FUN!!!!**





**Like we mention before the best part of our Erasmus experience are the friends that we found here. We did so many activities together. From exploring the city and going to skating, karaoke, movie nights, bowling, hanging in the rooms. We also took some trips together . The atmosphere was good at all times , everyone wanted to party, to socialize, to have fun. We also respected our needs and time to study . We made some great friends here!**



**Friendship**



















# TRAVELING WITH ESN ORGANIZATION WAS EASY AND FUN!





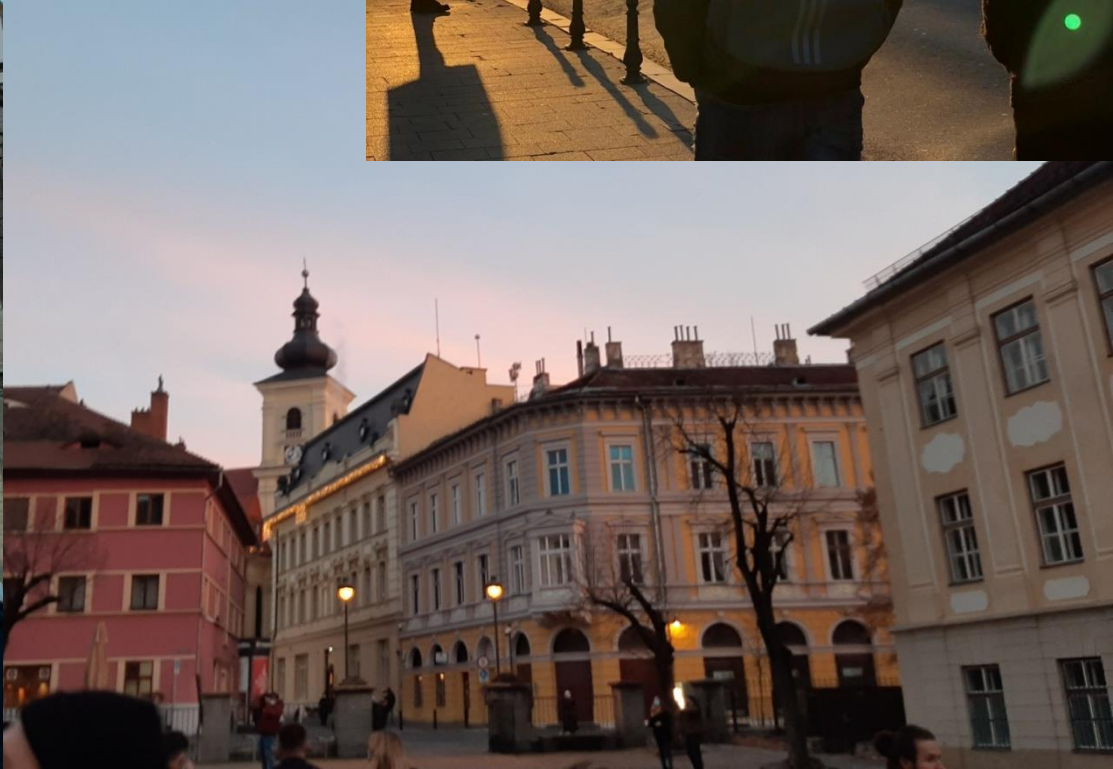
**IF you are a student here in Constanta we definitely recommend you to join the ESN student organization. They were also a great help to us here and helped our social life. They organized many trips for Erasmus students and enabled us to get to know Romania better , visit some of the best cities - Bucharest , Brasov, Sibiu, Sighisoara... Being a member of organization also helped us a lot because with the esn cards we got many perks not only when it comes to traveling but also we could enjoy some coffee and donuts shops in the city with a great discounts . Also they organized many activities for us like bowling nights, karaoke nights, traditional dinners, skating . Thanks to them we felt like being a part of the bigger group and we also got the opportunity to get to know other Erasmus students from different universities here in Constanta. Trips and excursions organized by ESN are really great , also when it comes to price. They will always have great offers moneywise and will make sure everyone is included and best accommodation is provided.**







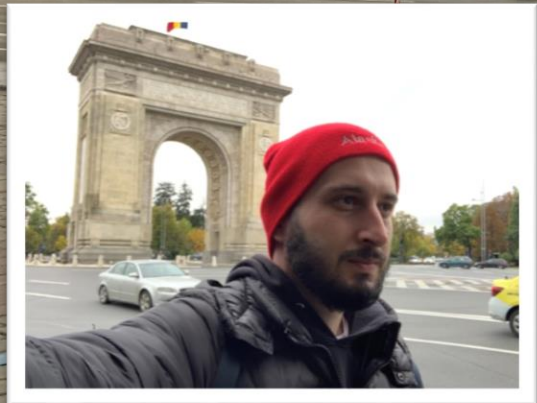
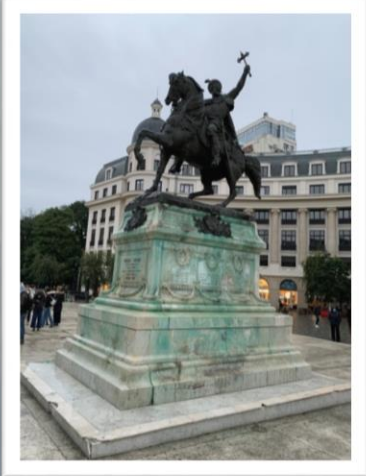
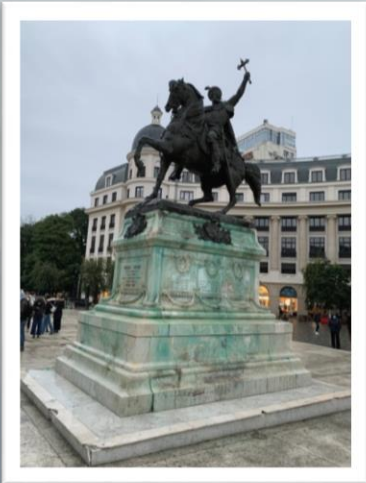












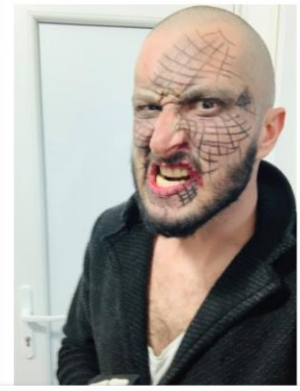
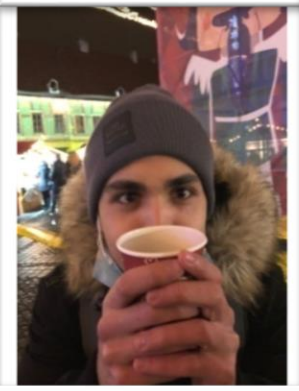
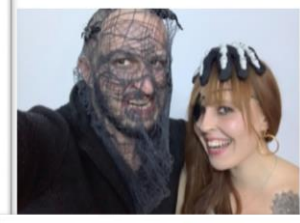
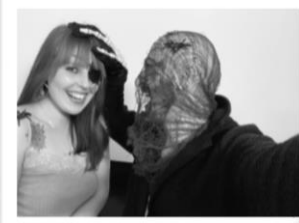














**WE ALSO GOT TO STUDY AND LEARN NEW THINGS!**







**Education is the passport  
to the future, for tomorrow  
belongs to those who  
prepare for it today.**

Malcolm X

**"If you are not willing to learn,  
no one can help you.  
If you are determined to learn,  
no one can stop you."**

- Zig Ziglar







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The best memories of  
our life can never be  
captured in pictures,  
they are always captured  
by heart.

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**I guess we have to finally face it: it's the end.**

**First of all, I have to thank Erasmus program, Naval academy Mircea cel Batran, Maritime faculty Kotor, professors and coordinators for making all this possible, without their support We would have never been able to get through such an amazing experience! We also have to thank to all my intercultural friends for making these months some of the best ones of our life. We had everything an Erasmus student could ever want: parties, travelling and a group of amazing friends. It was one of the best experiences We could ever have been a part of.**







*That's all Folks!*