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# MALTA / DUBLIN WORK EXPERIENCE 25/26

This project enabled the work experience of 53 students of the Business School and Further Education College Brno to Malta / Dublin for 2 weeks (10 working days) in October 2025 and April 2026.



We received the grant from the European Union project Erasmus+ and 53 students (work experience) + 4 teachers (methodical courses) could travel to Malta in October 2025 (30 students and 4 teachers) and April 2026 (23 students). We are the 22<sup>nd</sup> group that were given this chance to live and work in an English-speaking country for two weeks. Everything was financed by the European Union. All we needed was pocket money.



During the time we worked in various Maltese companies (QuickLets & Zanzi Homes Tigne, Remax Luxe Sliema, European Multidisciplinary Consulting Services, Grands Suites Hotel, Merlyn Library, etc.) and Irish companies (Kefron Limited, ICOT College, Ad'reme Solicitors, Gifts Of Ireland, Job Contax Recruitment, Doyle & Company LLP Solicitors, etc.).

We became part of a team and were supervised at all times by at least one mentor. We participated in everyday procedures and developed new specialised skills in the field of our study. The managers prepared daily work tasks and monitored our progress together with our accompanying teachers. The managers evaluated our achievements at the end of the working experience.

Most of us worked in different companies. Those of us who are students of business school worked with business correspondence and with databases of clients, prepared presentations, dealt with internet enquiries, answered phones, took messages, served and advised customers and supported senior staff. We did some market research, assisted in various computerized activities such as processing, data input, emailing. We worked with internal IT system, PCs, printers, scanners and other office equipment. We also had some general duties such as filling, faxing and photocopying. We assisted and communicated with customers on daily basis and thus improved their communication skills.

The typical tasks of students of information services and librarianship were answering reference inquiries, lending documents to the user via automatic library systems, creating catalogue records of documents and books, modifying records in the database of books, looking up relevant records and communication with clients.

Students of social services dealt with documents, clients and prepared their case history. Other tasks were preparing an analysis on the specifics of the particular minority according to the type of the organization, offer of services and intervention.

After working hours we had free time which we spent together or went sightseeing. In Malta we lived in apartments with a kitchenette where we could cook. In Dublin we lived in host families which provided us with food and place to stay. Every once in a while we met with mentors from Travelmania (Malta) or ADC College (Ireland), which are the partners of our school in Erasmus+. If we had any problem we could consult it with our teachers or a Travelmania/ ADC College employee.

It was great experience for all of us because we learned new skills and improved our English. At the end of the two weeks work placement project a ceremony was held to celebrate our achievements – we received the certificates of completing our work placement. We also received references from our employers and Europass Mobility. Some of us were offered a part-time job for summer.

## Our programme



On the first day when we came to Malta/ Dublin we were given Tallinja Explore cards/ Oyster cards for unlimited travelling. We met our mentor from the intermediary organization Travelmania/ ADC College who told us details about travelling and working. After the meeting we had to find our way to our companies and take a selfie which we had to show

to our accompanying teachers. On Monday we started working.

From Monday to Friday we were working, but after work we went sightseeing.

In Malta we visited e. g. Valetta, Sliema, St Julian's, Mdina. We swam and sunbathed on various beaches. At the weekend, we went for a trip to Gozo - the northern island of the Republic of Malta.



In Dublin we visited e. g. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin Castle. At the weekend, we went for a trip to the north of Dublin (Howth Cliff Path, Howth Harbour).



In the end each of us received Europass Mobility. On Saturday we said goodbye to Malta/ Dublin and travelled back to Brno.

We managed work in companies without problems and our employers appraised our communication skills, professional skills and work attitude. We improved our skills in contact with customers, administrative work and use of information technologies. We also learned to present their work to our colleagues or customers in a suitable way, which contributed to the development of our soft-skills. We broadened our professional English terminology. All these aspects will enable us to gain competitive advantage at the labour market. New experience from Maltese/ Dublin companies will be used during our further education and practice.

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**“Hello, we would like to share our experience with you and give you some advice about your Erasmus. We can assure you that you’ll enjoy your time abroad.”**

## **MALTA - OCTOBER 2025**

### **Nikol Romanovská (3. EP)**

My internship took place at Regjun Tramuntana, where I was responsible for administrative tasks. The work itself was not demanding, but it was meaningful. The staff kindly explained the entire process behind local court procedures related to parking or littering fines, so we were able to understand the broader purpose of what we were doing. It wasn’t just about stamping papers. We learned how the local system works and saw the real impact of administrative work.



Our colleagues were incredibly kind, approachable, and patient. They made sure we understood everything and were always open to conversation, not only about work but also about their personal lives and Maltese culture. This made the workplace feel very friendly and relaxed.

As for accommodation, it was generally pleasant. The apartment was clean and the kitchen was well equipped, which made cooking easy. The bathroom was modern and tidy, although sharing it with four other girls every morning sometimes turned into quite an adventure.

When it comes to transportation, Malta can be quite challenging. Public transport is free for residents, yet very few people actually use it. Most locals drive, so the roads are always full and traffic jams are common. On our very first day, we even arrived late because the bus never showed up on time. Sometimes buses were so crowded that the driver wouldn’t even let more passengers in. On the bright side, one transport experience I would definitely recommend is taking the gondola to the Three Cities and back. It costs only three euros per ride and offers a wonderful view of the harbour. To avoid delays, we usually woke up early in the morning, but when returning home in the evening, one has to accept that traffic jams are inevitable and the journey can take twice as long as expected.

I really made the most of my free time in Malta. I visited beautiful places such as Valletta, Mdina, Rabat, Mellieħa, and the Three Cities. Despite it being autumn, the weather was amazing, and I even managed to swim in the sea. As for nature, I visited the Blue Grotto and the Coral Lagoon, during which we also stopped by the Red Tower, offering a fantastic view of the surrounding area. I also visited Popeye Village, a themed park that was definitely worth it. There were entertaining shows where visitors could participate, and there was even a small private beach to relax on. I also tried go-karting and attended a contemporary dance class, both of which were unforgettable and gave me the chance to meet new people and try something different. Malta is also famous for its nightlife and parties, and I have to say, it's well deserved.



In terms of prices, food, and shopping, supermarket prices were almost the same as in the Czech Republic. However, eating out was more expensive, with a meal and a drink usually costing between 12 and 20 euros. Still, I often chose restaurants because it saved a lot of time. Coming home from work, cooking, and then going out again would have been too time-consuming, so eating out was a convenient solution. I especially recommend trying the traditional Maltese snack pastizzi, which costs only about 70 cents and tastes amazing.

To conclude, my internship in Malta was an incredible experience. I had the chance to do things I might not have tried back home, and I gained not only professional experience but also new friendships and unforgettable memories. I learned a lot,

improved my English, and discovered a new culture. If I could change one thing, I am truly grateful for this opportunity, and I am sure I will return to Malta in the future.

### Daniel Pavlů (3. EP)

Working and cooperating with the staff of the company where I had my internship was sometimes difficult, mainly because of the age gap with some older colleagues. However, there



was one colleague who quickly understood that we were on the same age level, and I personally think that thanks to her, I'm planning to come back later.

The work itself wasn't very difficult. Since we worked in an office connected to the court system, we mostly met well-educated co-workers who included us in their daily tasks.

We were glad that our working hours ended earlier than theirs, because we spent a lot of time in traffic on our way home or to another location. My fellow intern and I tried to make the most of our 14 days in Malta — after work, we usually planned trips, looked for buses, and came back home around 8 p.m.

The public transport in Malta was a big surprise. On our first day, we were late for work even though we left two hours earlier. Transportation is free for Maltese citizens, but that's

part of the problem — when everything is free, the system tends to fail.

Life in Malta is definitely cheaper for locals than for tourists, which isn't unusual. Teachers advised us to shop at Lidl, but with our schedule, we didn't have time to go there. We used convenience stores instead — more expensive, but on every corner, which saved time. Eating out was expensive — a simple meal with a can of cola cost around 12.50 to 20 euros. Acceptable for the first few days, but later you start counting every euro.

The apartment itself was quite nice — it had two balconies, one in the front and one in the back, and even a pool. But honestly, who needs a pool when the sea is just a short walk away? The walls were paper-thin, so we heard a lot of noise at night, but that's part of the experience. Night silence started officially after 11 p.m.

During our stay, we visited Mellieha, Mdina, the south coast, Blue Grotto, Coral Lagoon, and Popeye Village, which was really charming. I think we used our time there well and enjoyed it to the fullest.

To conclude, I'd like to mention the differences between our political system and theirs. Malta has only one main opposition party, and their prime minister is quite controversial. The biggest differences I noticed were in public transport, waste management, and recycling. What surprised me most was the number of cars — parking is free, but there are too many vehicles, so people end up paying parking fines instead. The government still earns money, just in another way. And the same with waste, if you bring another sack in front of your door, you get a fee. On the bright side, drivers always let you cross the street, even if there isn't a pedestrian crossing. And they drive on the left side, but as a pedestrian you get used to it very quickly.



Malta was very sunny, and I even swam in the sea and sunbathed in October. So, if you ever get a chance to go, take it — it's the perfect way to extend your summer.

**Nicole Koudelová (3. SPA)**

I was fortunate to complete my internship at the Agency Community and Therapeutic Service in Qawra. This organization provides counselling and support to people who find themselves



in difficult life situations. It focuses mainly on general support as well as assistance with employment, education, housing and financial difficulties.

The main part of my internship involved observing various meetings with clients, doing administrative work and managing the forms for the Dawra Durella project. I even planned and led my very first session of this project. The project is free of charge, aimed at children aged 7 to 12, and takes place every Thursday. The children cook, bake, create, go on trips and play games.

I was extremely satisfied with my internship. All the staff were very kind and helpful, and they tried to involve me in the daily operation of the organisation, even though I was there for only two weeks. On my last day, they prepared refreshments with traditional local treats, said a lovely goodbye and wished me good luck with my studies.

As for the accommodation, I think we had an ideal location — we stayed in Sliema. We were five in one apartment, and the rooms were shared by two or three people each. The accommodation was small, but modern, clean and had a fully equipped kitchen.

Transport was a bit challenging, but manageable. My commute to work took around 45 minutes, depending on bus delays and traffic. There were times during peak hours when I even had to wait up to an hour for a bus to take me. Luckily, we had a free public transport card for the whole two weeks. When more of us were travelling together, it was most convenient to use Bolt — we could get across half the island in about 30 minutes.

I spent most of my free time walking around, and during the weekend I visited the beach and Mdina. We also had organised trips to the capital city Valletta, a boat tour and a ferry trip to the island of Gozo. I liked Gozo the most — it has beautiful little streets and amazing sea views.

The prices were similar to those in our country, so we were able to save money by cooking together. The pastizzi were great — only 70 cents and perfect for a snack. In restaurants, meals usually cost between 12 and 15 euros. I brought home lots of souvenirs, such as silver rings, magnets and their traditional soft drink Kinnie.

I rate my stay in Malta very positively and I would definitely recommend it to everyone — whether as part of Erasmus or simply as a holiday. Malta may be small, but there is always something new to see and discover.



**Barbora Viktorinová (3. SPB)**

During my stay in Malta, I was placed in organisation Agency Community and Therapeutic Service – Qawra in Saint Paul’s Bay. Purpose of this organisation is mainly focused on: improving the quality of life for all communities in Malta through sustainable social development, supporting individuals and families to enhance their well-being within their communities, Co-producing care plans through collaboration between clients and professionals.

My internship in ACTS Qawra was very pleasant and that was due to nice team, which accept me between each other without any issues. During internship I could see, how can in praxis look like working with quite wide target group from children to



foreigners, that needed help with necessary documents to be able to live there. I also had often opportunity to participate on many meetings with clients or social survey. Even I had chance to help with planning activation activity for project Qawra Durella and host first meeting of this project. Also, I had opportunity to visit community meetings, which this organisation organizes for improving relationships between locals of Saint Paul’s Bay. I really appreciate those opportunities ACTS Qawra offered me during my stay. Thanks to this experience I had better chance to using of theory in every day of work of social worker.



I was accommodated in an apartment in Sliema. This location allowed me good access to the capital city of Valletta by using public transport. Near to accommodation was harbour, which allowed us a beautiful view of the sea, that was surrounding the island. Along the harbour were many local shops and restaurants

with traditional Maltese products. The apartment was equipped with a modern interior, which seemed quite cosy.

During my internship, I had the opportunity to visit Valletta, where I visited many places that I may have known from the silver screen. I also took a boat tour from the Sliema dock, during which our captain explained us the historical context of the harbour and the important buildings we passed by. I was very interested in many historical facts about World War II and the overall status of Malta during this period.

As another trip I went on excursions to the nearby island of Gozo, where we visited the St. George's Basilica in Victoria, the Citadel, which has very important link to the Order of the Knights of Malta. This last stop of this trip was by visiting Xlendi Bay, which except of chance of swimming in the sea provided us with the ideal chance to a hike in the landscape that surrounded this place. From the trip, I really enjoyed visiting Mdina, which, like most places on this island, offered a view of beautiful architecture. I was also excited of visiting the National Aquarium of Malta, where I saw many different marine species. This visit was of course added with fascinating information about these species on info boards. During the tour, I was also interested in the exhibition concentrated on archaeology, in which I had the opportunity to learn about the many finds that were discovered in the sea surrounding the island and how difficult it is to preserve these exhibits after rescuing them from sea.



Prices on Malta weren't too different from those in Czechia. Some products were cheaper and some were bit more expensive that back in home, but it was quite predictable. On the other hand, some meals like for example including seafood and many types of fish were in restaurants often more tasteful and cheaper than in Czech Republic. So, for people who loves those meals it is perfect.

Thanks to this project I had opportunity to see how work of social worker abroad may look like, incudes and how can be implemented many theoretical directions while working with such a broad target group. Of course, I'm also very glad, that I could learn something more about history of this country from locals and find out more about their culture. In general, this stay was very nice and I appreciate that I had chance to participate in program Erasmus+.

### **Zuzana Strániková (3. SPB)**

Working in Malta was a pleasant and rewarding experience. At the organization where I worked, all the employees were kind, friendly, approachable, and always willing to help or explain things to me. They really made an effort to make me feel good and give me the opportunity to get to know their work and the entire social work system in Malta. I have already met many social workers, so I believe that their kindness and willingness to help were also connected to the nature of their work. Also, Maltese people are known for their hospitality and relaxed attitude, which made the workplace atmosphere pleasant. I'm sure that this is the case in most organizations across Malta. My advice to future interns is to show initiative and communicate openly. Don't hesitate to ask questions or request clarification — the staff appreciate willingness to learn.



We stayed in apartments that included two rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a balcony. Five of us shared each apartment. The apartments were nice, clean and functional, equipped with basic furniture and kitchen facilities. The accommodation was also in a very good location, shops, restaurants, bus stops, and the sea were close by. Living with classmates made communication easy and created a friendly atmosphere, as we could support each other with daily tasks and share tips about what to see, where to go to eat and so on. I have personally noticed, also thanks to home visits to clients, that many Maltese houses are built in such a way that the apartments are very long but have few windows. Typically, one window is at one end and another at the opposite end of a flat, leaving the middle part quite dark, with either no window or a small one facing the courtyard. Our apartment was similar, which is why it seemed very dark to me, but still nice.

Public transport in Malta was one of the biggest adventures during my stay. Although the buses run frequently, they are often overcrowded, delayed, and sometimes do not stop at all when they are full. Timetables are not always reliable, especially during peak hours. Timetables are not always reliable, especially during peak hours. For this reason, I usually had to go to work with a lot of time to spare because I never knew if the bus would be on time or not. On the first

day, we all received a Tallinja card, which gave us free travel around whole island, that was beneficial. But for shorter distances, walking can sometimes be faster than waiting for the bus.

Malta is a small island, but it offers many beautiful places to explore during free time. There are numerous historical buildings and breath-taking views. I especially enjoyed visiting Valletta, Mdina, and Golden Bay, which are among the must-see spots in Malta. I personally really enjoyed simply walking and wandering through the narrow streets, which can be found in almost every town in Malta. I also loved stopping for a coffee or ice cream at one of the many cafes and shops, then strolling along the harbour, sitting on a bench, and enjoying the warmth and the beautiful view of the sea. At the weekend, we visited Gozo, a smaller island next to Malta. We got there easily by ferry and used buses again on the island. I found Gozo even more beautiful than Malta—there are fewer buildings, more natural landscapes, and it is quieter and more traditional. The Maltese colleagues at my workplace told me that Gozo today resembles how Malta used to look.



We mostly cooked for ourselves at the accommodation, which was much cheaper than eating out at restaurants. Supermarkets such as Lidl and Greens were well stocked and offered reasonable prices, although food in general is more expensive than in the Czech Republic. There was also a small market near our accommodation where we could get everything we needed. I tried local Maltese dishes like pastizzi, which I really enjoyed and often bought as a snack. Pastizzi are savoury pastries made from flaky puff pastry, typically filled with ricotta cheese or pea mash. Overall, I would say that prices in Malta are slightly higher than in the Czech Republic.

The internship in Malta was an incredibly valuable and rewarding experience for me. Malta is a beautiful country, and having the opportunity to explore its sights, meet new people, and gain insight into the functioning of social work there within just two weeks was truly enriching. During this time, I improved my communication skills in English, strengthened my teamwork abilities, and became more independent. I would recommend such an experience to everyone—there's no need to be afraid; it will be a fantastic opportunity!

### Daniel Prokop (3. LB)

I worked in Follow The Sun Boutique Hostel. This hostel with a swimming pool and sea views is located in the attractive district of Saint Julian's. During my Erasmus stay, communication with the staff was very easy. Everyone was nice and helpful. If we needed something, we could always ask them and they helped us. The people at work were friendly, and there were no problems at all. I felt comfortable and I learned a lot from them.

The accommodation was really nice. My room was modern and clean, and the bed was comfortable. Everything was new and worked well. I lived close to the city and shops, so it was easy to buy food or go somewhere. I liked the place and I had everything I needed.

The transport there was not as good as in the Czech Republic. Sometimes buses were late or full. But when you learn how it works, it's okay. After some time, I got used to it. I mostly used buses, but sometimes I walked when it was close.

In my free time, I visited many nice places. I really recommend going to Valletta and Mdina. Valletta is very beautiful and has a lot of history, and Mdina is small but interesting. I also went to some beaches. The ones near my place were good, but the best one was Golden Bay Beach. I also met other Erasmus students and we went out together, which was fun.

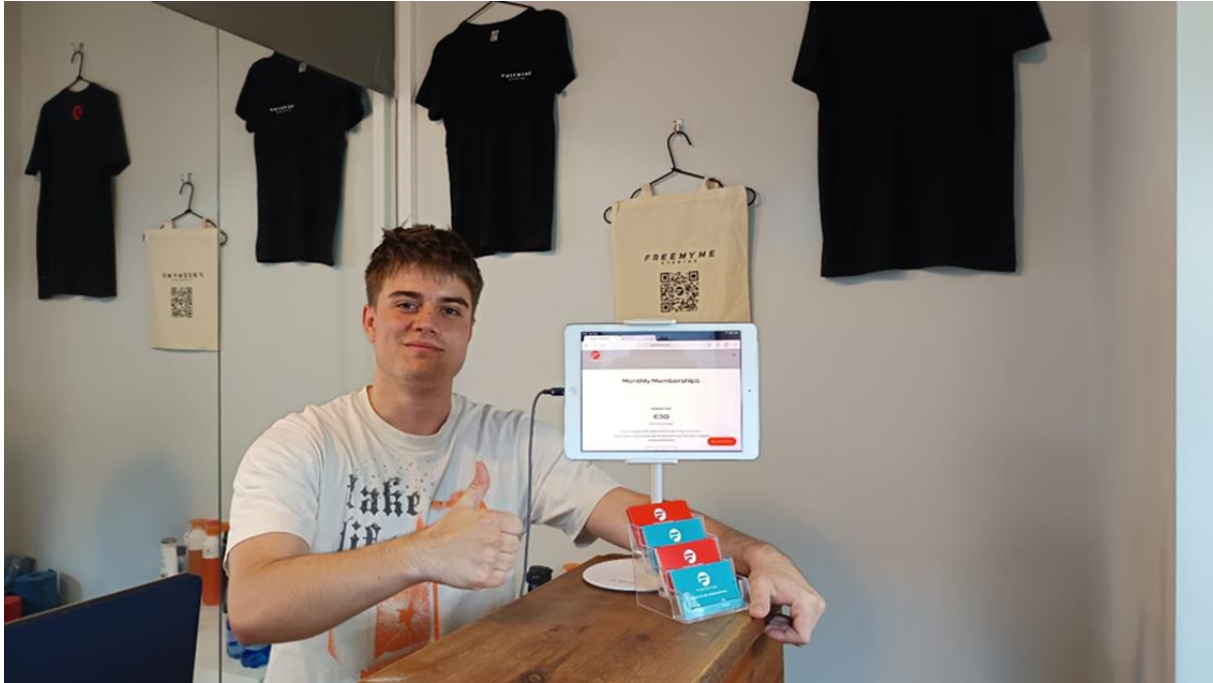


The prices were quite high compared to the Czech Republic. Food in restaurants was good, but expensive. It was better to cook at home. I liked the local food, especially seafood and fruit. Shopping was also more expensive, but I enjoyed looking at local shops and markets.

Overall, my Erasmus experience was great. I met new people, improved my English, and learned how to live on my own. Sometimes it was a bit hard, but it was worth it. I really recommend it to other students because it was a great experience and I will remember it for a long time.

### **Radek Horský (3. LB)**

Going to Malta for my internship was something I'll never forget. It was my first time living abroad for a longer period, and it really taught me a lot about life. We went there as a group of students from Brno, and at first we were all a bit nervous. But after a few days, we got used to it and started enjoying it. Looking back now, it was one of the best experiences I've ever had.



I worked in FreeMyMe. It is a fitness studio where you can join group classes, but also private classes by arrangement, under the supervision of a personal trainer. You will find Pilates, yoga, and even pole dancing here. I was responsible for customer communication, checking attendance at classes in the fitness center, and administrative tasks in Excel. At work, I was quite shy in the beginning, but the people especially my boss Antonio was super nice and easy to talk to. Everyone was friendly and helpful, so I didn't feel lost for long. The atmosphere was relaxed, and we often laughed even while working. I learned that it's okay to ask questions and make mistakes – nobody expects you to know everything. My advice? Don't be scared to speak up, even if your English isn't perfect. People care more about effort than grammar.

We lived together in a shared flat with 5 people, which was sometimes messy but also a lot of fun. It wasn't anything fancy, but we had what we needed. The best part was spending time with my classmates – watching YouTube, listening to music, or just talking in the evenings. Sometimes it was chaotic, but that's what made it memorable. If you're going, bring something small from home – it makes the place feel nicer.

Getting around took a bit of practice. The first few days we got lost more than once but we somehow managed to get to work in time but most of the days I decided to go by walk to work, because day and night the buses were always cramped and very often the bus driver did not even stop at the bus station because the bus was full of people and this happened very often so we just most of the time used our feet because it was better for your health and we did not have to breathe the smelly air in the bus.

After work, we tried to enjoy our time as much as possible. We walked around, went to the beach, or just sat somewhere with ice cream and talked. I loved the atmosphere – people there are chill, friendly, and always smiling. I realized you don't need big plans to have fun. Just being together and exploring new places was enough.

We tried to save money many times, but it didn't always end up as we planned. We tried to cook once in a while but for us it was not that practical because the work and effort we had to do to cook one simple dinner was enormous. So, we most of the time went to the restaurant even it was more expensive than in Brno but I think for the price, the amount of food was always enough.

The internship in Malta gave me more than I expected. I learned to be more independent, to handle things on my own, and to deal with small problems without panicking. Of course, I missed home sometimes, but that's normal. In the end, I came back with new friends, lots of memories, and a bit more confidence. To anyone from Brno going there next – don't stress too much, enjoy every day, and take everything as an adventure.

### **Tobiáš John Saunders (3. LB)**

Spending two weeks in Malta, working at a tax firm turned out to be quite an adventure, both the work itself and just getting there every day. The office was about an hour away from our accommodation, and at first, we thought public transport would be fine. But we quickly realised that Maltese buses have a bit of a reputation for being late, overcrowded, or sometimes just not showing up at all. Compared to what we're used to in the Czech Republic, it was pretty unreliable. So, my friend and I decided it would actually be easier to just walk. It wasn't exactly fun in the Maltese heat, but at least we knew we'd get to work on time. After a few days, it became part of our daily routine, and we even started to enjoy the walks, especially in the mornings when it wasn't too hot yet.



I worked at EMCS Advisory Ltd. European Multidisciplinary Consulting Services. It is a consulting company in Malta that provides a wide range of services, including tax and legal advice, European fund utilization, financial services, and business consulting. The job itself was

fairly simple. Most of the time we were entering data from surveys into a database. These surveys came from different sources, for example hotels or the Maltese Tourism Authority. It gave us an insight into how administrative tasks are handled in a professional environment. One of the more interesting parts of the placement was a research project we were assigned. We could choose one of seven countries and explore how artificial intelligence is developing there. We compared AI trends, looked at the potential economic impact, and wrote a short report about it. It was quite fun! We then got to write professional emails to our supervisor and a basic presentation of a plan.

Our accommodation was basic but fine for a short stay. We stayed in a self-catering apartment with two rooms. I shared it with 4 other people and surprisingly it went smoothly. We managed to get along well, even though sharing a kitchen and living space always takes some patience. The only small issues were figuring out cooking schedules and dealing with a bit of noise at night, but overall, it was nice.

As for transport, Malta definitely made me appreciate how good we have it back home in Brno. After a few days of dealing with the buses, I decided that walking was the best option, even if it took longer. On the bright side, we got to see a lot of the island that way.

Outside of work, we made sure to explore as much as we could. Malta has beautiful architecture and a lot of history, though after a while many of the towns start to look quite similar. We took a ferry to Gozo one weekend and visited Victoria and another smaller town. The views there were amazing, and the island had a really relaxed atmosphere. We also tried different restaurants and cafes; the prices were reasonable as long as you avoided the tourist hotspots like Valletta.



Overall, the placement was a really good experience. I learned how to adapt to a new environment, manage everyday things like transport and shared living, and handle the small challenges that come with being in a different country.

### **Matyas Pokreis (3. LB)**

I worked in a tax firm EMCS Advisory Ltd. an hour away from our accommodation and since the public transport in Malta isn't as reliable as in Czech Republic, me and my friend decided to walk to work instead of taking the bus each day. Not minding the transportation, the main work assigned to us was surprisingly easy - entering data into the database from surveys that we're given to us by the supervisor, be it surveys from hotels around Malta or the Maltese

Tourism Authority. Some other assignments that were given to us was research where we were given a choice between seven countries and had to research AI development in the country, AI trends in the country compared to other countries and how, if it can, will it affect the country's economy. After the research was completed, we had to write a 2-page document on what we managed to find out. Next, we wrote some work-related emails to clients or the supervisor. Lastly, we worked on a presentation that we ended up sending to our supervisor.

Accommodation itself wasn't too bad, it was just what you could expect from a self-catering apartment, it had two separate bedrooms, one for three people and the other for just two people, If it wasn't obvious already, I ended up being in one apartment with four other people, which shockingly enough wasn't too bad, the only bad things were the fact that we had to manage when and who is going to use the oven and that it roommates were sometimes too loud when you were trying to go to sleep.

I already kind of mentioned the transport, but really, be thankful for what we have in Brno, compared to what Malta has it's like comparing heaven to hell. The public transport could be summed up to be reliably unreliable. Why? Because it often than not arrived late, already full, so the bus would not even stop and you can wait for the next one, if it even decides to come. If you're going to Malta, get comfortable with walking.

There's a lot to see in Malta or Gozo, during the two weeks stay, I have managed to see most of Malta, the architecture is cool. We also went on a trip to Gozo by a ferry and visited Viktoria and Xlendi. There's a lot of restaurants and clubs if you happen to be hungry or wish to have some fun. Prices are relatively okay if you don't end up buying stuff in expensive shops or Valletta, check out more shops for prices, the place is small, take advantage of that fact.



Overall, Malta is a nice place to visit, and I surely enjoyed my two weeks long stay. Don't get too angry about the public transport, there's nothing you can do. If you wish to experience working in a different country, this is a great experience.

### **Tomáš Suchý (3. LB)**

I worked at BCP Real Estate. It is a real estate agency specializing in the sale, purchase, and rental of real estate. The company employs experts not only in this field, but also in marketing, economics, and business. My personal experience with work was very good. The work environment that I was placed in was very friendly and comfortable. People shouldn't expect that they will be communicating with others who will excel at English, because of how many different nationalities are occurring in Malta. Most people that you will encounter will have English as their second language as well. The Maltese people also don't primarily speak English, so don't worry if you are lacking some language skills — everyone is quite understanding and patient.



We stayed at very beautiful apartments that were fully equipped, so we could cook there on our own. I also got lucky because our apartments were very close to my job, which saved me a lot of time every day. The place was clean, modern, and had everything we needed for a comfortable stay.

The public transport in Malta can be quite tricky. Very often you can see absolutely overcrowded buses, and you might have trouble travelling with them, especially during rush hours. When it comes to travelling to some interesting sights or places on the other side of the island, I would suggest splitting a cab with friends. Most services like Uber or Bolt sometimes offer discount codes, so don't forget to redeem those — they can really save you some money.

Malta has so much to offer! If you're looking for a nice sandy beach, I would recommend visiting the Golden Bay. If rocks don't bother you and you like jumping into the water, the Saint Peter's Pool is an amazing option. And if you're looking for a historic place, then you definitely shouldn't skip out on the city of Mdina — it's full of beautiful old streets and amazing views.



From my experience, prices are very similar to our home, the Czech Republic. When it comes to traditional Maltese food, you will definitely hear about pastizzi. From my point of view, it's nothing to go crazy over, but it's definitely worth a try. Also, since you're in the Mediterranean, you shouldn't skip out on seafood. I myself had an amazing fish and chips dish at the Sliema promenade, and it was one of the best meals I had there.

My experience with the internship was overall really good. I can't recall anything bad that would happen to me. The time with friends was well spent, the people there were very nice, and the sights were stunning. I would definitely recommend Malta to anyone who is considering going abroad for an Erasmus+ internship.

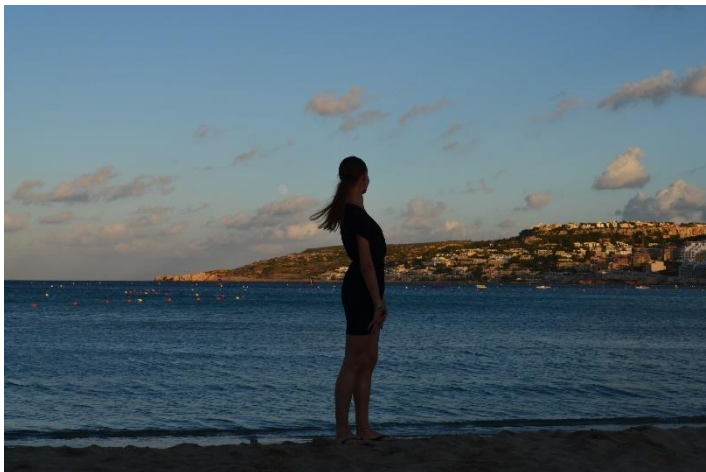
### **Nikola Pokorná (3. LA)**

During my internship, I worked in the field of real estate (the company BCP Real Estate), which gave me the opportunity to experience various aspects of this business. The atmosphere at work was friendly and relaxed, and the staff were always kind and willing to help. I really appreciated the diversity of the tasks I was given, as I could cooperate with different employees and learn something new from each of them. The best advice I can give to future interns is to always be on time and to make the most of your working hours – try to absorb as much knowledge and experience as possible, because you can learn a lot if you stay curious and proactive.



Our accommodation was in Sliema, right in the city centre, which was very convenient for both work and free time. I shared the flat with four other students, which turned out to be a great opportunity to get to know people from different classes. The place was comfortable and well situated, but the kitchen was not very well equipped. If I could give one piece of advice, I would suggest bringing some useful things like washing capsules and a dish towel. Despite these small inconveniences, the accommodation was overall a nice and lively place to stay.

I usually got to work either on foot or by bus. The transport card was paid for as part of the Erasmus programme, which was a big advantage. However, public transport in Malta can be quite unreliable – buses often run late, and overcrowded ones sometimes don't stop at all. I would recommend downloading the Tallinja app, which helps with planning routes, but don't rely on it too much. Always count on some delays.



There are many beautiful places to explore in Malta. I visited St. Julian's, Ghadira, Victoria on Gozo, Valletta and many more. We also went to Blue Lagoon, which is stunning but unfortunately extremely crowded – I personally found it really disappointing for that reason. We usually finished work early, so we also had time for trips during the week. I especially recommend visiting the sandy beaches. My favourite one was Golden Bay – it

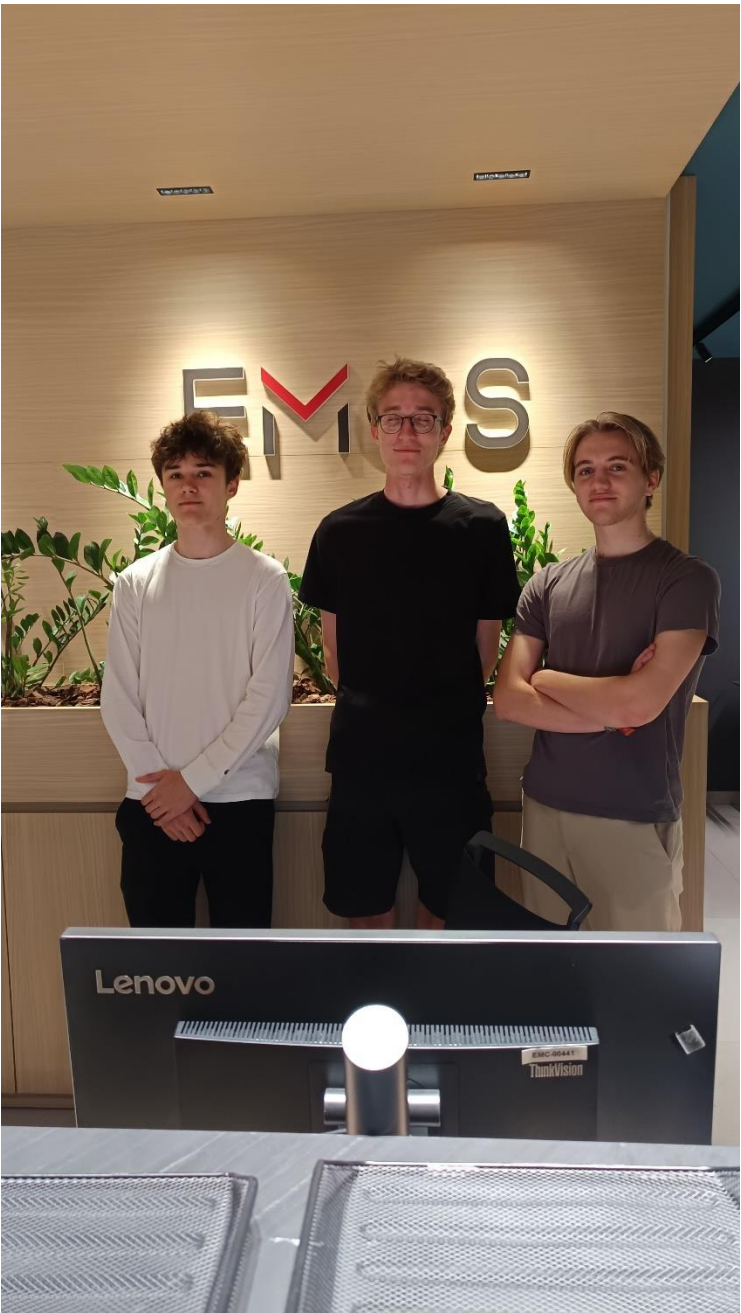
wasn't overcrowded, and the sunset was unforgettable.

Food prices in Malta are generally higher than in the Czech Republic, but not dramatically. We often cooked together at the apartment, which was both fun and budget-friendly, but we also enjoyed eating out at local restaurants. Maltese cuisine is worth trying, especially seafood and traditional pastizzi. For everyday groceries, it's useful to find a nearby convenience store that suits your needs and prices.

Overall, I would describe my internship as a wonderful experience full of learning opportunities, new friendships, and unforgettable memories. It helped me improve my social and communication skills, gain confidence, and learn more about the world of work and myself. I would absolutely recommend this internship to other students. Give it your best, make the most of every moment, and enjoy not only your work but also the time you spend with your friends and new people you meet along the way.

**Dominik Oppitz (3. LA)**

My two-week internship in Malta was an unforgettable experience that gave me not only new professional skills but also valuable lessons for everyday life. I worked at a company called EMCS, which is an accounting and boutique advisory firm. My tasks were not too complicated, mostly simple work in Word and basic office duties – but it gave me a good vision into how a professional environment works abroad and how I should behave at my future job. The staff were very friendly and welcoming, always willing to help and explain things when I wasn't



sure what to do. Our supervisors were very helpful and I always had nice and interesting conversations with them. I learned that communication and a positive attitude are the key to good cooperation, even if you sometimes make mistakes or have a language barrier. The Maltese people are very open, hospitable and easy to talk to, so it's easy to feel comfortable at work once you get started.

When it comes to accommodation, I stayed in an apartment with 4 other people, which at first seemed a bit chaotic, but after a few days we got used to the rhythm and found our routine. We had to take care of everything ourselves – from cooking and cleaning to doing our own laundry – which was actually one of the most useful parts of the stay. It really helped me become more independent and responsible. Future students should be ready for this level of self-management so I would recommend asking your parents about some easy recipes or how to do laundry.

Transport in Malta was a lot worse than I expected. The buses don't always run on time, and sometimes they're full, especially in the

mornings, but even if I came late for work my supervisors understood that I couldn't do anything about it and laughed it off. However, with a bit of patience, you can get anywhere you need to go. We got 2 weekly bus cards, which gives you a free pass on almost every bus. Walking is also a good option because Valletta is a small but comprehensive city and you always discover new beautiful places. When you don't have the patience to wait for the bus you can always order a Bolt or an Uber. They were really cheap and if you are travelling with more people it's definitely worth it.

Our free time and sightseeing were definitely the highlight of the trip. Malta has an amazing mix of culture, history, and fun. We went on a full-day trip to Gozo, which was stunning, the island feels calmer and greener than the main one and it's definitely worth visiting. We also took a boat tour around Valletta, which gave us a fantastic view of the harbours and of the historic city. In the evenings, we enjoyed the Maltese nightlife, which I personally liked the most. There are many bars and clubs, and the atmosphere is friendly and full of energy. It was the perfect way to meet people from all over Europe.



As for prices, food, and shopping, Malta isn't the cheapest destination, but if you cook for yourself, it's manageable. Eating out can be a bit expensive, so we always bought groceries and prepared meals in our apartment. The food in local shops is quite similar to what we have at home, but I'd recommend trying some Maltese specialties, like pastizzi. Shopping for souvenirs was challenging because Malta is one of the biggest tourist destinations and there were a lot of shops that sold low quality products for high prices so watch out for that

In conclusion, my internship in Malta was much more than just two weeks of work. It was an experience that taught me independence, teamwork, and how to adapt to a new environment. I learned to balance responsibilities with fun, met great people, and discovered a beautiful country. I also gained a lot of confidence speaking English which was my goal for this internship. I am very grateful for this opportunity that Erasmus gave me and I hope the next interns can enjoy this internship as much as we did.

### Tomáš Znajda (3. LA)

During my internship, I worked at a 4\* hotel called Grands Suites Hotel Residences & Spa in Gżira. My position was a receptionist assistant, but I did almost everything that was needed at the moment. Working with my colleagues was an amazing experience. Everyone was friendly, helpful and when I didn't know what to do, they always helped. The team at the reception was especially nice, and I became good friends with Akesh, who was also an intern and was originally from Sri Lanka.

I lived in an apartment building called 51 HH together with four other internship participants, most of whom were my classmates. The apartment was fully equipped – it had a bathroom with washing machine, two balconies, two bedrooms, and living room with kitchenette. The location was perfect with plenty of grocery shops nearby. Most of them were small corner shops, but nearby there was a large hypermarket called Orient Market 2. About one kilometre away, there was a small beach and a seaside promenade where you could get delicious ice cream. Around two kilometres from our accommodation was Paceville, a lively district full of famous clubs and bars, known for its great nightlife. I was quite lucky because my workplace was only 600 meters away from the apartment, while my roommates had to travel much further.



Since my workplace was very close, I didn't have many opportunities to use public transport. However, when I did, the buses usually arrived on time, even though they were often crowded. When I needed to go somewhere further away, I usually took Bolt or Uber. I also took a ferry to the second biggest Maltese island, Gozo. The trip took about 25 minutes, and we passed the beautiful Blue Lagoon, a place I really wanted to visit, but unfortunately didn't have enough time for.

Because my working hours were long, I didn't have much free time for sightseeing during weekdays. When I wanted to go somewhere, it had to be relatively close so that I could return to my apartment at a reasonable time. Nevertheless, I managed to go on a trip with my friends to St. Peter's Pool in the south of the island, near Marsaxlokk, which had crystal-clear water and small cliffs perfect for jumping – around 5 and 8 meters high. I also visited the centre of Valletta, where we went shopping for souvenirs and later went to a local bar, enjoying the Maltese atmosphere and the friendliness of the local people.



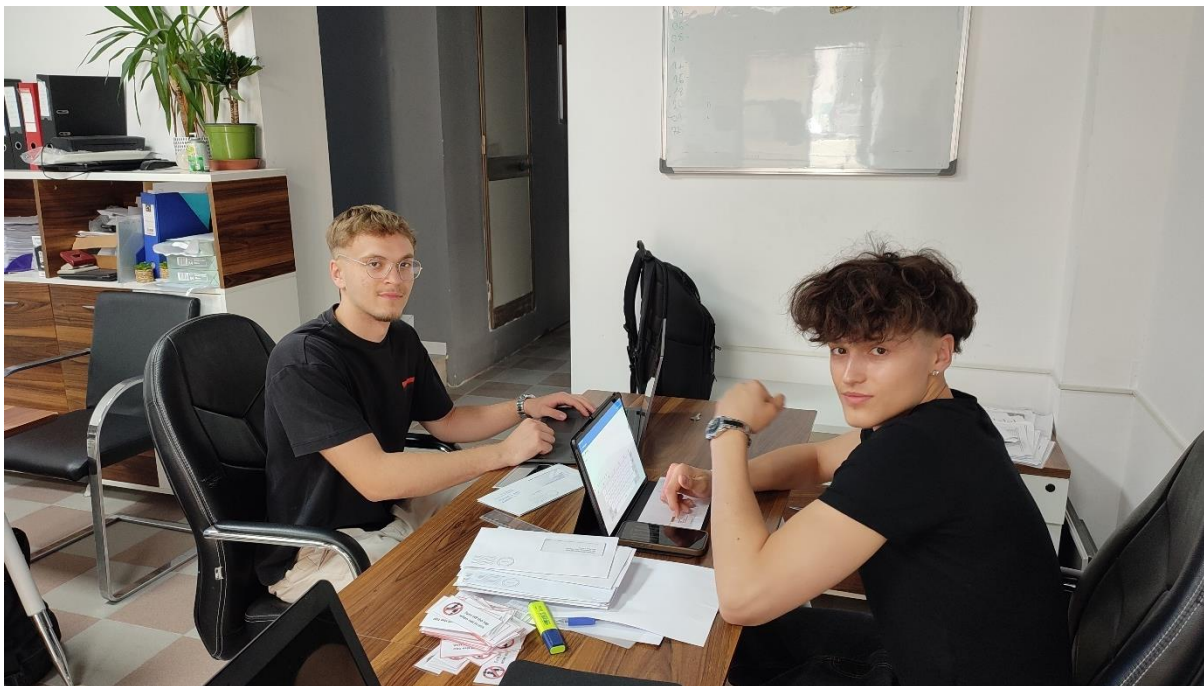
Compared to the Czech Republic, prices in Malta seemed noticeably higher. This applied to groceries, fast foods, and pretty much everything else. It's good to be prepared for that in advance. I can't really say much about the Maltese food, because everything I ate was either cooked by me, my roommates or

my workplace. As I already said, grocery shops can be found almost on every corner, but for souvenirs we had to go to Valletta.

Overall, I really enjoyed my internship in Malta. Although the job itself wasn't always the most exciting, it was still a valuable experience. What I appreciated the most was the time spent with my friends and the opportunity to meet and become friends with students from other classes. To future interns, I would recommend exploring as much of Malta as possible – time goes by quickly! The weather during our stay was great, it rained only once, and even the evenings were warm enough just for a T-shirt. The only place where you might actually get sick is on the bus, because the AC is always set to like 500%, so it's a good idea to bring a sweatshirt or something to cover yourself.

### **Jan Mikel (3. LA)**

During my internship at San Anton Hotel in Malta, I worked mainly in the administration office. My tasks included helping with guest check-ins, updating records, and supporting the front desk



with different documents. The staff were very friendly and open to communication, which made my experience much easier. At first, it was a bit difficult to understand their fast English, but

after a few days I got used to their accent. My colleagues were patient and always ready to explain things when I didn't understand something. I learned how important teamwork is in a hotel environment and how good communication helps to solve problems quickly.

Public transport in Malta is quite easy to use. There are buses going almost everywhere, but they don't always come on time, so it's better to plan your trips with some extra time. The bus tickets are cheap and you can buy a weekly pass, which saves money. Walking was also a good option because most places were not very far. However, the roads are narrow and traffic is sometimes a bit chaotic, so it's good to be careful.

Malta is a beautiful island with many things to see. In my free time, I visited Valletta, Mdina, and the Blue Lagoon on Comino. The beaches were amazing, and the sea was very clean. I also enjoyed walking around the old streets and trying local food. During evenings, I liked spending time with other interns and sometimes we went to the local cafés or just walked by the sea. The atmosphere in Malta is very relaxed and friendly, and I really enjoyed exploring it.

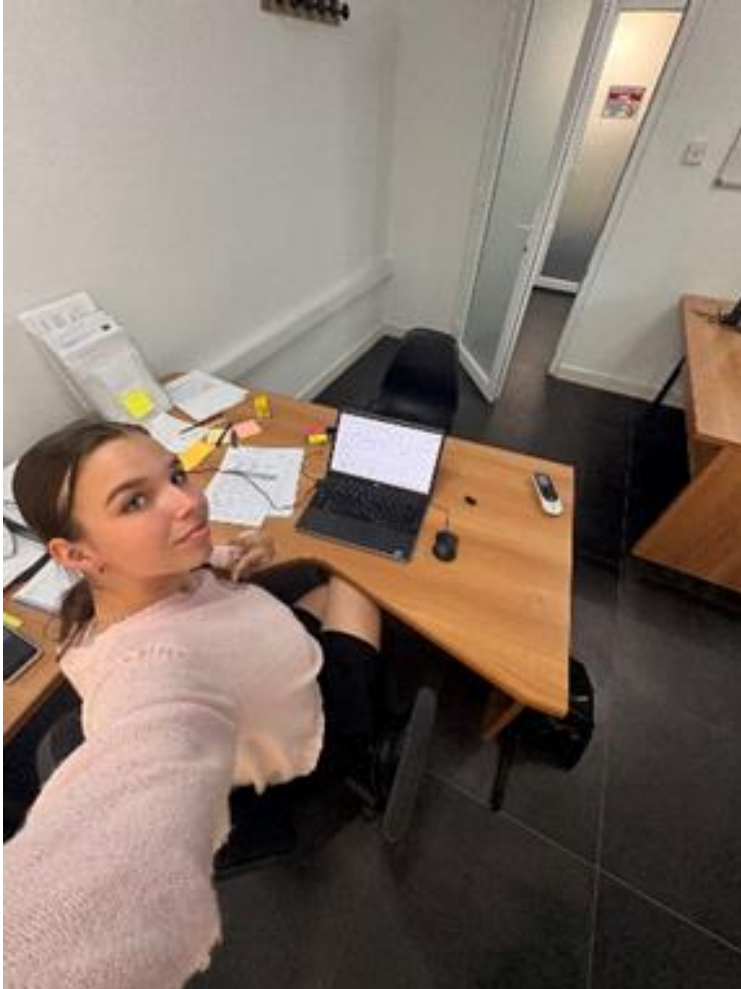


Prices in Malta are similar to those in most European countries, but food in restaurants can be quite expensive. Cooking in the accommodation was a good way to save money. The local supermarkets offer many international products, but I recommend trying Maltese specialties, especially pastizzi – small pastries with cheese or peas. The food was generally tasty and portions were big. Souvenirs were also affordable, and it was easy to find small gifts for friends and family.

My internship at San Anton Hotel was a very valuable experience. I improved my English, learned how to work in an international environment, and met many interesting people. I also became more independent and confident in dealing with new situations. For future interns, my

advice is to stay open-minded, be patient, and enjoy every moment. Malta is not only a great place for work experience but also for discovering a new culture and making unforgettable memories.

### **Natálie Nováková (3. LA)**



I worked at the European Vocational Academy - an educational academy that provides specialized and professional training in various fields, such as administration, management, health and social care, and many others. It was great, the staff were really friendly, and they helped me with everything I needed. They always explained everything to me thoroughly so there was no problem in the communication between me and them. My supervisor was also really kind and patient with me what I am grateful for.

Accommodation was great, we had enough space in the kitchen, living room and our rooms. There are two things that I didn't like. First is that there was only one bathroom which was made for like 2 people and it was way too small for 5 girls. I also didn't like that the kitchen was poorly equipped, it is supposed to be self-catered apartment but so

much equipment was missing in the kitchen it was hard to cook or bake something to eat. But everything else was great, clean and I am satisfied.

Transport between countries and airports was great, the bus picked us up on time, so it was great. The public transport in Malta is terrible, the buses were always late, or they didn't come at all, so it was quite hard sometimes to get to work, especially the first day, I almost didn't get to work on time because my bus didn't come at all. The buses are cold inside, so I got sick after a few days. The cars there are dangerous because most people don't use blinkers, so I almost got hit like 5 times only on the first day which is not good. The crosswalks didn't work either, so I had a problem with crossing the road.

I am not really into sightseeing but the places that we went to were pretty and I enjoyed my time spent there. I used most of my leisure going to beach with my friends, eating or just resting after work because I had to get up early. I visited the Blue lagoon, which was so beautiful, but there were people everywhere so it was really crowded, and it was almost impossible to find a place where we could sit. We also visited many other beaches like Golden Bay, St. Julians and

many more. All of them were beautiful, but the only sandy beach was Golden Bay, so we were a little disappointed.

The prices in Malta are a bit more expensive than in Czech Republic, I spent most of my money on food and drinks cause the tap water there is disgusting so we had to buy big packages of bottled water. And food was more expensive. I also bought many souvenirs for my family and friends.

I really enjoyed my two weeks stay in Malta. It was a great experience for my future job, but for my future travelling as well. I learned that I can be alone for two weeks in a different country. I gained a lot of experience in my job in Excel, Word, Canva and many other things I used. I also got to use my English a lot which I am grateful for because I really like this language, but I have never used it with native speakers, so I really liked that.

### **Tatiana Marie Buriánová (3. LA)**

During my internship abroad, I worked in an office where we rewrote questionnaires into digital form, created presentations, wrote business emails, and did research on different topics. It was the company EMCS Advisory Ltd. which is a consulting company in Malta that provides a wide range of services, including tax and legal advice, European fund utilization, financial services, and business consulting. It was a great opportunity to see how an office really works and to improve my communication and teamwork skills. The staff were kind and helpful, and they always supported us when we needed advice. At first, I was nervous about speaking English, but after a few days I became more confident and stopped worrying about making mistakes



Our accommodation was comfortable, and I shared a room with four other girls, so there were five of us in total. It was sometimes crowded, but we had a lot of fun together and became good friends. My advice for future interns is to keep your things organized — it's easy to make a mess when several people share one room.

Transport was always an adventure. The buses didn't really follow the schedule, so you never knew when they would arrive. My trip to work usually took about an hour, so I had to plan

carefully. Still, it was part of the experience, and it taught me to be patient and flexible. I recommend future interns to leave early and always have a backup plan.

In our free time, we enjoyed sightseeing and exploring local places — beaches, city, and markets. There was always something interesting to see or do. It was also a great chance to practise English in real-life situations. My advice is to enjoy every moment and try local food — it's part of the adventure.

Prices were quite similar to the prices in our country — sometimes cheaper, sometimes a bit more expensive. It depended on what you bought and where. Cooking together was a good way to save money and have fun, and it also helped us try new recipes.

To sum up, my internship was an amazing experience. I learned a lot, improved my English, and became more independent. The only negative thing was a bit of messiness and unreliable transport, but everything else was great. I would recommend this experience to anyone — it's worth it, and you'll gain skills and memories that will remain with you forever.

### **Jaroslav Písek (3. K)**

In September, we had the opportunity to participate in an internship on the island of Malta at the Merlin Library, located in a smaller but peaceful town in the northwest of the island. This experience provided us with valuable work skills.



During the internship, we worked at the Merlin Library, where we helped with book cataloguing, sorting, and maintaining the entire library system. We also had the chance to interact with local readers. The staff were very friendly and welcoming. All library employees spoke fluent English, which made communication much easier. They showed us how the library operates in practice, how data is managed, and they gave us the space to try out different work roles.

Accommodation was arranged in a smaller apartment building where we stayed in small groups. The rooms were simply but practically furnished, and included a kitchen and a washing machine. Several small shops were within walking distance. Wi-Fi worked reliably and the overall environment was calm and safe.

One of the downsides of the stay was definitely public transportation. Buses in Malta cover most of the island, but delays are frequent, buses are often overcrowded, and sometimes they simply don't show up. Traffic jams are common, and journeys that should take

30 minutes can easily stretch to an hour. It's a good idea to plan ahead and get to the bus stop early.

We were surprised by the price level in Malta—most food items and meals in restaurants were relatively expensive. We recommend that future interns avoid eating out too often and shop carefully at supermarkets. Common food items like cheese, vegetables, or bread are often significantly more expensive than at home. A great tip is to visit Lidl, which is about a 20-minute walk from the accommodation.

After working hours, we had plenty of free time to explore the beauty of Malta. We recommend visiting the capital city, Valletta, where you can admire the historic St. John's Co-Cathedral, the Grandmaster's Palace, or the Upper Barrakka Gardens, which offer a beautiful view of the harbour. These sights are relatively close to each other and can easily be seen in one afternoon. One of the most interesting excursions was a visit to Popeye Village—the original film set from the 1980 movie *Popeye*, which now serves as an amusement park. Even though the entrance fee is fairly high, the experience is definitely worth it.

The internship in Malta was a very valuable experience for us not only professionally but also in terms of personal development. We got to know a new culture, improved our English, and learned to adapt to a new environment. Although some practical aspects like the more expensive food and imperfect transportation were slightly challenging, we managed everything just fine. We recommend that future participants bring some ready-made meals from home, plan extra time for travel, and—most importantly—make the most of the opportunity to explore one of the most beautiful islands in the world.

### **Emma Hozáková (3. K)**

My internship took place at Merlin Library, which is a publisher and bookstore focused on schoolbooks. There are a few stores of this company in Malta, and the one I worked at was located in Hamrun. It was a really interesting part of Malta that I probably wouldn't have visited in my free time if it hadn't been for my job, so I'm glad I got the chance to see it.

Most of the time during those two weeks, I worked at the pickup point for packages. Since it was the start of the school year, there were many pickups and orders from parents desperately trying to get their children's schoolbooks at the last minute. On our first day, my classmate and I arrived to find so many unsorted packages that it looked like total chaos. After we sorted them by numbers, it became much easier to find each order.



After that, my main tasks included helping customers find the books they were looking for, assisting them with picking up their orders, working with the shop's system, sorting and filing a lot of paperwork, and other small duties. My full-time colleagues were really nice and friendly, and I kind of regret not saying a proper goodbye to them. They explained everything to me and were understanding whenever I struggled with something. I would say this internship helped me a lot with using English in a work environment and learning how to find compromises to make sure customers had a good experience.

The apartment we stayed in was really nice, even though a few basic things were missing, like enough dishes or a broom. But overall, I liked the place and the space. The location was great, the ocean was just a few minutes away, and so was the bus stop.

My experience with public transport in Malta wasn't that great, though, which was kind of expected. The buses rarely show up on time, so you can end up waiting 30 minutes or more. They also don't always stop or let you in because they're often overcrowded. Because of this, it's quite normal not to arrive on time, but you should always try to take an earlier bus, if it shows up. If you have money, you can also use Bolt, which my friends and I used quite often, especially in our free time.

Luckily, many of my friends also went on this internship, and I shared an apartment with some of them. After work, we usually took some time to rest or even a quick nap, and then we decided what to do that day or the next. Some days we explored Sliema (the city we stayed in), or we took a bus to Valletta or other places. One of the bigger trips we decided on was to Saint Peter's Pool, where we had to use a Bolt, because taking public transport there would have taken much longer.



The prices weren't too bad. They use euros there, so obviously some things were more expensive, but we managed. Usually, my friends and I split the costs so it wouldn't hurt our wallets too much, and we took turns buying groceries.

Overall, I really enjoyed this experience, and I'm thankful that I got the chance to take part in this internship. I made some new friends and many great memories there.

### Klaudie Vítková (3. D)

Spending several weeks in Malta for my internship was one of the best experiences of my life. I worked in the office EMCS Advisory Ltd where our main tasks included converting paper questionnaires into digital versions, preparing presentations, writing professional emails, and doing research on various business topics. It was fascinating to see how an office operates day



to day and to be part of a real working team. The colleagues were friendly, always ready to help, and created a welcoming atmosphere. Although I was a bit shy about speaking English at the beginning, the constant practice helped me gain confidence quickly.

I shared a room with four other interns, so the accommodation was lively and full of energy. It wasn't always easy — space was limited, and keeping things tidy required effort — but we got along really well and soon became close friends. If I could give one piece of advice to future interns, it would be: keep your things organized. With several people sharing a small room, it's the only way to stay sane!

Getting around Malta was an adventure in itself. Public transport was unpredictable — buses rarely came on time — so I learned to plan ahead and stay flexible. My daily trip to work could take up to an hour, but I came to enjoy the routine. It taught me patience and how to handle unexpected situations. My recommendation for anyone going there is to always leave early and have a backup plan.

Outside of work, there was never a dull moment. We spent our free time exploring the island — visiting beaches, wandering around local markets, and discovering the charming streets of Maltese towns. Trying local dishes was a highlight; I'll never forget the taste of fresh seafood and traditional pastries. It was also a great way to practise English naturally, while talking to locals or ordering food.

Living costs were quite similar to those back home, though it really depended on what you bought. Sometimes things were cheaper, sometimes not. To save money, we often cooked together, which turned into fun evenings full of laughter and new recipes.

Looking back, I can honestly say that the internship helped me grow both professionally and personally. I became more independent, improved my English, and learned to adapt to new situations. Despite a few minor challenges like messy rooms and late buses, the whole experience was unforgettable. I would definitely encourage anyone to take part in an internship abroad — it's an incredible opportunity to learn, explore, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

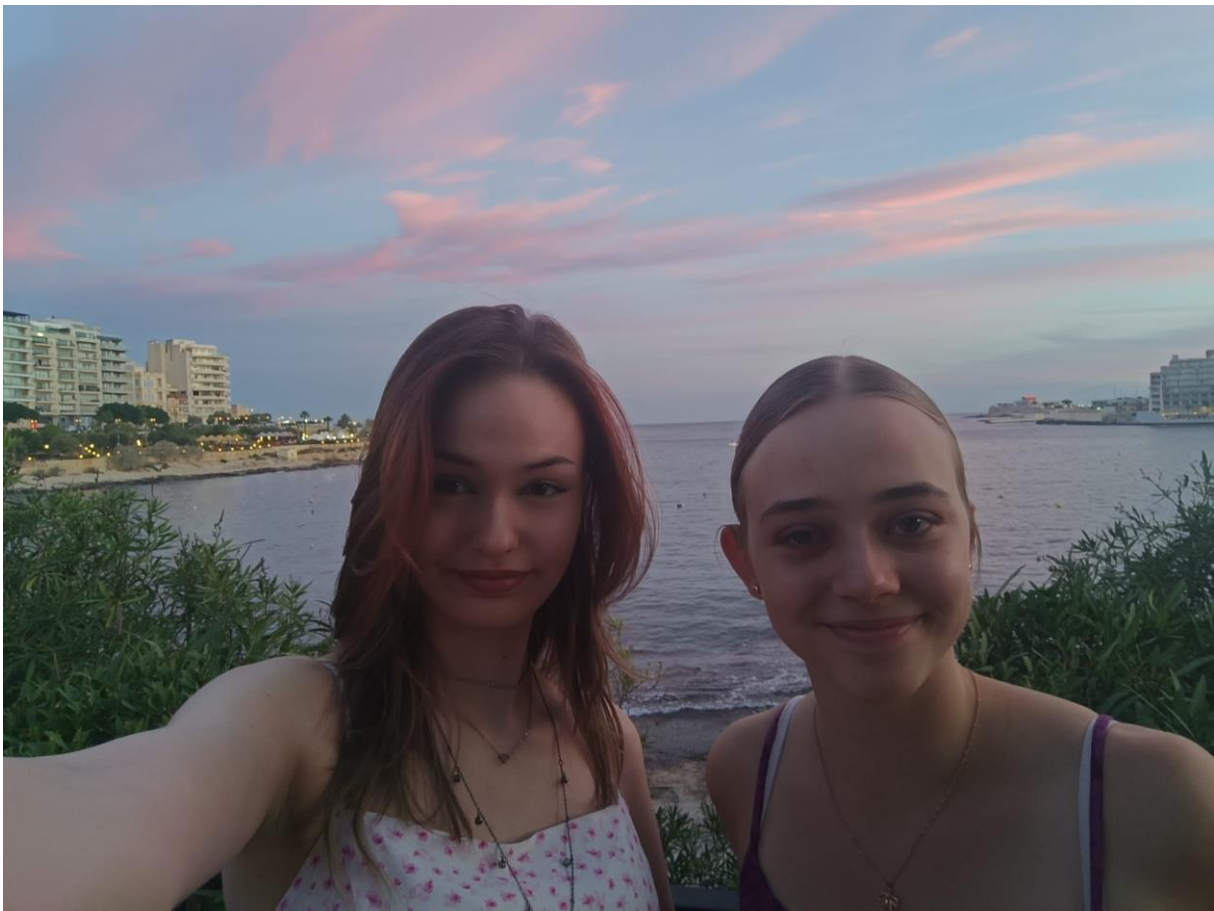
### **Anna Kalousková (3. D)**

I worked in the same company as a few other students (EMCS Advisory Ltd.). We were working in two small offices, so it wasn't necessary to dress extremely professionally. Our bosses were very understanding when we arrived late during first few days. Most of the employees were friendly and often started small conversations with us.

Our apartment was on one of the upper floors, so it was quite isolated from the noise of the street. The view from the balcony was spectacular. There was a dishcloth, sponge and some detergent in our apartment, so it wasn't necessary to bring those with us.

Malta's public transport caused a lot of difficulties during our stay, because it's extremely unreliable. I would recommend installing the app "Tallinja". Thanks to this app, which works similarly to IDOS, we managed to travel around Malta by catching delayed buses. We had to use Bolt for our trips to the other side of Malta. When travelling to work I would recommend planning your arrival at least 20 minutes before you are supposed to start.

As I already mentioned, we had to use Bolt when travelling to places far from our accommodations, because travelling by public transport would take approximately twice as long as travelling by Bolt. Unfortunately, many beautiful places are located far away from Sliema. We managed to see a lot of beautiful natural sights, but it took us a lot of time.



Grocery prices are just a bit higher than in our country. I would recommend cooking in your apartments, because it's a lot cheaper than buying lunch at restaurants every day.

I enjoyed my stay the most at the beginning of the second week. We figured out the best bus route to work, found amazing beaches near our apartment, and discovered where the cheapest shops were.

### **Karolína Vojtěchová (3. D)**

I'm glad I got to spend the two weeks in Malta. It was an experience I will never forget, and an amazing way to experience a new part of European culture.

I worked in the office EMCS Advisory Ltd where our main tasks included converting paper questionnaires into digital versions, preparing presentations, writing professional emails, and doing research on various business topics. The staff were friendly and welcoming.

The accommodation was amazing, especially for me and my friend. In an apartment fit for three, there were only two of us, so we were quite comfortable, and we were able to keep it very clean, I imagine it'd be harder with more people. The apartment was well equipped except for some things, like the cutlery, there was only one cutting board, and no baking tray, it made using the oven very difficult.

The transport was interesting to say the least, the buses were always late, and very often crowded to the point of bursting, the driver would have to skip some stops because of it. It'd get very annoying when we were relying on the bus stopping and it wouldn't. Not to mention the people would always be in the way and when the driver told them to move to the back to make space for more people they wouldn't.

There were many things to see in Malta, our first trip was to the main city, Valletta, we returned there on another day to explore on our own since the first trip was with the rest of the group. It was amazing and there were lots of things to see. We also visited Malta's National Aquarium, St. Peter's Pool and the Golden Bay. Another group trip was to Gozo and its main city, Victoria. I loved all these trips, and I genuinely cannot say how beautiful Golden Bay was during the sunset.



The prices in some places were ridiculous, for example Valletta, however considering the fact it's the main city, it makes sense. The food was good, just be careful when you're buying groceries from a convenience store. I also recommend buying your own water to drink since the water is not very good and could upset your stomach.

In conclusion, I'm so happy I got to experience going to Malta and that I was able to work in a company that didn't expect us to do anything impossible. Other than that, I really enjoyed it, and I'd do it a thousand times again if I could. I gained so many new experiences and learned so many new things.

### **Nela Snopková (3. D)**

During my internship, I worked at a company named Niumee, which focuses on beauty and provides surgeries, hair treatments, cosmetics and more. It was a great opportunity to learn about marketing, design, making ads and working on websites. We also communicated a lot, especially with our manager and the marketing director, so I also practiced speaking English every day. Our manager was very kind and helpful and I really appreciated her. I was really glad I got to work in a beauty company because it is something I have always been interested in it, so instead of feeling lost, I felt like I already understood everything there without having to learn many new things about beauty.



Our apartments were very comfortable and modern, although it was really hard to keep the place clean, because it was not very big. I shared a room with four other girls and we experienced many new things together and I could not ask for more. We even found some other friends that were not interns so we had a big group and it was easy to explore new places every day. It is very important to go out a lot and gain some new experience when you are abroad. But just to warn the next interns, the transport was really bad. The buses almost never followed the schedule and sometimes, they never even showed up. That is why we had to spend money on Bolts and Taxis sometimes. So, I recommend to always leave earlier than you are supposed to.

In our free time, we always tried to go out as much as possible, so we explored some places like Valletta, Gozo and more. We also explored some shops and beaches for example St.Peters Pool where you can jump from a cliff right to the water. You can also try bowling or some other fun sports. I feel like Malta has so much to offer, so make sure to explore!

For food, you should try to save up as much as possible. The prices were not too high, but they were mostly higher than our prices in the Czech Republic. Try not to go out to restaurants as much, try cooking at your apartments instead.

To sum up, my internship was a great experience and I enjoyed every second of it. I improved my English, tried a different job, tried living without my parents and even found many new friends. I would definitely recommend this experience to everyone as it was one of the best things I had experienced in a while.



### **Anna Stránská (3. C)**

I worked in a company called Niumee, which deals with beauty and its care. The programs I worked with were Excel, Canva, etc. I really liked working there, the staff were nice and our manager was kind enough to help us and provide us with everything we needed. The workplace was little bit out of hand, but in the end, it was worth it. I liked the friendly atmosphere. Overall, I enjoyed my stay there and I am grateful for such a warm welcome.



The apartment we were staying at was small but comfortable enough. The apartment was equipped with all the necessary things such as microwave, oven, stove etc. We had one bathroom, two bedrooms, kitchen and a small cosy living room with balcony. It was in Sliema, which was very convenient for travel. For people of five it might have been small, but we did just fine.

We received a bus ticket from the teachers so that we could travel anywhere by bus without paying for it. Buses were delayed most of the time, the traffic was terrible, and we arrived late for work, but overall, it was the cheapest way anywhere. It took a lot of nerves and patience, but it wasn't that bad. Most of the time we were walking around the town and enjoying the view.

We admired the beauty of Malta, the historic buildings, the sea, the whole nature. We saw

many beautiful historic buildings, we also went to an island named Gozo, which wasn't that far away. Malta has stunning and amazing sea. It was clear and still warm when we were there, and I felt good. It felt so different yet calming. I loved the monuments that just looked like history itself. I am a little bit disappointed that I couldn't see as many monuments as I wanted to. If I go back, I want to make sure to have a big trip with all the most beautiful places in Malta.

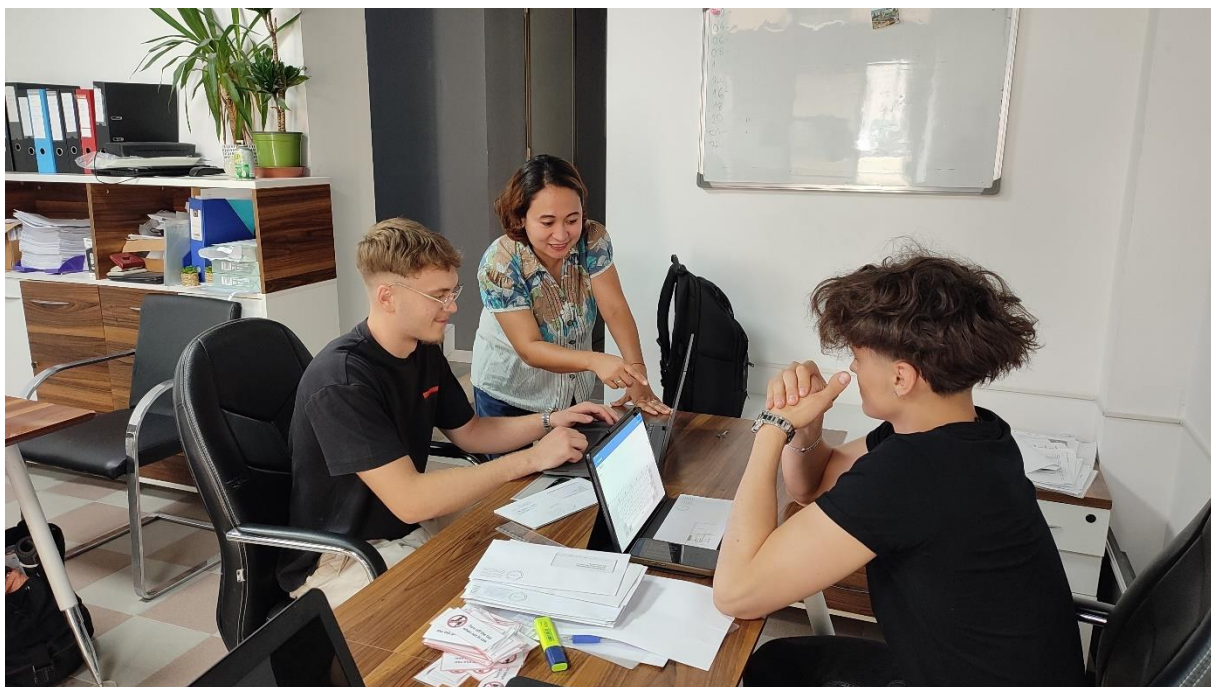
As for the prices, it was nothing I didn't expect, it is basically same as here. We made our own food most of the time or went for a meal occasionally. I was a little bit disappointed that there wasn't much local food. And as for shopping, I bought only some souvenirs for friends, but I didn't buy anything bigger like a shirt or pants even though I wanted to, I needed to save some money.

In conclusion, I really liked the internship. It gave me a lot of experience, and I was able to practice my English properly. It taught me to talk to people and not be afraid to ask for help, it taught me to be independent and arrange my plans as I saw fit. I think if anyone wants to go on Erasmus+, they should try it. It will teach you new things and give you many memories.



### **Valdrin Mavriqi (3. C)**

During my two-week Erasmus stay in Malta, I worked in the office of a hotel, where I mainly dealt with computer tasks, letters, and emails. There were four other staff members in the office with me, and I have to say that all of them were very nice and helpful. Whenever I needed advice or help with something, they were always happy to assist, talked to me openly, and I



never felt any unnecessary pressure—they always met my needs. Thanks to them, working in the hotel was much more enjoyable and I felt completely comfortable there.

We stayed at 51 HH in apartments, each of us assigned to groups of five. I shared a room with one friend. The apartments were quite nice, but they were a little poorly equipped—some things were missing or not very high quality. Still, I felt good there because we had enough space for everything we needed.

In Malta, I usually travelled by public transport. The buses almost always arrived late, which was quite a problem at first; I had to get used to it and it was sometimes hard to figure out how everything worked. After a few days, I got used to the Maltese system. We used Bolt transport too a lot because it was fast and comfortable.

During our free time, we did a lot of activities. One of the best experiences was visiting Pacheville, where we explored the local nightlife it was really different from the Czech Republic, surprisingly fun and enjoyable. We also visited the capital city, Valletta, which is amazing with its monuments and historic buildings. What impressed me the most was our trip to the Blue Lagoon, where we swam in incredibly clear, blue water. The view and experience were unforgettable.

Prices in Malta were sometimes a bit higher, but compared to the Czech Republic, I didn't feel there was such a big difference. We mostly bought ingredients and cooked in our apartment. But we also tried the local cuisine several times, which we all liked. We tasted traditional Maltese food for example, pastizzi which was a new experience for me.

I rate my stay in Malta very positively; it was probably my best experience in all my time at high school. I wish everyone could experience it, because we had plenty of free time and could do whatever we wanted in my opinion, that made the whole internship much better. We could enjoy two weeks without stress and discover Malta and its beauty on our own. I am very thankful and happy that my school gave me this opportunity to visit Malta and make some unforgettable memories which will I have for my entire life.



### Viktorie Vincencová (3. C)

During my internship in Malta, I worked in a small office EMCS Advisory Ltd, where I helped with various administrative and marketing tasks. I created presentations, rewrote documents



into digital form, and wrote professional emails. The staff were always kind and patient, and I felt welcome from the first day. Working in an international environment helped me improve my communication skills and gain more confidence in speaking English. At the beginning, I was a bit afraid of making mistakes, but everyone encouraged me to speak, and soon it became much easier.

Our accommodation was simple but comfortable. I shared an apartment with four other girls, so there were five of us altogether. At first, it felt crowded, but after a few days we got used to it and enjoyed spending time together. We often cooked dinner as a group and talked about our day. My advice for future interns is to keep your things organized, because it's easy to lose something when several people share one room.

Transport in Malta was quite an adventure. The buses didn't always follow the schedule, and sometimes they were late or full. My trip to work usually took around an hour, so I had to plan carefully and leave early. Although it was sometimes stressful, I learned to be patient and always have a backup plan. It also made me appreciate how important it is to stay flexible when things don't go as expected.

In our free time, we enjoyed sightseeing, exploring the island, going to the beach, and shopping in local stores and markets. There was always something new to see or do, and it was a great way to relax after work. I think it's important to take every opportunity to explore and enjoy the time abroad – it's a unique experience.



We were also very lucky to have amazing teachers with us. They were always kind, supportive, and ready to help whenever we needed anything. They made sure we were safe, organized, and enjoyed our time in Malta. Whenever there was a problem, they patiently helped us solve it. I'm really thankful to them for their care and for making this experience even better.

As for prices, Malta was quite similar to our country. Some things, like public transport, were cheaper, but eating out was sometimes a bit more expensive. We often cooked together at home, which helped us save money and also try new recipes.

To conclude, my internship in Malta was an unforgettable experience. I learned a lot about teamwork, independence, and everyday life abroad. Even though there were small challenges, like messy accommodation or delayed buses, everything else was amazing. I would recommend this internship to anyone — it's worth it, and you'll gain valuable skills and memories that will stay with you forever.

### **Monika Drápalová (3. B)**



I was working in a real estate agency called QuickLets & Zanzi Homes. I had the chance to go on a seeing of a beautiful apartment where my supervisor showed it to potential clients, then I designed multiple versions of business cards and handed them out to people on the street. I took some quizzes to test out my knowledge of the properties and locations in Malta. I had a peek into the contract between the lessee and lessor and then I filled it out from the documents that were given to me. The second week my supervisor assigned me to do research about Maltese properties and then put the gained information into a PowerPoint presentation. Everyone at the company was very kind to me and if I had a question or needed help with something they helped me without a problem. You certainly won't be the first intern in your company, so do not be afraid to ask, they will be ready to answer any questions that you may have even if they sound a little bit silly.

While we were staying in Malta we lived in apartment complex. The apartment that me and my friends lived in accommodates five people, it has two bedrooms, bathroom, and a spacious living room connected to the kitchen. The kitchen was functional but there were

some basic things missing, for example we only had three forks and that logically is not enough for five people. But except that there was nothing wrong.

When I look back on the trip, there was only one thing that really annoyed me and made me mad couple of times. It was the public transport. The buses were never on time and sometimes they did not even show up, or they drove right past us without stopping. I understand that there

are some rules about how many people they can take on the bus, but when you are waiting for almost an hour and it just passes you by it gets frustrating. But the Ubers and Bolts were fantastic. They were on every corner so it did not take much time before the app found us driver who would take us where we needed to. And they were not expensive so that's a plus.

In our free time we visited many beautiful places. We went to the historical city Valletta on multiple occasions where we visited for example the Upper Barrakka, the St. James Cavalier and the Valletta waterfront. We went on a harbour cruise where we saw the city from the water. We had a trip to the island Gozo and there we had the chance to explore the city and then we went to the Munxar cliffs where we could go swimming or just enjoy the stunning views. My favourite trip was to the St. Peter's pool. Which I would recommend visiting. I went there with my friends, and we had so much fun jumping from the cliff into the water. We even saw the sunset there and it was accompanied by fireworks. Even if we were not in the mood to travel somewhere we explored Sliema, the city we lived in. Basically, when you just walk through some random streets you will for sure see some amazing architecture.



We had to feed ourselves for the whole two weeks, so we had to shop for food and cook or go out to eat. If you cooked for yourself the food was not as expensive as some of us expected, but when you ordered from a restaurant or went out it became kind of pricey. The souvenir shops were everywhere but they always sold the same things just for different prices, so when you wanted something, but it was too expensive all you needed to do is go couple streets away and most likely you would find it cheaper there.

In conclusion the trip was an amazing experience filled with new places, unforgettable memories, and valuable lessons. But the best thing I took back are the new friends that I made along the way. I would recommend it to everyone and if I could come back I surely would.

### **Daniela Krejčí (3. B)**



I worked at Remax Luxe Sliema - a large real estate network that helps people buy and sell homes around the world. It operates through independent brokers and has branches almost everywhere. The work environment during my internship was very positive. The staff were friendly, helpful, and always wanted to explain things when I needed assistance. I felt comfortable asking questions and learned a lot from my colleagues. The teamwork was great, and I liked the supportive atmosphere in the workplace. Thanks to this experience, I improved my communication skills and gained confidence in using English.

The accommodation provided was modern, clean, and comfortable. The apartment was well-equipped and located in a great area. It had everything we needed for a 2 week stay, including Wi-Fi, kitchen facilities, and air conditioning, which was very useful in the Maltese climate. I shared the accommodation with other students, and it was a nice experience to live together and exchange our experiences.

Public transport in Malta was generally good, but sometimes we had to wait a long time for the buses. The connections covered most places on the island,

which made travelling quite easy once we got used to it. Although the waiting times could be frustrating, it was still a practical way to get around.

During our free time, we had the chance to explore many beautiful places. Malta is full of historical sites, such as Valletta, Mdina, and the ancient temples. The beaches were amazing, especially Golden Bay, which became one of my favourite spots. We also enjoyed boat trips, walking around the cities, and watching the sunset over the sea.

Compared to the Czech Republic, prices in Malta were a bit higher, especially for food and grocery. However, the quality was good, and there was a wide variety of dishes from different cuisines. Maltese food was tasty, and I enjoyed trying local specialities. Shopping was also convenient — there was a large shopping centre close to our accommodation where we could find everything we needed, from groceries to souvenirs.

Overall, my internship in Malta was a very useful and unforgettable experience. I gained new skills, improved my English, and discovered a new culture. The time I spent there helped me grow both personally and professionally. I am very grateful for this opportunity and would definitely recommend such an experience to other students.

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## Jakub Kučera (3. A)

During my internship in Dublin, I worked for a company called JD Transfers. The company provides transport services around Dublin and all across Ireland. Besides regular airport transfers, they also organize special tours around the country for tourists.

My main task was working at the airport and organizing transfers for arriving passengers. I handled information about all arriving clients, their names, hotels, and destinations. The work was interesting because I communicated with many different people every day and learned how to stay organized even during busy situations at the airport.

The working hours were comfortable and not too exhausting, which created a very pleasant atmosphere. I also had amazing colleagues who were always willing to help me. I mainly worked with Sean, who was my supervisor, together with Vivien and Anne. They were friendly, patient, and made me feel welcome from the first day. Whenever I had a problem or question, I knew I could ask them for help.



For future students, I would recommend not being afraid to communicate in English, even if you make mistakes. People in Ireland are usually very friendly and understanding. It is also important to stay organized and always pay attention to details because many people depend on your instructions.

I stayed with John Doyle, who was also the owner of JD Transfers. He was an incredibly kind and welcoming person, and the atmosphere in the house was friendly during the whole stay. Three Czech students stayed there together, but there were also seven Italian students. Because of that, we communicated in English almost all the time, which really improved my speaking skills and confidence.

John lived in a house with a small cabin in the garden where we stayed. We had our own bathroom and a small kitchen, so we still had enough privacy and comfort. I honestly think we could not

have had a better host family. John always tried to help us and made sure we felt comfortable and safe.

Living with international students was one of the best parts of the internship because I met many new people, learned about different cultures, and improved my English naturally in everyday conversations.



I would definitely recommend future students to spend as much time as possible talking to other people in the house instead of staying alone in their rooms. It is one of the best ways to improve your language skills and enjoy the experience much more.

In our free time, we explored Dublin and visited many interesting places. We spent a lot of time shopping because there are many stores and brands that are difficult to find in the Czech Republic. I personally bought a lot of clothes there. I would especially recommend visiting thrift shops because you can find many unique and branded clothes for good prices. For example, I bought a Corteiz jacket there. We also often went to restaurants and fast-food places, but food in Ireland is much more expensive than in the Czech Republic, sometimes almost twice as expensive. Future students should definitely prepare enough money for food and free-time activities.

One of my favourite places was Howth Cliff Walk, which is a beautiful coastal walking route with amazing views of the sea and cliffs. I would strongly recommend visiting it because the nature there is incredible.

Another great place was Phoenix Park, a huge park near the city centre. We had a picnic there, played football, and relaxed after work. Inside the park, there is also an area with deer, which was a very interesting experience because we could see them from a very short distance.

Overall, my internship in Dublin was an unforgettable experience. I improved my English, gained new work experience, met amazing people, and became more independent. I would definitely recommend future students to enjoy every moment, try new things, and not be afraid to communicate with people.

### **David Riedl (3. A)**

During my internship in Dublin, I worked in Esmark Finch Print and Packaging, a company focused on large-scale packaging production. The company produces different kinds of packaging materials for various businesses and customers.

My tasks were varied and interesting. I mainly worked with data in Excel, where I organized and edited information for the company. Besides office work, I also helped in production and in the warehouse. Thanks to this, I could see how the whole company works, from administration to the final production process.

The working environment was very friendly. My colleagues were kind, communicative, and always ready to help when I did not understand something. Even though English communication was sometimes challenging, the internship helped me improve my language skills and become more confident.

Recommendations for future interns:

Do not be afraid to speak English, even if you make mistakes.

Be active and ask questions when you need help.

Try different tasks because you can gain useful experience.

Be prepared for teamwork and communication with many people.

What to avoid:

Do not be shy or quiet all the time.

Avoid being late because Irish companies value punctuality.

Do not panic if you do not understand everything immediately.



I stayed with a host family during my internship. My host was John Doyle, who was very kind and helpful. He often gave us useful tips about places to visit, transport, shopping, and interesting activities in Dublin.

Living with a host family was a very good experience because I could practice English every day in normal conversations. It also helped me better understand Irish culture and daily life. The atmosphere in the house was friendly and comfortable. I felt welcome and safe during the whole stay.

Recommendations for future interns:  
 Communicate with your host family as much as possible.  
 Respect the house rules and be polite.  
 Try traditional Irish food and learn about local culture.  
 Ask your hosts for advice because locals know the city best.  
 What to avoid:  
 Do not spend all your time alone in your room.  
 Avoid ignoring communication with the family.  
 Do not be afraid to ask for help if you need something.



Dublin is a beautiful and lively city with many interesting places. In my free time, I enjoyed walking around the city, discovering local shops, and talking to local people. The communication with Irish people was one of the best parts of my stay because they were friendly and open-minded.



One thing that surprised me a lot was driving on the left side of the road. At the beginning, it was confusing and sometimes stressful, especially when crossing streets or using public transport. After some time, however, I got used to it. Dublin also offers many opportunities for shopping, sightseeing, and entertainment. Public transport is useful, but it is good to plan trips in advance.

Recommendations for future interns:  
 Explore the city as much as possible.  
 Use your free time to practice English with locals.  
 Always be careful when crossing the street because of left-side traffic.  
 Visit famous places, parks, and local cafés.  
 What to avoid:  
 Do not stay only with Czech students all the time.  
 Avoid wasting all your money at the beginning of the stay.  
 Be careful in busy tourist areas and watch your belongings.

The internship in Dublin was a valuable experience for me. I improved my English, gained new work experience, met interesting people, and learned more about Irish culture. I would definitely recommend this opportunity to future students.

### Soňa Březíková (3. B)



I completed my internship at Align Agency in Ireland, a company focused mainly on administrative and business support. My tasks were quite varied – I mostly worked in Excel, where I processed data, responded to emails, sent messages to clients, and helped search for companies and contacts. The team was very friendly and open, which helped me a lot, especially at the beginning when I wasn't confident in my English yet. My colleagues were willing to help and explain

everything I needed. I would definitely recommend not being afraid to communicate and to get actively involved – even if you make mistakes, it's normal and you will improve quickly.

I stayed with a host family who were kind and helpful. The food was very different from what I am used to in the Czech Republic, and honestly it didn't suit me very well, but it was manageable. You get used to it over time or you can buy something for yourself. I would recommend future interns to be patient and respect the household rules. At the same time, it's good to keep some personal space and find a balance.

Dublin offers a lot of interesting places and opportunities for spending free time. We visited various landmarks, went to parks, and explored both the city and the area where we lived. We also spent time in the city centre and went shopping. Public transport is quite accessible, but it can sometimes be confusing until you get used to it. I recommend checking connections in advance and being prepared that it may not always be very clear. Prices are generally higher than in the Czech Republic, so it's good to keep that in mind and manage your budget.



In our free time, we tried to explore as much as possible and make the most of our stay. I definitely recommend not staying at home but going out, discovering the city, and enjoying the atmosphere – that's one of the best parts of the whole internship.

### Miroslav Jonáš (3. B)

I worked at a company called Online Labels, which focuses on producing and distributing labels for businesses. My tasks included answering customer emails, organizing orders, and helping in the warehouse with packaging and preparing shipments. The work environment was friendly, and colleagues were supportive, especially when I needed help with English or tasks I didn't understand. There was a nice cafe near my workplace so I could have a warm lunch when I forgot to take one from home.



I stayed with a local Irish family who provided me with accommodation and meals. The house was comfortable, and the food was good. The family was friendly and open to conversations.

Living with a host family helped me improve my English and understand Irish culture better. I tried some traditional Irish meals as well thanks to the host family's cooking.

In my free time, I explored the city of Dublin, which offers many attractions and activities. I visited famous places like Trinity College

Dublin and Temple Bar, and enjoyed the local atmosphere of the city centre.

One of my favourite places in Dublin was Phoenix Park, one of the biggest parks in Europe it's really nice and calm place to spend a free afternoon We also visited Howth with classmates and teachers. The seaside was really beautiful. There are many shops, restaurants, and parks to relax in or grab some snacks. Public transport is easy to use but the buses sometimes have big delays so I had to take it into consideration before planning my trips. I would also recommend occasional small talk with strangers when you have an opportunity.

### Edita Knoflíčková (3. B)

I was placed in a company called Keane Thompson. It is a prestigious real estate company located in Sandyford Village on the outskirts of Dublin. This company is known for their team of professional real estate agents whose aim is to make their clients' journey of either buying or renting a property as enjoyable as possible. They find tenants or buyers who meet all of the requirements from their clients and make sure that everything goes as smoothly as possible. My supervisor was a lovely girl called Anne Marie who had been in the company for just over a year but had quickly become one of the most important roles in the office. Unfortunately, she was sick for a few days so one of the owners Stuart Thompson took care of me and made sure I always had something interesting to do. My job was from uploading data into their new system to answering calls from clients and I was even brought along to a viewing of a beautifully renovated house managed by my company. This viewing, the collective in the office and the fact that there was a cute dog there were definitely highlights of my Erasmus.



I stayed with Eliška and Štěpánka in Firhouse in a lovely family house that was located an hour and a few minutes from the city centre. Our host family consisted of an elderly woman and a French student living in a room next to ours. We quickly became friends with him and during our dinner time we always gossiped and laughed the whole time. Later in the second week two Slovak students joined us and when we didn't go to the city centre with our classmates we spent our evenings outside chatting



with our roommates. Our host mom was a great cook and always had something delicious ready for us. However, our dinner time was strictly between 7 and 7.30 which was a bit

complicated when we wanted to have dinner but also wanted to go out with our friends. The area around our house was lovely. Parks, shops, schools,... everything was really family friendly and so gorgeous.



When I wasn't at work I always tried to be outside with my friends and soak everything in because Dublin was truly magical. Yes the weather is a bit unpredictable and confusing and the public transport is ridiculous and just like the weather confusing because the buses are either always delayed/leave earlier or don't show up at all. So, an advice I would suggest is to always make sure you have enough time even if the

buses are delayed or preferably take the tram as they are more reliable. Despite all of that the memories I made there are going to be remembered for the rest of my life. I met some amazing people from my school that I had no idea would become some of my closest friends. We spent our time wandering around Dublin and its parks, playing games and once we even had to call the police! Overall, it was one of the best experiences of my life and if anyone is deciding whether to go or not I would definitely recommend it!

### **Nicol Loderová (3. B)**

I worked in a company ACSK Solicitors. It is a smaller law company with specialization in immigration law. The office was smaller but nice. There were about 7 other workers with me. 3 of them were there every day and the other 4 were coming only few days a week. I was working on few different tasks during my stay. It was usually about immigration case, and my tasks was to find out more about political situation in the client's country of origin. I was also sending post letters and emails. My co-worker once took me with him to hearing and it was great to see how this works.



Me and my roommate stayed with a very nice host family. It was a cosy and clean house with beautiful decorations. We stayed with an elderly married couple. Unfortunately, we didn't spend much time with them, because we were leaving early in the morning and coming late in the evening. Even though we didn't have much opportunity to get to know them better, they seemed very nice and supporting. Our host family lived about 1 to 1,5 hours by bus from the city centre. I didn't mind that much because after whole day packed with new things, it was quite nice to just relax and look out of the window. It was a little bit unpractical in the morning, because my work started in 10 a. m. and I had to take 7:30 bus, but it's not something I wouldn't get used to.

Every day, I had one hour of lunch break, so I quickly found some café with light lunches, and I went to near Merrion Square Park. Dublin has a lot of beautiful parks. I spent most of my free time after work with my friends. We tried to do something new every day. Unfortunately, a lot of shops and cafés closes early (around 5 – 6 p. m.). Dublin has a lot of interesting places so there was always something to do. I enjoyed my time there. We met a lot of interesting new people.

### Štěpánka Sajvaldová (3. B)

I worked at Kefron Limited, a company that specializes in document digitization, accounts payable automation, and secure data storage. Working with my colleagues was very pleasant, and everyone was friendly. My manager took good care of me, and everyone was very helpful whenever I needed it. The work I was assigned was clearly explained and demonstrated to me, so I had no problems. The atmosphere at the company was also wonderful, and it seemed to me that everyone was very kind and friendly toward one another. My work mainly involved preparing documents for scanning and entering information into their system.



I also really enjoyed my stay with the host family. My host mom was amazing. We always had a great breakfast and dinner. We had nice chats over dinner, and she gave us tips on where to go in Dublin and what nice things to see. Besides my friends, she also had other students from different schools staying there. There was a guy from



France and two other students from Slovakia, with whom we could have good conversations. Even though there were so many of us staying there, each group of students had their own room and a shared bathroom. The only thing I would change was my host mom's approach to mealtimes - whether it was dinner, which was strictly scheduled for a specific time when we had to be there or she wouldn't serve it to us (even though we could have heated it up later, which unfortunately we weren't allowed to do), or bedtime, which didn't allow us to experience Dublin's nightlife at all. Otherwise, everything was fine and clean.

As for free time, that was one of the best experiences. With the school, we went to see the cliffs and had the chance to try their classic fish and chips, which was very good. I also took advantage of the fact that we were by the sea, so I was able to go for a swim - even though it was cold, it was a great experience I'll never forget.

In Dublin, we especially visited shops that we can't find in the Czech Republic. We also went to the largest park in Dublin, Phoenix Park, where we saw fallow deer, and the weather was so nice that we even got a little tan. Another great place we visited was Trinity College, where the students had just graduated, so we happened to catch their celebration. I definitely have to recommend Irish clubs and pubs, because at night, Dublin is a vibrant city full of fun.

The only thing I'd be careful about next time is walking far from the centre of Dublin into dangerous parts of the city at night, because one of my friends had her bag stolen there and we had to deal with it. Luckily, everything turned out fine, and I'll have fond memories of this internship forever.

### **Eliška Stávková (3. B)**

During my Erasmus programme I had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Dublin, which was a valuable experience both professionally and personally. It allowed me to gain new skills, meet new people and experience a different culture.

I worked at a company called Kefron Limited, where my main task was to process loan applications. Mostly, I copied important numerical data from documents called "Loan applications" and entered them into Excel spreadsheets. It helped me improve my attention to detail and accuracy. It taught me how office work operates and I also had the chance to observe how the company treats and communicates with my colleagues, who were really friendly and helpful.



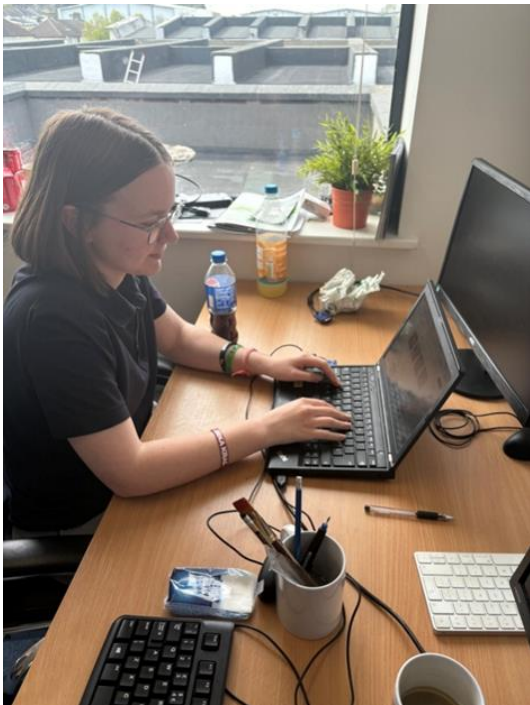
During my stay, I lived with a host family. My host mom was very kind and welcoming, and she cooked really good meals for us, which made me feel comfortable and at home. Thanks to this experience I was able to improve my everyday English communication. The only disadvantage was that the house was located quite far from the city centre, so travelling took longer than expected.

In my free time, I explored Dublin with my classmates. We visited places such as Dublin Castle and spent time shopping and walking around the city. I really enjoyed the atmosphere of Dublin. The city itself is beautiful and full of history. However, public transport was not very reliable, which sometimes made traveling around the city more difficult.

Overall, my Erasmus experience in Dublin was very positive. I gained new skills, improved my English, and learned more about a different culture. If I had the chance, I would definitely go again and I highly recommend this experience to other students.

### **Lenka Zahradníčková (3. B)**

I worked at Gifts of Ireland with two other interns (one from our group) and one full-time employee for the first week and the second we got a third intern to the team. Communication



and help were great; we helped each other out as much as we could and made sure everyone is involved in doing their part. They are a tourist shop selling authentic Irish goods to introduce their culture to everyone interested. Apart from paperwork, I also had some extra tasks. I first generated images of models wearing the hats they sell to put on their website and then as the main task of our internship I had to lead a small team to photoshoot walking sticks, create listings for them, and add pictures according to their type, add videos, make descriptions and titles and then finally upload them as final products. Once my part of this was done, I optimised their search engine titles and descriptions to lure more customers in. Twice a week I also picked up their parcels on my way to the office. I think leading and managing the team really helped me see how I would be as a manager and I think I would like it and enjoy it.

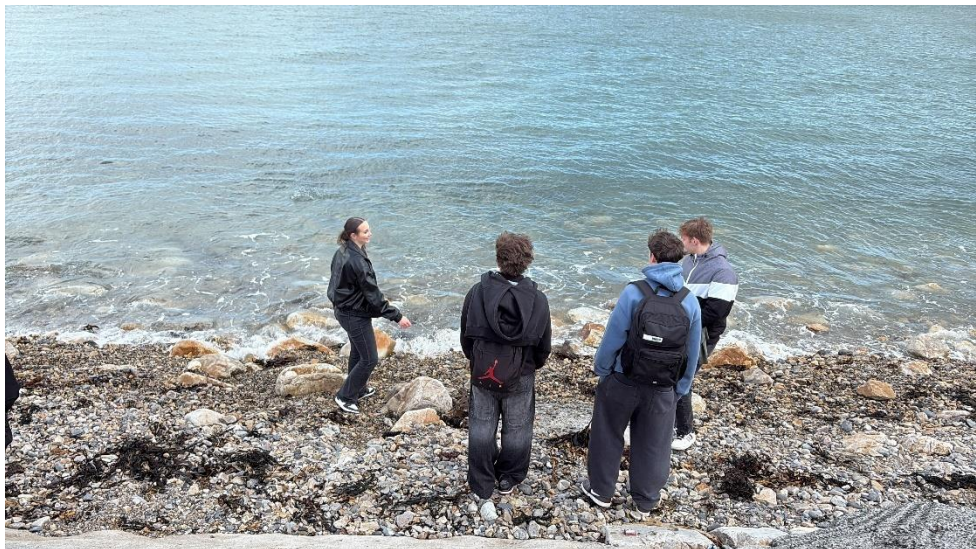
I was so lucky to stay at an incredibly cosy and nice-looking house with awesome host parents who made me and my roommate feel at home right away. We did not get to spend much time with them apart from chatting during dinner as we left early in the morning for our bus and arrived late in the evening after hanging out with our friends after work. It took a little bit of time to get used to their shower and flushing system but once you understand it, it became pretty easy. If any future intern ends up with an electrical shower – here is my advice: turn the shower on as you are stepping in but do not point it at yourself yet as it burns at first and then is freezing cold; once your water is warmed up to your liking, shower normally as you would at home but be aware the water pressure is a lot weaker than back in Czechia; once you are successfully soapy, the water will do the same thing as when you turned it on the first time, so wait up until it is heated up to your liking; electrical showers need to be turned on from the outside so before you go shower do not forget to flip the switch to power your shower and then to turn it off.

Spend as much time as possible in places that close early if you get the chance. I usually finished work around 4 p. m. and getting to the city centre took at least 15 minutes, so visiting museums and galleries that closed at 5 p. m. felt a little bit useless. Go take a walk through both Merrion Square Park and St Stephen's Green, and if you get the chance, do not miss out on the waterfall in Iveagh Gardens and the deer in Phoenix Park. The parks are wonderful places to hang out or just walk around – me and our group had a picnic in Phoenix Park and all of us really loved it.



If your group does not have Howth on your activities list, go there by yourself. Your Leap card covers the journey there and it takes 30 minutes to get there from the centre. The walk down from the hill along the cliffs is incredible and if you are as lucky as we were, you will catch great weather.

Do not forget to get fish and chips there since it is a seaside part of Dublin and go see the seals in the harbour that we unfortunately did not catch. If you are of age, then go check out some of the local pubs and if you are not, then



just go to sit down into some lovely café. I would recommend going to the Lego Store but that is just because I really like Lego. Go into shops and buy things that are not back home – I brought home blue sour patch kids for my sister and she was ecstatic. The most important part is that you get the hang of the public transport and that you enjoy your time there to the fullest.

### Magdaléna Janská (3. C)

I completed my internship at Citas College, an educational institution focused on providing courses and activities for students. My main tasks were helping with the creation of posters and assisting in organizing various educational activities. The working environment was very friendly and supportive. My colleagues were kind, patient, and always willing to help whenever I had questions. Tips for future interns: Don't be afraid to ask questions. Practice your English as much as possible.



I stayed with a host family during my internship, and it was a very positive experience. The family was kind, welcoming, and always ready to help. They provided comfortable housing and delicious meals. At one point, I got sick, but the family took great care of me. They helped me arrange an online doctor's appointment and made sure I received the necessary medication. I really appreciated their support and kindness during that time.



Tips for future interns: Be polite and respectful. Communicate openly if you need anything or when there is a problem.

I spent most of my free time exploring Dublin and its surroundings. One of my favourite moments was the weekend I spent in Howth and Phoenix Park. In Howth, I enjoyed beautiful coastal views and even saw seals. Phoenix Park was also amazing with seeing the wild deer.

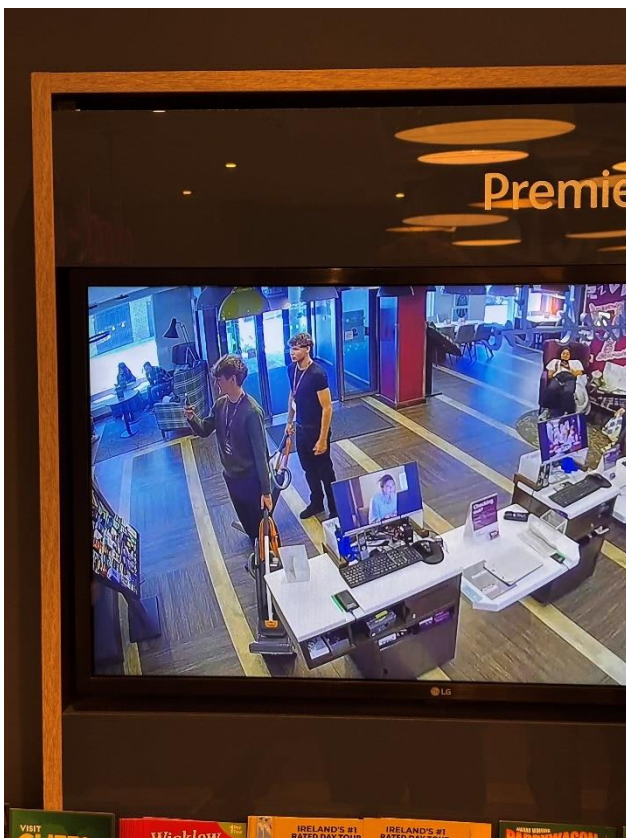
Public transport in Dublin was convenient and reliable, with only a few minor complications. The city also offers many great shops, so there are plenty of opportunities for shopping.

### Šimon Komárek (3. C)

I completed my internship at the hotel chain Premier Inn, which focuses on accommodation services and customer care. My tasks were quite varied. I communicated with guests, helped them during check-in, and assisted them. Another part of my job was recording everything that was processed during breakfast into an evidence sheet, which required responsibility and attention to detail.

The team was very friendly and helpful. My colleagues were always willing to explain things and support me when I was unsure. I learned that communication is very important in this type of job, especially being polite and professional with guests.

I would recommend future interns not to be afraid of speaking English and asking questions. It is also important to be active, helpful, and responsible. Try not to wait for instructions all the time, but show initiative.



I stayed with a host father named John, who was very kind and friendly. He made us feel comfortable and also recommended interesting places to visit in Dublin. I also stayed with other students from Italy, which was a great experience because we communicated together in English and got to know each other's cultures. Living in the family was overall a positive experience. It helped me improve my English and become more independent. I would recommend being respectful, following the house rules, and communicating with the host family. It is also good to be open-minded and adapt to a different lifestyle.

Dublin is a very nice city with a great atmosphere and friendly people. In our free time, we visited several interesting places, such as Phoenix Park, where we fed deer in nature, which was a really unique experience. We also spent time in the city centre, exploring, shopping, and enjoying

the local environment. People in Dublin were very helpful and often gave us recommendations on what to do or where to go. Public transport was quite easy to use, although sometimes it could be a bit confusing at first.

### Vendula Vitulová (3. C)

During my internship, I worked at Doyle and Company LLP Solicitors, a professional law firm providing legal services. This experience gave me a real insight into how a law office works and helped me understand how important accuracy, responsibility and communication are in this environment.

I mainly observed the daily work in the office, assisted with simple administrative tasks and learned how legal documents are prepared and processed. It was interesting for me to see how solicitors communicate with clients and how carefully each case is handled.



At the beginning I felt a bit unsure in the professional environment, but I gradually got used to the routine and became more confident. Working in an international team also helped me improve my English in real situations, not only in school practice.

#### Recommendations:

- Do not be afraid to ask questions even if they seem simple
- Try to be active and show interest in daily tasks
- Pay close attention to detail because small mistakes can matter a lot
- Stay polite and professional even in stressful situations

Staying with a host family was one of the most personal and valuable parts of my experience. It gave me the opportunity to experience everyday life in Ireland in a natural and authentic way. I improved my English a lot through daily conversations and learned more about Irish culture and habits. Over time I felt more comfortable and started to feel like part of the household rather than just a guest.

At the beginning it took some time to adjust to a new environment, but the family was very welcoming and supportive which made everything easier.

#### Recommendations:

- Respect the family rules and daily routine
- Communicate openly if you need anything or feel unsure
- Try to speak English in everyday situations
- Be open minded and accept cultural differences

Free time in Dublin was very enjoyable and helped me get to know the city outside of work. The city has a lively atmosphere and combines history, culture and modern life. I spent time exploring the city centre, walking through different streets and visiting interesting places. Public transport such as buses and the Luas tram made it easy to travel around and discover different

parts of Dublin. I also enjoyed spending time with other interns, going for coffee, shopping or simply walking around the city together which made the experience more social and enjoyable.

**Recommendation:**

- Use public transport apps to travel easily
- Explore both tourist and local areas of the city
- Plan your free time but also leave space for spontaneous activities
- Spend time with other interns to make the experience more fun and safe

The internship at Doyle and Company LLP Solicitors combined with staying in Dublin was a very valuable and personal experience for me. It helped me become more independent, improve my English in real life situations and gain a better understanding of working life in an international environment.



**Jan Kaštyl (3. D)**

I was working in a law firm called Ad‘reme Solicitors, which consists of one solicitor, who was the boss, and a few secretaries. The firm specializes in multiple kinds of law, especially immigration law and they offer their service to their clients. It was in a small office next to a café, which was very convenient in the morning, because I always arrived a bit earlier than my co-workers so every morning I went to sit there and got myself a coffee. My supervisor, Ruth,



was very nice and she was helping me with everything during my internship in the firm. She was also very friendly and she was laughing a lot, so I wasn't nervous around her at all. However, in the first week of my internship, Ruth went on her holidays, so I spent my time in the office with other co-workers, and I got to know them pretty well. Just as Ruth, they were also very kind and friendly, and I really enjoyed being around them. The boss wasn't in

the office as much as the secretaries, but I got to meet him and he was nice, however apart from my co-workers he was a bit more intimidating and I could tell he takes his job very seriously, which is understandable. In the office, I was basically doing things that helped them with their own work. Sometimes I was picking up the phone and I was answering clients on the call, I took their name and wrote down their numbers and forwarded the information they told me to my co-workers. I was also filling out claim for fees with help from my supervisor – I was basically looking for certain documents in clients files, I was filling in information and then I put all the papers together and scanned them to the computer. I also went to the post office to post some letters and pick up a few of them too. I really appreciated working in this office and I had a great time, It was an interesting experience. I would definitely recommend students that will do an internship, to be open to chatting with your co-workers, not only you will practice your English, but you will learn a lot of interesting stuff and it will also make the atmosphere in your work more friendly.



During my stay, I was living in a huge house with a lovely older couple, Adrienne and Joe Hughes. Both of them were really sweet and kind, and I felt very comfortable in the house with them, which is probably the most important thing. The house was clean and very modern, me and my roommates room was pretty big and we also had our own bathroom. Adrienne, was a very kind woman and she tried to help me with everything I needed. She helped me with my way to work, and tried to show me the easiest way how to get there. She was also a great cook, and I enjoyed every meal she prepared for us. On the first evening of our stay we were all chatting in the kitchen, and she asked what food we

like and don't like, and then she actually cooked dinner based on our preferences, which I appreciated a lot. I was actually talking with Adrienne quite a lot, whenever I got home from work she would always greet me at the door and we had a little chat while she was cooking. Joe was very sweet too, however chatting with him was a bit harder, because he had terrible Irish accent, and he was also half deaf, so sometimes understanding him wasn't as easy as understanding Adrienne. Overall, I had a really nice time staying with them.

I spent most of my free time with friends in the city, we always used to meet up after work and then we were just walking around, going inside shops, trying out some food etc. One day our whole group including the teachers went to visit the Dublin castle. We had a guide who was showing us around.



Then we also went to Howth one day, which was really beautiful. The weather was amazing, It wasn't windy at all and it was sunny the whole time, so that trip was really pretty, we took a lot of pictures and made a lot of memories. Another day me and my friends went to visit the Phoenix Park, that day it was very sunny and we all went in just our t-shirts. We bought a bunch of snacks and we sat on the grass there, turn on music and we were just sitting around talking and taking pictures and it is a really nice memory. Later that afternoon we went to see the deer, that are freely walking around there, and that was an amazing experience too. The only thing about this whole internship that I didn't like, was definitely the buses. I was living pretty far away, and I had to get on multiple buses to get to the city centre, or get back home from there. The main problem was that the buses were often delayed, and as someone who doesn't know my way around, I was confused a lot of the times because I didn't know whether the bus hasn't arrived yet, if it's only delayed or if I missed it. Also, when the bus is delayed, I often missed the other bus that I was supposed to get on, which made my way longer, and I often had to wait like half an hour for another bus. That was a very unpleasant experience and it took a lot of patience for me to arrive somewhere.



To anyone who is thinking about trying this internship out, do it. I promise you, you won't regret it, it's an experience that you'll never forget. It might be a big step out of your comfort zone, but it's not as scary as you might think it is and you'll learn a lot from it. And if you have at least a little trust in yourself, you can do it, and once it's over, you'll be happy you got to experience this.

### Natálie Ondroušková (3. D)

During my internship in Dublin, I had the opportunity to work at ICOT College, a language school focused on teaching English to international students. I was mainly responsible for administrative tasks. I wrote emails, worked with Excel and helped organize tests for students. These tasks improved my communication skills and helped me become more confident when working in English. My colleagues were very friendly and supportive, which made the working environment pleasant. I also learned how to work in an international team and how language school operates on a daily basis.



I would recommend future interns to not be afraid to ask questions and actively communicate with colleagues. It is also important to be organized and responsible, especially when working with data and important documents.

I stayed with host family consisting of a married couple. They were very kind and welcoming and they also had a dog. The food was good and I felt comfortable in their home. Living with a host family is a great way to experience local culture and improve your English in everyday situations.

For future students, I recommend being polite, respectful and open-minded. It is also important to communicate clearly with the host family about your needs and habits.



In my free time, I explored Dublin and visited some interesting places such as Dublin Castle and Phoenix Park. I also spent a lot of time just walking around the city, discovering new places, shops and cafes. Dublin has a very nice atmosphere and there is always something to see. Public transport in Dublin is good and reliable, but traveling can sometimes take quite a long time and you need some time to get used to it.

I would definitely recommend going to Dublin for an internship. However, one thing to be careful about is the cost of living, as prices are quite high. Overall, my internship in Dublin was a great experience. I improved my English, gained new skills and met interesting people. It is an opportunity that I would recommend to anyone.

### Andrej Koška (3. LA)

During my internship, I worked at Reads Design & Print, a busy print shop in the heart of Dublin. They do everything from business cards to large-scale posters. Since I'm a third-year student, it was cool to see how a real business like this works under pressure.



My recommendation: Don't worry if you don't get to do "big" graphic design right away. All tasks are a great way to practice your English and learn how to handle responsibility. My colleagues were chill, so just be polite and if you're not sure about anything, just ask.

The stay at my host family was really great, it was a really tidy and cosy environment. Our host mom was really nice and straight-forward. The food was really good, only the problem was that pretty much every food was semi-finished, so I was really looking forward to getting back home where the first thing I had was a nice home cooked meal. The houses in Ireland get really cold in the night, but I did not really mind, because it's more comfortable for me to sleep when it's a bit colder.



Advice: Talk to them! Even if you're tired after work, try to have a conversation during dinner. It's the best way to get used to the Irish accent, which can be pretty wild at first. Also, always let them know if you're going to be late. It's just about being respectful.

Dublin is a great city for students. One of the best things was that we got a Leap Card from the organizers. It's a lifesaver because you can just tap and go on buses or the DART (the local train).

I spent most of my free time just hanging out in the city centre. You should definitely check out Trinity College – the library looks like something out of Harry Potter. If you want some fresh



air, take the DART to Howth. It's a small fishing village with a great cliff walk and views of the sea. For shopping, just go to Penney's (it's what they call Primark here) – it's cheap and everyone goes there.

What to avoid: Don't trust the bus timetables on the signs, they are basically useless. Download a real-time transport app, otherwise, you'll be waiting forever. And always, I mean always, carry a jacket or an umbrella. The weather changes every five minutes.

Overall, the internship was a solid experience. I'm glad I went because I feel much more confident speaking English now. My main advice is: don't be lazy,

explore the city as much as you can, and don't be afraid to make mistakes when you talk. That's how you learn!

### Michaela Prokešová (3. LA)

I worked for the Irish travel company JWT Travel. At my company were other interns from Germany. Thanks to them, I had a bigger opportunity to practise my English, because we worked together.



My tasks:

- making an itinerary for a trip to Ireland for 6 days
- finding hotels around Dublin and sending them email, if they would provide accommodation for a group.
- finding clients of other travel companies, that had recently bankrupted and find their contact information, so we could offer them our service
- finding product managers from multiple companies
- making content for the marketing team
- emailing to our clients and making appointments with them

I lived in a beautiful area in Sandyford with a single mom and her 2 children. We were really lucky, because she was a chef so she cooked us meals every day, so no frozen food. The neighbourhood was really pretty, peaceful and safe. We could see how a typical Irish family works and got to know their culture more.



The biggest cultural shock for me was that their houses are cold inside, because they don't heat them that much.



Almost every day I met with my friends and went out. I visited a lot of famous places such as Trinity college, two National Museums of Ireland, Botanical garden, Temple Bar, Love Lane and many more. The architecture of Dublin is really pretty.

Because it rains so often, everything is so green. Once we

went to Phoenix Park where we had a picnic. We mostly met in one of McDonald's and then went somewhere together. I met so many new people. I found out that having an umbrella in Dublin is not useful, because it is always windy, so the umbrella keeps breaking. I feel like people in Dublin are really nice and smiley. It happened to me many times, that a random person started a conversation with me and it was always nice.



### Filip Pupala (3. LA)



I worked at a company called Gifts of Ireland. It is a shop that sells souvenirs from Ireland. Interestingly enough, it does not have an actual physical store, only online site which is pretty unusual for a shop with souvenirs. I worked with my friend Lenka, so I was happy I was not alone. We also worked with two co-workers which were both intern students. One was from Poland and the other was from Czechia, like us, but we still talked in English. Apart from administrative work, we also had a special task. We worked with walking sticks – a popular Irish product as I got to know. Our task was to take pictures of the 52 sticks we freshly had in storage, measure them, weigh them and upload the pictures on the online site where we added descriptions and prices. This experience was very beneficial for me, because I got to know the process between a product being placed on a site and it being in my hand. I would rate my work experience very positively overall.

weren't staying in the main house, we were staying in a smaller house behind the main one and entered through the garden. This wasn't a problem for me rather the opposite. We had no curfew and when we wanted to get home we just came through a gate to the garden and into the house without bothering anyone. The family came to say hi a few times each day, mostly the host mom. It was always very nice talking to them. The food was good. We always had it in a fridge, so just a few minutes in the microwave did the trick and we were good to eat. The beds were also pretty good but nothing replaces my own bed. But still I couldn't complain.



What I could complain, and I did, were the prices. Dublin definitely isn't a cheap place, especially compared to Czech republic. Otherwise, Dublin is a beautiful city and Ireland even more beautiful. On Saturday, went on a trip to a coast town named Howth. There were very beautiful views on the coastlines. As a cherry on the top, I bought fish and chips which were delicious. We also visited the Dublin Castle which shows the beauty of the old Dublin culture. On our free day we spent a few hours in the Phoenix park. The park was huge and very nice. Unfortunately, I didn't see the fallow deer but I'd seen them before so it's not so much of a loss. Dublin is a beautiful city and I recommend visiting it!

### Oliver Staniek (3. LA)

I worked in a recruitment agency named JobContax Recruitment. This company helps other companies hire new employees. I was connecting people from company's database with their LinkedIn profile. I connected around 6 000–7 000 people. This helped company work faster. They can just click on the LinkedIn link instead of searching it on LinkedIn and finding the right profile.

Next to my company was a restaurant Drumcondra 104, where there was an amazing food. Every day I had a free lunch there. Sometimes I had a lunch with my colleague, so I practised English a little bit. My colleagues also recommended me a gym and nice places to visit in Dublin. I told them about Czech Republic and I had to explain them why Brno is better than Prague, because all of them knew just Prague.



When we arrived to the host family, I was shocked by the cold in the house. Fortunately, they turned the heating on after, but make sure to have a lot of warm clothes! The heating was always off for the night. We were staying in the family's garden house, therefore we had a lot of privacy. We did not have to be at dinner at an exact time. The family always cooked the dinner and put it in the fridge at around 5 p. m. When we got to the house, we heated the dinner in microwave. At first, we were getting ready-made meals for dinner, which wasn't very tasty. I missed fresh food and I was eating bread with butter and cheese for dinner instead. However, after a few days they kept giving us fresh food, which was much better, although it was often spicy.

Our host mom was very friendly and kept checking on us every day. She was chatting with us a lot and she also made sure we knew about all the good places in Dublin. Our host family cleaned our house every day, which is above standard.

People in Dublin are very friendly and they smile a lot. It was not a problem for me to get to know new people simply by talking to random people in Dublin. However, after a week I got

bored and asked ChatGPT where to meet new people in Dublin. ChatGPT recommended me to install an app called Meetup. I did it and found out about a Public Speaking event in Dublin. I got there and it was very interesting. I practised my English a lot there. At first we were chatting between the participants. Then we got the opportunity to get on a stage and speak about a random topic that the organiser chose. I took this opportunity and got on the stage. It was my first time on stage outside of the Czech Republic and a very great experience. On this event a moderator was also lecturing about public speaking, which was interesting. After this event I went to a pub with new friends I made there. They told me about the online events of this club, so I joined that Public Speaking Club and promised them I will see them online.



On Friday, the day before we were leaving, I decided to go on a hike in Bray. I went on foot to Bray Head Hill. It was so hot, that Irish people were bathing in the sea. However, since I was heading from work and morning was cold I had jeans on, sweatshirt and jacket, which did not feel very comfortable in this weather. When I got to the summit I met some cool Spanish guy and I was chatting with him for half an hour. He had been staying in Ireland for the third year (because of his job) and told me this weather is very rare there and that I am very lucky to experience this weather... I mean...if I would not carry so much clothes, I would be probably happy with weather. He also recommended me some cool Irish places for hiking I should visit next time I get there. Then I went on foot into Greystones' train station. It was a very good hike.

I also visited a Phoenix Park THREE TIMES. This park is known for a lot of deer but unfortunately I never saw it.

### Dmitrij Tkačenko (3. LA)

During my two-week internship in Dublin from 12th to 25th April, I worked for Yugo at the Dominick Place student residence. The company provides accommodation for students from different countries. My tasks included helping with room organisation, communicating with students, and completing administrative tasks. Every day started with a short meeting where we received instructions and tasks.

The working environment was friendly and relaxed. My colleagues were helpful and patient, especially when we had problems with English. I was surprised by how informal the atmosphere at work was compared to the Czech Republic. I also enjoyed meeting people from different cultures and hearing many languages every day.



The most difficult part was understanding fast English conversations, especially with a strong Irish accent. At first, I was nervous about speaking English, but after a few days I became more confident. I would recommend future interns not to be afraid of communication and to ask questions when they do not understand something. It is important to stay active and not stress too much about mistakes.

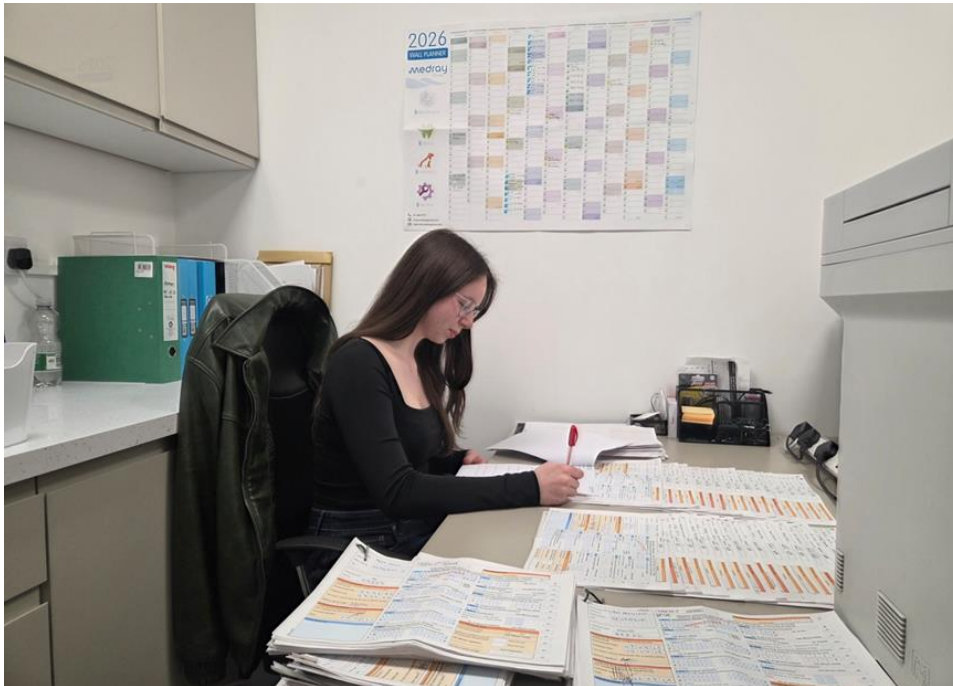
During the stay, I lived with a host family. They were kind and tried to help us during the whole internship. I had my own room, which gave me enough privacy and space to relax. We communicated mostly in English, which helped me improve my vocabulary and speaking skills. The accommodation was about 40 minutes from work by bus or tram. Public transport worked quite well, especially the Luas tram system. One funny moment happened when I misunderstood a question because of the Irish accent and answered something completely different, which made the whole family laugh.

In my free time, I visited the city centre, the River Liffey, Temple Bar, parks, and shopping centres. I liked the evening atmosphere of the city the most because the streets were full of people, music, and life. We usually shopped in stores such as Tesco, Lidl, and Penney's. Dublin was more expensive than the Czech Republic, especially restaurants and tourist places.

Overall, the internship was a valuable experience for me because it improved my English, communication skills, and independence.

### Veronika Benešová (3. LB)

I worked in a dental practice – Green Dental which is located in Omni Park shopping centre. My job was mostly administrative. Sorting papers alphabetically or checking numbers of the payments or writing emails. I also got a chance to observe how the dentists work which was a nice addition out of my study field. But the best part about it was that it gave me an excuse to have a good conversation with all of my co-workers.



We really hit it off with my host family so the two weeks passed in a snap of a finger. I was always so excited for the dinner because that's when we spent time together, usually for at least an hour and half. It is very important to not be shy to speak even though it's not perfect. During the first couple of days I

had such a hard time understanding the Irish accent but the more we chatted the more I got used to the sound of it and saw my improvements each and every day.

At first I was a bit afraid of the public transport but it was actually quite simple and easy to understand. The majority of time I was taking the buses but I took a train and tram one time as well. Only thing that you have to keep in mind is that some buses are not 100% reliable. Those „ghost buses“ how I like to call them would just disappear from the map and not even show up on the bus stop. So you need to be prepared for around 20-30 minutes waiting for the next bus hoping that it will show up this time. You also need to keep in mind that you need to signal EVERY bus with your hand, otherwise it won't pick you up.

I highly recommend asking all the locals, especially the host family, about their favourite (Irish) snacks and sweets and go to the supermarket and just try everything. It's one of my favourite ways of exploring new countries.



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