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# MALTA WORK EXPERIENCE 24/25

This project enabled the work experience of 49 students of the Business School and Further Education College Brno to Malta for 2 weeks (10 working days) in October 24 and March 25.







We received the grant from the European Union project Erasmus+ and 49 students + 2 teachers could travel to Malta in October 24 and March 2025. We are the 20<sup>th</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: BCP Real Estate, QuickLets & Zanzi Homes, Polaris Consultancy, National Bibliographic Office, 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. We lived in apartments with a kitchenette where we could cook. Every once in a while we met with mentors from Travelmania, which is the partner of our school in Erasmus+. If we had any problem we could consult it with our teachers or a Travelmania 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 we were Tallinja Explore given cards for unlimited travelling on the island. We met our mentor Ana from intermediary the organization Travelmania 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. 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 the end each of us received Europass Mobility. On Friday we said goodbye to Malta 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 companies will be used during our further education and practice.

Work experience abroad is nothing to worry about. If you doubt it read about our experience in this brochure. It can be your turn next year! Our participants will give you advice and help you to be prepared!



"Hello, we would like to share our experience with you and give you some advice about your Maltese Erasmus. We can assure you that you'll enjoy your time in Malta."

# OCTOBER 2024

#### Adéla Frgalová



**Participating** the in Erasmus program on the beautiful island of Malta has been an incredible opportunity, offering both personal and professional growth. My internship at a real estate agency OuickLets & Zanzi Homes Tigne was fantastic experience. alongside Working colleagues Maltese allowed me to not only theoretical apply my knowledge in real-world situations but also

develop valuable skills in teamwork and communication. The company fostered a supportive environment, my colleagues were welcoming and willing to help. The chance to work in a foreign company also helped me gain insight into the Maltese work culture, which allowed me

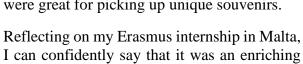
to learn how their habits differ from ours.

As for accommodation, I shared a room with four other girls from my school, which turned out to be a great way to deepen our bonds. Despite the number of us, the space was comfortable, and we were lucky to have a well-functioning air conditioning system, which made a huge difference during Malta's hot summer days. The apartment itself was quite spacious, especially the balcony, where we would often relax in the morning before work or gather in the evening to chat, share dinner or play games. The view was something you wouldn't want to miss. The kitchen was well-equipped, which made cooking both easy and enjoyable. It was a lively, shared space where we created great memories while balancing our time between work and exploring Malta.

During my free time, I had plenty of opportunities to explore Malta's rich history



and beautiful landscapes. Malta incredible sights, from ancient landmarks like the stunning St. John's Co-Cathedral and the fortified city of Mdina to relaxing on the crystal-clear beaches. For example, I would consider St. Peter's Pool to be one of the most gorgeous beaches I have ever visited. Malta's public transport system was a bit tricky at first, but we got used to it in no time. As long as you make sure to look for the bus schedules in advance, you're guaranteed to get around the island without worry and explore everything it has to offer. We invested into an Explore Card which allowed us unlimited travel and definitely helped us save money. Shopping districts such as Sliema or Valetta provided plenty of options for both high-street brands and local boutiques, while the lively markets were great for picking up unique souvenirs.





and worthwhile experience. Not only did I gain professional skills and insights into working in an international environment, but I also met incredible people from different backgrounds. The things I've learned—whether through collaboration with colleagues or navigating life in a new country—will undoubtedly be useful in my future career. This experience has strengthened my confidence, improved my language skills, and given me valuable memories to look back on. I would highly recommend this program to anyone looking for both personal and professional development, all while enjoying the beauty and culture of a foreign country.

## Alena Klíčová

The workplace selected for my internship at Malta was called Polaris consultancy, where I went with three of my classmates. It was a large office focused on mental health, wellbeing, but also

helping corporate organisations prosper by assessing new employees. I was very afraid of working in new environment on an island far from home, but when I met my supervisor I afraid or nervous wasn't anymore. She made sure that we were comfortable and that we could loosen up there. All of the other workers were also nice and welcoming. I would recommend speaking up if you are really interested in learning about something there, because I didn't ask and I regret it.



Our original accommodation got flooded just before we came to Malta, so we were assigned a new one. Me and my three classmates randomly picked an envelope with key cards to one of the biggest apartments there. It looked very nice, it had big terrace and nice bedroom. We could cook our own meals in the kitchen, but we didn't really have time to do that, so we mostly bought precooked meals or noodles.

Since our internship was 45 minutes away from our accommodation and usually finished there at 3 pm, we ended up at our apartment kind of late. I always tried to find new things to do, so I suggested that me and my friends should go to the Malta National Aquarium. We also visited the island's former capital Mdina and the Golden Bay beach. I also went to Valletta to explore the capital a bit more and I even went to Sliema to the Point shopping mall. Our last evening, we went to sit at the docks in Sliema, which is one of the memories I'll cherish the most. Traveling by bus in Malta was an experience, even though we had an app specifically for this downloaded, we never really knew when the bus will really come. It was a bit annoying but also really



exciting, because sometimes we would just get on a bus not totally sure where it would take us. Traveling by bus is free on Malta, so you can go on the other side of the island and not spend anything, which is amazing. You can also order Bolt, if you don't feel like walking. The food is a bit more expensive there, so you have to be ready to pay 3 euros for an eidam, but it's not that bad, if you and your roommates agree to split the costs, which is what we did. I would also recommend buying bottled water, because even though you can drink the tap water, it doesn't taste very good.

Even though I was very afraid of going to Malta on my own knowing only two people which I wasn't friends with, it ended up being a really great experience. I was very scared of how it would all turn out, but turns out I really didn't have to be afraid at all, because I enjoyed my time there so much, that I would do it all over again. I left Malta with a great feeling, new knowledge and new friends, with whom I'll share this special memory forever.

#### Andrea Novotná

The employees at the National Bibliographic Office were very supportive and open. Even though I was so far away from home, I felt welcome and comfortable talking with them and even asking for help with certain tasks. Don't be scared or ashamed to ask questions. This company takes on interns very often, so they don't expect you to know everything or understand everything. Malta is different than Czechia so don't be scared to admit that you don't understand something. The people are all very welcoming and they will help you.

The living space was honestly pretty small and shared with other interns from our school. However, it was a great opportunity to make new friends. Be prepared that you won't have much personal space, so if you like your alone time bring headphones and tell your roommates, if you need a moment to recharge, they all probably feel the same so you are in this together!



What I would recommend from personal experience is: divide household chores. It will help you so much. Another tip that I would probably give is: bring water filter, since Maltese tap water is not drinkable and buying bottled water is really expensive. Also bring an outlet adapter, they have different outlets on Malta!

Depending on your working hours, you might not have as much free time as you would like. But definitely go out and enjoy what you have. Malta is a beautiful country and it has a lot to offer. If you prefer more modern setting, Sliema is the place to go. This city has an amazing nightlife, malls or restaurants. For grocery shopping I would recommend finding some shops you know, like Lidl for example. There are a lot of minimarkets but they are usually all just really expensive tourist traps. The most popular means of transport are busses. But they can be a little chaotic sometimes, definitely download google maps, they will be your best friend for these two weeks. I would also recommend downloading the Bolt app. It will save you when busses are late and they are pretty cheap there.

Overall, the internship was something I'm glad I was able to take part in. I met new friends that I would probably never meet otherwise. I got to leave the country and go this far for the first time in my life and it helped me gain more independence by allowing me to live alone. I would

say I realized a lot of things that I normally wouldn't have and I now appreciate the small things I have at home more.

#### Barbora Doupovcová

Our Malta-adventure began on Sunday, September 29th. In the early afternoon, we travelled from Brno to Vienna and then flew directly to Malta. By 10 PM, we finally arrived at our apartment. There, I discovered who my flatmates for the next 14 days would be. To my surprise, I was sharing the space with three 17-year-old classmates who had already been friends. I won't lie; this made me a bit anxious. Although I consider myself an adult, being in a foreign country, in an unfamiliar setting, and sharing a room with three strangers felt overwhelming.

However, within an hour, we became good buddies. I don't think I've ever formed a bond with anvone SO quickly. We immediately clicked, sharing a similar sense of humour, and I quickly fell in love with their personalities. It was astonishing how much I could care for someone after knowing them for such a short time. One of my favourite moments, one that I believe I will remember for the rest of my life, was stepping into our temporary apartment and seeing our bedroom—four single beds placed right next to each other. What a comedic sight.

On our first night, after visiting other students' apartments, we went to a nearby convenience store to buy a pack of bottled water and a few snacks. To be honest, we didn't sleep much that first night. Until the early hours, we chatted and gossiped at the kitchen table for hours.



The next morning marked the start of my first work shift, and I was incredibly nervous. Nevertheless, I put on my heels, black tailored pants, and a white shirt, ready to head to work. I was interning at the four-star hotel, Grands Suites. From our apartment, it was just a fifteen-minute walk, allowing me to enjoy the beautiful Maltese culture every day. Upon my arrival at the hotel, I was warmly welcomed by Flore at the reception. I quickly learned that she had been working there for a year and a half and had moved to Malta for her boyfriend. Flore was incredibly kind throughout my stay, and I have nothing but nice things to say about her. She introduced me to the entire front office staff and gave me a tour of the hotel. Whenever I had trouble navigating public transportation or wanted to explore something traditionally Maltese, she was always there to help with a smile. I think our close ages contributed to our bond.

On the following day, Tuesday, I also met my supervisor, Ron, the front office manager. Originally from the Philippines, Ron was equally kind, supportive, and funny. It was clear that the employees respected one another and enjoyed each other's company, creating a warm and friendly workplace atmosphere. My role was at the reception desk, alongside Flore and occasionally Ron, as well as other wonderful colleagues like Jelena, Sabrina, and Donika. During my internship, I learned to navigate their internal system, which allowed me to check in and check out guests, manage their luggage, and handle any special requests or complaints.

On Saturday, the first free weekend we had planned a trip with the whole group. I woke up feeling ill and extremely tired. I ended up sleeping the entire day. By the evening, I realized I might even have a fever. The whole weekend turned into a time of staying in bed, which began to bother me after a few hours. Fortunately, my flatmates, the girls, were doing their best to take care of me. By Monday, I still wasn't feeling better, and I started to get anxious. I decided to visit a doctor. The whole experience made me realise I am very lucky to live in a country like ours and to not feel normal about waiting for several hours in an emergency room where the only rule is chaos. The doctor was very nice and respectful; she took the time to listen to my concerns and find the best solution. I was relieved not to leave with antibiotics, which meant that my condition wasn't serious and, hopefully, I would recover in a few days. I was worried that I might be stuck in bed for the rest of my internship. I was feeling much better and returned to work.

But as every beginning has an end, my last workday was on Friday. The staff brought a cake, and we exchanged contact information to stay in touch. On Saturday, we packed our suitcases and spent the day relaxing, tanning, and talking on the balcony of our friends' apartment. In the afternoon, we took a minibus to the airport, flew to Vienna, and then took a bus to Brno, finally returning home to our families.

I would like to share some highlights from our trip. I've already mentioned the bed situation, so let's get into the experiences we enjoyed. In the first week, we visited an archery range a few bus stops away from our apartment. We spent over an hour practicing with bows and trying to learn the proper technique, and we had a fantastic time. During our stay, we also had plenty of opportunity to explore Valletta and Sliema. Walking along the coast while the sun was setting and feeling the gentle breeze is a memory I never want to forget. We loved discovering the beauty of Malta on foot. I cherish the moments we spent cooking together, attempting to do laundry, and doing our best with the cleaning. I would like to share an experience that was quite unpleasant. During one shift at work, a man approached me with the intention of purchasing laundry detergent, which could be done at the hotel reception. My colleague Sabrina was already assisting another guest, so I informed the man that Sabrina would be with him in a moment. As a trainee and an intern, I was not permitted to handle money or complete transactions. The man became frustrated and directed some rude and impolite remarks toward me simply because he had to wait for two minutes. I made every effort to calmly explain that Sabrina would assist him shortly and offered to help with anything else in the meantime. However, he refused to listen and dramatically left the lobby, yelling about how "slow this place is." Later, he returned to the reception and apologized to Sabrina, explaining that he was overwhelmed with personal issues. He didn't acknowledge me at all. My boss and Sabrina reassured me that the situation was not my fault and emphasized that disrespecting staff is unacceptable in our workplace.

As soon as I stepped foot in our new home and started chatting with the girls, I realized that in just two weeks, I would leave this place feeling sad that it was coming to an end. And I was right. The last few days were bittersweet. On one hand, I was very tired, still a bit sick, and

missing home; on the other hand, I was already starting to miss the home we had been forming over the past two weeks. At first, I thought not much could change in such a short time, but I was mistaken. As dramatic as it may sound, spending two weeks on an island with three strangers changed a lot for me.

# Daniela Straková

My experience working in Malta was enjoyable. The workplace Polaris Consultancy was great—friendly staff, a pleasant atmosphere, and I learned some new things. The work culture is very different; everything moves at a slower pace, and there's no rush to get things done.



Our accommodation was changed at the last minute, so it wasn't what we originally expected. It was fine at first, but I would definitely recommend bringing bug spray. The tap water isn't very drinkable. I suggest finding a nearby shop and buying as much bottled water as you can carry. Boiling tap water works too. Don't forget to bring plug adapters, as they use UK outlets. Some rooms might have extras lying around, but you'll need a good-quality one for charging laptops, phones, or using hairdryers. Also, bring medication for stomach issues, even if you think you have a strong stomach—it can come in handy.

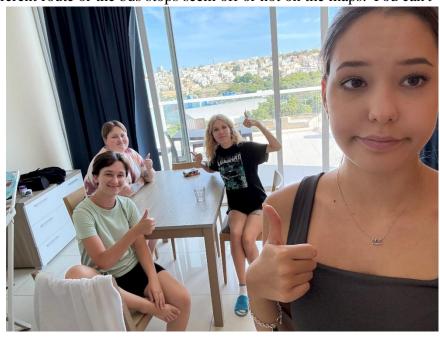
Your free time is important. Make the most of it, even if it's just having lunch in a park. And if you're a girl, enjoy tanning as much as you can. The important landmarks will be covered with your teachers, so save the rest for when you get bored.

For grocery shopping, I recommend sticking to small shops around your accommodation. The bigger shops are usually far away, and the smaller ones have most of things you will need. For souvenirs, wait until you visit Gozo Island—they have the cutest ones at good prices. For clothes shopping, there's a shopping mall in Sliema, but it's not very big. Try out some lesser-known stores; I found better items there at the same prices at places like Bershka.

As for transportation, it's a bit chaotic. Google Maps hasn't been updated in a while, so don't worry if the bus takes a different route or the bus stops seem off or not on the maps. You can't

rely on bus schedules from any app—they're never on time. If you're in a hurry or the bus takes too long, I suggest using Bolt or Uber. It's affordable, and if you're with a group, you can split the cost. The drivers are friendly, and I never had issues with this option.

In summary, I made great new friends, experienced a different culture, and I'm glad to have been a part of the Erasmus+ program again.



#### Ela Vernerová

I worked in a company called BCP real estate. My work included working with their system and finding the right apartments to rent for their clients and checking with the owner if the apartment is available. Everyone in the office was kind and always explained everything to me when I asked. The collective was amazing and everyone in the office was more than happy to give me tips on what to visit, where the best beaches are or where the best food is.



We lived in an amazing apartment in Msida that was relatively close to many bus stops and had a really nice view from the balcony. The apartment had a fully equipped kitchen with a fridge, a microwave, a stove, cutlery, plates, bowls, pots and pans. And in the bathroom, there was also a small washing machine.

The best and closest place where to go in the afternoon is Valletta. It is full of beautiful historical building with beautiful views and many restaurants and souvenir shops. When it comes to baches you can find one almost everywhere on the coast. But the prettiest and closest to the accommodation are Balluta Bay Beach and Exiles Bay Beach which are the best ones to go after work. In my opinion, the best one for swimming was Golden Bay but it is little more far away so I would recommend going there on the weekend when you can spend the whole day there. The best and biggest shops for groceries are the Welbees supermarket and the Greens supermarket. Lidl or Spar are also very good but they aren't as big so there isn't as much assortment to choose from.

You can get practically everywhere by bus but it takes time and the buses don't usually come on time.

Google maps are the best way how to find the right bus but I would recommend downloading the Tallinja app because the arrivals and departures of the buses on google are usually wrong so in the app you'll be able to see the actual times with delays.

The whole internship was amazing experience, and I enjoyed every day. It was excellent way for practicing my English and getting a new work experience. I met amazing people and got to know a different culture.



# Eliška Duchoňová

The team at the National Bibliographic Office was welcoming and supportive. Despite being new to the environment, I felt comfortable asking questions and seeking help when necessary. Be proactive in communication and take the initiative to suggest ideas or ask about different projects. The more curious you are, the more you'll learn. English is widely spoken, but being open to learning a few Maltese phrases can help build better flow with the local staff and show respect for their culture.



The living space was shared with other interns, which was a good opportunity to connect and bond. However, be prepared to compromise on personal space and work on maintaining cleanliness for everyone's comfort. Also keep in mind that you might need some time alone, so bring your headphones or something that could help you get that.

Bring some basic kitchen supplies if you prefer cooking, as not all utensils might be available. Also, ensure that you're clear about the accommodation rules to avoid misunderstandings. Definitely bring a water filter as tap water in Malta is not drinkable.

Malta is a gorgeous country with lovely sea, nature and people. Don't be afraid to talk to people even outside of your workplace. For daily shopping, there are plenty of local markets and grocery stores. Try to find grocery stores that you know, they will be cheaper and more pleasant than minimarkets. If you enjoy more modern entertainment, Sliema is the place to visit for shopping malls, restaurants, and nightlife.

Public transport in Malta is quite confusing and stressful. Buses are the most common means of transport, although they can be



crowded at times. Google Maps will be your best friend if you learn how to work properly with them. Definitely download the Bolt app. Bolts in Malta are pretty cheap and very comfortable.



If you want to experience something unique, you should visit Archery in Malta. They offer a full archery experience. For a good price, you get an hour with a professional trainer, all of the equipment and beautiful scenery.

Overall, the internship was a rewarding experience. I gained professional insight while also having the chance to experience Maltese culture. For future interns, I would suggest going into the experience with an open mind, a sense of curiosity, and a willingness to adapt.

#### Jakub Hanika

Working at Real Estate by BCP Tower was a great experience. The office was busy and full of energy, with a team of skilled and friendly colleagues. Everyone was supportive, and we worked together on interesting projects, sharing ideas and helping each other solve problems. This job helped me build my skills and connect with people who are passionate about real estate.

Staying at Vista Point Cast Apartments in Malta was a delight! The location offered stunning views, especially around sunrise and sunset, making each day feel special. The apartments were spacious, modern, and well-equipped, giving a homey feel but with a touch of luxury. Close to local amenities and some of Malta's best sights, it was easy to explore and enjoy the area. Plus, the friendly service added an extra layer of warmth to the stay.

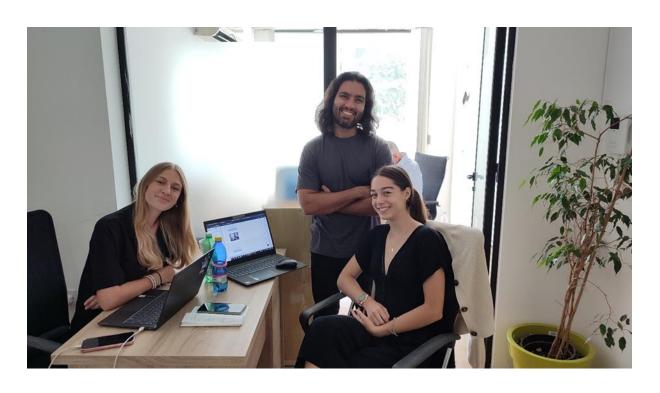
In my free time in Malta, I explored the island's charming streets, visited historical sites like the ancient city of Mdina, and relaxed on beautiful beaches like Golden Bay. I enjoyed wandering around Valletta, soaking in the vibrant culture, and trying local Maltese dishes. For a bit of adventure, I took boat trips to the Blue Lagoon on Comino, where I swam in crystal-clear waters. Evenings were spent unwinding at seaside cafes, watching the sunset, and enjoying Malta's laid-back Mediterranean vibe.

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Completing the Erasmus+ program as a work

experience was an incredible opportunity. It allowed me to work in a new culture, meet colleagues from different backgrounds, and adapt to different professional practices. Adjusting to a new language and work environment had its challenges, but it helped me build confidence, flexibility, and practical skills. Erasmus+ wasn't just about working abroad; it also gave me a new perspective on teamwork and intercultural communication. In the end, it was a journey of growth, new friendships, and valuable career experience.

#### Kateřina Gottvaldová



The atmosphere at the real estate agency QuickLets Ta'Xbiex was very pleasant. The colleagues were open and always willing to help. Whenever I was unsure about something, they were happy to offer advice, which made adapting to the new work environment much easier.

I was given responsible tasks that I enjoyed and found challenging. The team provided valuable support, so I never felt alone when dealing with more difficult situations. One of my main tasks was calling people who owned properties and finding out if they were still available for rent. This task was interesting because I got to interact with people of different personalities and learn new things about the real estate market. Although making calls wasn't my favourite activity, I got used to it over time. With each call, I became more confident and better understood the clients' needs.



We were originally supposed to stay somewhere else, but ended up in different accommodation. Although it wasn't according to plan, it didn't cause any major issues. The accommodation was fine, but adjusting to the change took a little time.

The kitchen had dishes available, but there were some downsides. For example, the knives weren't sharpened, which meant cutting meat could take up to 10 minutes, making more difficult. cooking The accommodation was conveniently located near the centre and local services, which made everyday life easier.

We usually finished work around 4:00 PM, which left us plenty of free time. At first, we tried to make the most of every spare moment, but after a few days, there wasn't much left to do in the immediate area. After a day at

work, we were often too tired to travel or explore farther destinations. If we did want to go out, we had to rely on public transportation, which turned out to be quite unreliable.

The local transportation was truly chaotic. Buses often ran late, and the transportation apps didn't show accurate delay information, which made planning trips more difficult. Paceville was one of the places we visited often. This area really comes to life at night, offering plenty of entertainment, music, and nightlife. After long workdays, it was the perfect destination to unwind.

Overall, I was very satisfied with the internship. The work was interesting, and the colleagues were friendly, which helped me adapt quickly and enjoy my stay. Malta is a beautiful island with a vibrant nightlife that's definitely worth experiencing. I would love to return someday, explore more of the local landmarks, and once again enjoy the great atmosphere of this place.

#### Kateřina Marténková



action. The apartment had a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and we loved cooking meals together and sharing stories about our days. It felt like a little family. The neighbourhood was lively, filled with charming shops and cafes, making it easy for us to dive into the local culture and enjoy the everyday Maltese life.

In our free time, we really made the most of everything Malta had to offer. Most of our days were spent lounging at the beach, soaking up the sun and swimming in the beautiful, clear waters. We loved exploring the narrow streets of Valletta, where we discovered stunning architecture and rich history. Eating out was a highlight for us-we tried all sorts of delicious Maltese dishes, from seafood to traditional pastizzi. We also enjoyed visiting local markets and sampling the treats on offer. Sometimes we

I had an incredible time in Malta during my Erasmus internship, which turned out to be a fantastic adventure! I worked at a real estate agency QuickLets & Zanzi Homes Tigne with my friend, and we were part of a team that included colleagues from all over the world. This mix of cultures made our work environment vibrant and really fun. Our main tasks involved calling potential clients and drafting contracts. This not only helped me improve my communication skills but also taught me a lot about the real estate market. Collaborating with my teammates was a highlight; we shared ideas and strategies, and it felt great to see our efforts pay off. Plus, we ended up forming some great friendships along the way.

For accommodation, I lived in a cosy apartment with three other girls, which made the experience even more enjoyable. Our place was located near Valletta, so we were close to all the



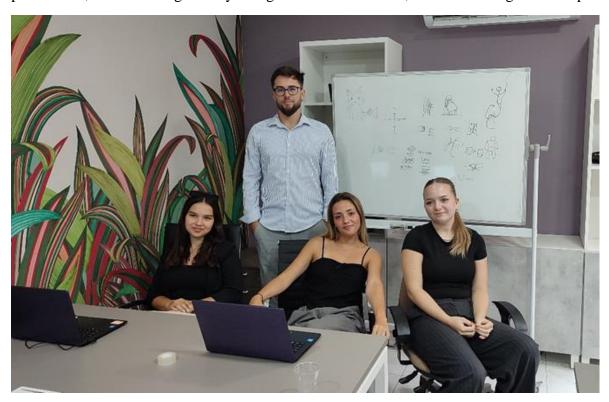


would attend local events, which gave us a real taste of the culture. Our weekends were pa cked with adventures; whether we were hiking along the scenic trails or experiencing the lively nightlife, every moment felt special.

Looking back, my Erasmus experience in Malta was truly amazing. Not only did I gain valuable skills from my internship, but I also learned a lot about a new culture and way of life. I made incredible friends, improved my English, and really embraced the Mediterranean lifestyle. This experience has shaped my perspective and career path, and I feel much more prepared to take on whatever challenges come my way in the future. I'll always cherish the memories I made during my time in Malta.

### Kateřina Záleská

During my time at Recruitgiant, I had the pleasure of working with a friendly and helpful staff, especially our supervisor, Stefan. He was always approachable, ready to assist us with any issues, and made us feel welcome in the company. He even suggested some lovely beaches for us to visit. My role mainly involved administrative tasks, such as sending emails and making phone calls, which were generally straightforward. However, communicating over the phone



with Indian citizens was sometimes challenging, as we didn't always understand each other clearly. I also really enjoyed our workspace, which had a cosy kitchen right next to the office, stocked with coffee, tea, cookies, and fruit.

Initially, we ended up staying in a different apartment building than planned, likely due to flooding. However, in the end, this change didn't make much of a difference. Our final accommodation provided a stunning view of the city, and it was conveniently close to several small markets. The interior was well-kept and tastefully furnished. The apartment was equipped with a kitchen featuring four stovetops and an oven, connected to a spacious living room where we spent most of our time indoors. The bedroom contained four beds, and while it was not particularly large, it served its purpose well as a place to sleep. Additionally, there was a bathroom with an incredibly relaxing shower and a balcony where we occasionally enjoyed our dinners—a detail I absolutely loved.

In our free time, we ventured out to explore the nearby beaches in Sliema. Although they were more concrete than sand, it didn't really matter, as the ocean was still pleasantly warm, even

for October in Malta. We also had the chance to explore some stunning cities. including Paceville, which has some of the best clubs I've ever been to-Havana is a must-visit! We went to this club with some new French friends we'd met at our apartment building, and the night was so unforgettable with its incredible atmosphere, energetic crowd, and great music, that we had to visit it again a week later, unfortunately without our French friends, as they had to leave Malta earlier than us. We had some time to spend in Valletta, a beautiful city filled with remarkable sights and scenic surroundings. One spontaneous highlight was visiting the Mercury Tower in St. Julian's, the tallest building in Malta. The view from there was spectacular, especially as the sun set and the city lights started to glow. We enjoyed a drink, soaked in the atmosphere, and watched the cars streaming below. We also had several school trips, though my absolute favourite was the island of Gozo. We explored the city and took in the sights, then ended the day at an incredible swimming spot, even taking jumps from a bridge. I'd recommend this to anyone—an amazing experience all around! I have to admit, the bus system was a major disappointment most days.



Buses rarely left on time and were often so crowded that they would simply drive past stops without picking up passengers, as no one else could fit inside. If you're trying to arrive somewhere on schedule, I'd definitely recommend using Bolt instead. They're not particularly expensive in Malta and far more reliable than any of the buses. Otherwise, plan to leave much earlier than usual, or you'll likely end up late to everything.

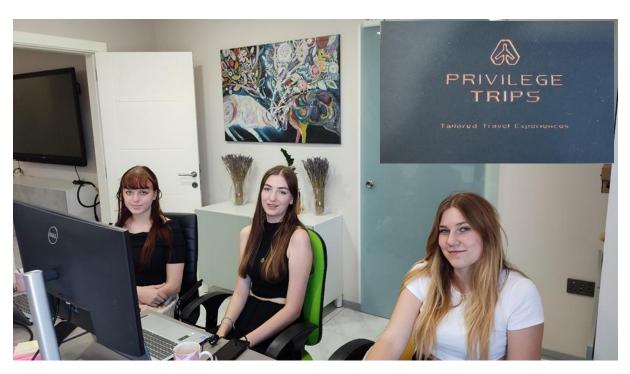


the end, I'd In strongly recommend that everyone try to get into this internship program. If I could relive these two incredible weeks. I would in heartbeat. I had the time of my life with an amazing group from our school, wonderful people we met along the way, and the best atmosphere I've ever experienced. I cherished every single moment, and

I hope you will too! This beautiful experience will stay with me forever, and I'm truly grateful for it.

# Lada Štarhová

I worked in the travel agency Privilege Trips. There was an amazing team and everyone was so kind, nice and always willing to help me if I needed it. The company was nicely, conveniently and modernly furnished. The company even has a fully equipped kitchen with a coffee machine, fridge, air frier and even offered various snacks and biscuits. Some of the tasks I had to do were writing emails, providing telephone services with customers and clients, working with data, creating tables in Excel etc.



I lived with three other girls in a very nice and modern apartments in the middle of Msida. My apartment was cosy, fully equipped and modernly furnished. It had an amazing view from the balcony, because my apartment was on the 7th floor. The bedroom in my apartment was quite small, a room with 4 beds, a mirror and with one wardrobe. The bathroom was clean, beautiful and modern. It was spacious, with a shower, toilet, large mirror and even with a washing machine, which was really nice and convenient. There was also a living room connected with kitchen. The kitchen had a fridge, an oven, a microwave and a kettle.

In my free time I usually went exploring and sightseeing interesting places in Malta. The weather was so nice and sunny that I just had to visit the beach a few times. My favourite beach was the Golden Bay, it was pretty close to my job which was really convenient and nice. I visited many famous and magnificent places such as Valletta, Sliema, Mdina and Birgu. I had more than enough free time to explore Malta as much as I wanted. I was able to manage my time by myself and decide what I wanted to do and what I wanted to see. My teachers gave everyone a few tips for sights worth seeing.

The internship was really nice and beneficial. It was such a unique and amazing experience. I had a chance to practise English, I learned how to communicate with customers, how to write important emails etc. I highly recommend this internship.





#### Linda Rückerová

In Freemyme (the fitness studio where I worked), everyone was really friendly and nice. Our supervisor Tony welcomed us, explained everything and he was there for us all the time. The work we did wasn't difficult, so I enjoyed the two weeks without any problems. We got to know each other quickly and he even suggested some places for us to visit. The trainers at the gym were nice too and helped me when I didn't know something. I even got to try a few classes as



Tony gave us a package of 10 free classes. So, if you get a chance to visit the gym, I would recommend doing the lunchtime flow class with Dashima. She was one of my favourite instructors there and her class always made me feel relaxed and I also got to stretch my body

really well, which I really needed after sitting in the office all day.

We had a last-minute change of accommodation as there were some problems with the one we were originally supposed to stay in, but in the end I did not change anything. The apartments we stayed in were very nice and I also liked the location. We had a great view from our balcony, so sometimes I would just sit there in silence and listen to the sounds of cars passing by on the street. The weather was warm, so we often ate outside or played games on the table. We even cooked, very rarely (but yes we did) and having our own kitchen in the apartment came in handy. The only thing I missed here was the pool we were supposed to have in the original apartment.

In our free time we explored Sliema and some of the nearby beaches. I highly recommend walking along the sea in the evenings when all the lights are on. On Friday we even tried some



of the famous clubs in St Julian's and I have to say the atmosphere was incredible. If you like music and dancing I would recommend Club Havana as the DJs have an amazing playlist and the whole club was dancing for hours. Our friends from France also told us to visit the skyscraper in St Julian's and I'm really glad we listened because the view from there was amazing. The bus system in Malta is a bit confusing, so if you need to be somewhere on time, I would leave a bit earlier. Especially in the mornings, the buses are often full and can even miss your stop, so you have to wait for another one.

In conclusion, I would go back any time. I had the time of my life and couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity. I met a lot of new people and explored a new country on my own. A tip for anyone who gets the same opportunity I did: enjoy every second, it's only two weeks and you're young only once.

# Lucia Juríková

In my company – the real estate agency QuickLets Ta'Xbiex - it was very international. A lot of people from across all the world. I worked with people from Dubai, Russia or Croatia. In this international environment I could practice communicating properly and understanding different accents. All of our colleagues were really nice and if we needed anything we could always ask them. A minor shock for me when I found out that they work for like four sometimes more hours. But they have done the real hard work in like an hour and they're just sitting there talking or call someone. It was strange to see how a different workplace works. Even though we had our own office we didn't feel let out.



The apartment we stayed in was really cosy. A small bedroom with two beds and one bunk bed with mirror and a wardrobe, one bathroom with a shower, a washing machine and other things that are usually in the bathroom, and of course kitchen with the living room. We also had a balcony where we spent a lot of time(usually at night) were we ate, talked, played some card games or just spend time together. In the kitchen there were cupboards and drawers with fridge, sink and oven with stove. The living room was more minimalist with a small sofa, a table and a TV.

I think I wasted a lot of free time in the first week so I wanted to do as many things as I could in the second week. I went to Valletta like three times, I can tell that it's a really beautiful city and it's not as crowded as Mdina. In Mdina it's so crowded and small, you can see everything in like less than an hour. But it's beautiful and it's different from cities that I am used to. The architecture and people, it's incredible. But the bus ride there is really long - at least one hour. It's the same when we went to St. Peters Pool. I can only recommend to find out the connections in advance, at least one day. It's good to just go there and swim or in between you can go there for a walk. A l ot of local people are there as attractions. They jump off all kinds of rocks, in all possible variations.

This was one of my best experiences ever and if I could, I would go back. I met new people, not only in working place but from different sides of world and even deepened the relationship with people that I knew before the Erasmus. I would definitely recommend it to everybody who likes to improve, get out of their comfort zone and try new things. You'll meet new people, see new amazing places and



try new things. Working in an international work will give you more confidence in speaking and will teach you new things like working in some programs. I was so captivated by the landscape and the island itself, that I will be very happy to come back here. So that I could explore things that I didn't have a chance to see.

## Markéta Pindová



I worked in a company called Recruitgiant. There was an amazing team and everyone was so nice and always willing to help if you did not understand your task. The company was nicely and modernly furnished, we even had a fully equipped kitchen with a coffee machine and various snacks. Some tasks that we had to do was calling, writing emails, create tables in Excel etc. Few times we came to work late because of the public transport, since most of the time it was delayed.

We lived in a very nice apartments in the middle of Msida. The apartments were modernly

furnished and had a spectacular view from the balcony. There was a beautiful large bathroom with big mirror, shower, and even a washing machine. The bedroom was very small with four beds. There were enough sockets for all four of us, some of them were even in the bedroom. There was also spacious living room connected with kitchen. In the kitchen there was a fridge, an oven, a microwave and even a toaster and a kettle.



In our free time we usually went to visit typical and most famous sights Malta. Few times we even went to the beach. We visited many magnificent places such as Valletta. Sliema, Mdina or Birgu. We had enough time to explore Malta how we wanted. We were able to manage our time ourselves and decide what we wanted to do or what we wanted to see. Teachers gave us some tips for sights worth seeing.

The internship in Malta was

an amazing experience and I am very glad that I was able to get the opportunity to experience it on my own. Besides the skills that you learn in the companies you also learn how it really is to live on your own. Other than that, you also get the chance to travel abroad and see new culture and sights.

#### Ondřej Osvald

During my internship at Re/max, I gained valuable insights into the real estate industry. The work environment was welcoming, and my colleagues were always willing to help and guide me. One of the best things about working at Remax was the strong emphasis teamwork. I learned importance the clear communication and collaboration, especially when



handling property listings and customer inquiries. If you're joining a similar internship, I

recommend being proactive in asking questions and building relationships with your coworkers. This can significantly enhance your experience.

The accommodation provided was quite comfortable. It was conveniently located close to public transport, which made commuting to work easy. The rooms were clean and spacious, providing a great space to relax after a productive day at the office. I'd future interns ensure suggest their good accommodation has transport connections, as this saves a lot of time and stress. Also, don't forget to check out the local eateries nearby; I found a few gems!

In my free time, I took the opportunity to explore the local area. There are plenty of beautiful landmarks, and I recommend checking out some historical sites as well as modern shopping centres. The public transportation system was efficient, making it easy to travel around the city. Be sure to make the most of your weekends, as there's always something to discover, whether it's a park, a museum, or even just a nice café to unwind in.



Overall, my internship at Remax was a fantastic learning experience. I developed a solid understanding of the real estate market and improved my communication and organizational skills. If you're considering a similar internship, I highly recommend making the most of every opportunity to learn and grow. Be curious, stay organized, and don't hesitate to network with professionals. This internship has given me practical skills and a clearer direction for my future career.

#### Tamara Doleželová

Our colleagues in the Privilege Trips company have welcomed us very warmly, they have made us tour, showed us around office generally and told us, what is expected from us. They have offered us food from the kitchen, and



they were genuinely nice and answered all our questions throughout the whole internship. Our work in the Privilege Trips company was to find Czech (later on also Slovak and Polish) outcoming travel agencies and offer our services to them. We were making databases consisting of the Czech agencies and then we sent e-mails about the possible cooperation. On top of that I did translate some presentations from English to Czech.

We were accommodated in apartments, each one for four people. They were nicely spaced and since we lived on the highest floor, we had a huge balcony and the nicest view possible. We had our own kitchen, bathroom and the apartments were pretty much fully furnished, we even had our own toaster, a washing machine and also an ironing board. The apartment also had two functional air conditioners, one in the bedroom and one in the kitchen, which was really nice, since on Malta it is really hot around lunch time and even in the afternoon. The apartments were powered by entrance card, which meant that we didn't need any keys, and we really welcomed it. The staff was also really nice, for example when we had problems with shower and water pressure, they sent us a repairman immediately.

In our free time, we usually explored some close cities or we visited some interesting places we had seen while we had been travelled to work. My absolute favourite was the Basilica Santwarju Madonna tal-Karmnu, which is situated in the capital city Valletta. It is a magnificent neoclassical church and it is also part of the UNESCO World Heritage. Personally, I would recommend the Notte Bianca night, when many concerts take place around the capital city and almost all museums are open until midnight. Another very pretty place is the Golden Bay beach and the Gozo island.

This internship gave me so much in general. It showed me completely new culture, new people and their everyday habits, but it also showed me what it feels like to work in a company and the basics of an



office job. It was an awesome opportunity and I wouldn't hesitate for a second if I had this opportunity again. I believe that my English skills had majorly improved and I am sure this internship will benefit me even more in the future. I would definitely recommend this to any other student because I think that the knowledge I had gained throughout the internship is irreplaceable.

# Tereza Dvořáčková

At Malta I worked at the Polaris Consultancy together with my classmates. This company focuses on mental well-being and brain health as well as psychological and psychiatric sessions and different types of therapy. Our work was to make them a lot of corporate Facebook and linked in posts and corporate reels which was their long-time project that their internist was working on. I have gained a lot of new knowledge on different types of mental health treatments available on Malta. Most work was distributed to us through an internist who was there longer then us.



Our accommodation had some pros and cons.

We were housed in a different building then we were supposed to, which was located in Msida, because the original one had some issues with the piping. We had a beautiful view on the city and harbour and it was close to the bus stop.

In our free time we went shopping in Msida, Sliema, Mosta and Valletta, we went to the Malta Aquarium, the famous Golden Bay beach, and all kinds of different historical sights. Sometimes we just went exploring the different towns. Personally, I would very much recommend to go



see Rotunda, you pay a small fee for a beautiful sight. I would like to point out that public transportation on Malta is pretty unreliable and you can't really expect the bus to arrive on time or at all.

Overall, I really enjoyed my stay on Malta. I gained a lot of new knowledge and many beautiful memories that I will remember for a long time. I also got much closer to classmates whom I lived with, we're good friends now and we regularly. Ι recommend this trip to everyone if I ever have opportunity to go back I will.



#### Vojta Dvořák



My work experience at Alliance Real Estate was great. On the first day, two other students and I met the whole team and got to know the place. Straight from the start, our boss Viktor asked us if we had any talents that could be beneficial for the company and that we would enjoy doing. I have a clothing brand, which involves content creation and a lot of editing. He loved this information, and every day I had new material to work with and make videos. So, it was two weeks of work I enjoyed doing, and the boss was very grateful. Our colleagues were very kind and always helped with anything we needed. We could take as many short breaks as we wanted, but the main one was half an hour for lunch. The other two students who were with me were usually making phone calls with potential customers. In conclusion, the work was fine, and I personally enjoyed it.

Our accommodation was very comfortable. We were three boys in a one-bedroom apartment



with a bathroom and a living room/kitchen. We had a beautiful view from our balcony. Cleaning service was a big bonus and they cleaned very often. All of the students stayed in a large apartment complex, so it nice that neighbours were our trip mates. We lived close to a few supermarkets, so food wasn't a problem. Bus stops were nearby as well, so a ten-minute ride was all we needed to get to the centre or the beach.

I enjoyed our free time a lot. We were a very fun group of kids, and the two weeks were full of laughter. We visited many beaches and enjoyed the warm weather and water. We were always going somewhere to eat, and basically just having a good time in a totally different country. We might have also visited Paceville, which is a street in Valletta full of clubs. It was amazing, and we enjoyed it so much. We visited many historical monuments with our class and the teachers. They also took us on a boat trip, a full-day trip to the island of Gozo, and many other interesting places. Our group also went to the tallest building in Malta, which was in Paceville. There is a restaurant at the top, so the entrance is free, but it is polite to buy something, so we all bought

some fancy soda. The view was incredible. We also spent a lot of our free time cooking. I thought I would hate this part of the trip, but cooking with friends was actually fun.

The two-week trip was definitely a major highlight of my year, and I had fun every single day. The kids I went with were great, and I made many new friends. Valletta is a beautiful city, and I definitely suggest every student to try to pass the entrance tests. You will not regret it. Throughout the trip, there was a lot of free time, and I enjoyed living with friends for two whole weeks, taking care of ourselves. The only big thing I would improve is lunch. Breakfast and dinner are easy to make at the apartment, but for lunch, many of us ate Chinese noodles and junk food. It would be awesome if we had some sort of lunch system. Other than that, the two weeks were the best, and I left with a smile on my face and many new friends. I think that's the most important thing.



#### Zuzana Koláčková

The place of my internship in Malta was Polaris Consultancy, the main focus wellbeing and brain health of not only their clients but they also have programs for assessing and helping the corporate world finding the best fit aka employees for their company. I was there with three other girls from my year and our supervisor gave us materials on our first day with which we were working on

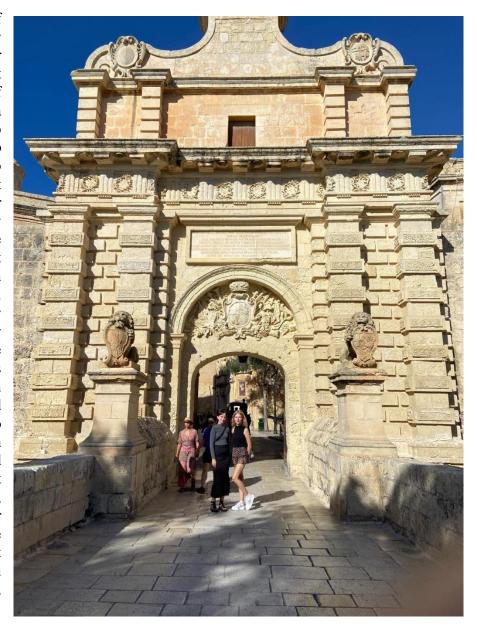


a project for the next two weeks. Any questions or concerns we had, we asked our supervisor or another intern who was to be there for nine months and has been working on the project for the past three weeks so he was a big help to us. Maltese people are generally friendly and talkative so we had no problem asking them about anything.



The first night we got there, we were relocated to another apartment complex since in our original one there was some water leak or something so we were dropped off at a new place with working water. In the lobby we were told the instructions for our first day of internship, then we were handed the key cards to our apartment and we were off to see them. The apartments were for four people so naturally, us four girls from the Social work course went together. Somehow, we ended up with one of the best apartments there was. We were on the seventh floor and we had a huge balcony with a pretty nice view. The janitor came in every three days or so. They changed our bedding, towels, gave us more toilet paper and overall cleaned the whole space.

Our place of internship was pretty far from our accommodation. It was in the middle of the island in Mosta and we lived close to the edge in Msida so every day we got to apartment around four and later so we had free only the evenings. But we tried to make the best of it and see as much of Malta as we could. We saw many churches since they are everywhere. One of them that especially worth visiting is called Rotunda, you have to pay but there is even underground an exhibition. We went to see the aquarium, Mdina - the former capital city before Valletta and we went for a swim to Golden Bay (it's a sand beach, not my favourite).



One thing to know about public transport in M alta is if you're in a rush and you need the bus to come on time, it won't. The buses are too unreliable, even if you download the Maltese IDOS equivalent Tallinja to check, sometimes the bus won't come at all so Bolt is your best friend. At least we were given a card that allowed us to travel around by bus for free.

I enjoyed myself immensely and am grateful that I was allowed to experience this. I even got closer to my classmate after three years of being in the same class and we had a blast. I will cherish all of the memories I made in Malta.

# **MARCH 2025**

#### Valentina Nahálková

My internship lasted 2 weeks, and they were all full of fun and new experiences. We attended our jobs each working day, and I was lucky, because me and my friend were assigned to the same company – Re/Max.

Our work wasn't very difficult, for example, I was designing leaflet templates in Canva most of the time, since I was in the marketing department of the branch office, meaning I was mostly brainstorming ideas and kept my creative mind going. I was working side by side with my friend, and we had fun trying to think about some designs together, and we were glad that we could always help each other out in case we needed to.



Our boss was really kind to us, sometimes even buying all the interns pizza for lunch, and his English was fluent, since he grew up in America, and we were told we did well at the end of the internship.

When it comes to our accommodation, I wasn't even expecting it to be this nice. Some things weren't ideal, of course, especially some missing utensils or dishes in the kitchen, but overall? The apartment was spacey, cosy, and pretty well equipped. Our personal favourite was a kettle, which we weren't expecting to be there, but used daily (how else do you want to make instant noodles, right? I mean... tea, and coffee...), and the fridge was quite huge, so we never had a problem with storage of items that require low temperature.

We had two bathrooms, and what surprised me about those was the fact that for a 3 people bedroom, the bathroom was way smaller than the one for 2 people... it was manageable, but a bit illogical to me. There was a built-in hairdryer on the bathroom wall, which was pleasant, and we each had 2 towels each available for use. The washing machine was quite small, but enough for how often we needed to do our laundry. And when it comes to laundry, we were

relieved they had a clothes horse to dry our clothes on, we don't know how else we would dry them.

The cleaners were coming once every 4 days, which was enough in most regards, but we did need to have an extra trash bag, because the trash builds up very quickly.



Our free time activities included both sightseeing and enjoying the environment, as well as shopping or dining out. The prices were similar to what we would pay in Czech Republic, and places to grocery shopping located were conveniently. We had multiple options of where to shop, and we even had a small convenience store right next to

company, which allowed us to buy snacks or drinks for the workday, or we could buy lunch at the bakery nearby. When at the apartment, we also had some stores in the near, so we never had a problem with not having options.

To be honest, I was way too nervous about the internship. The people we dealt with were nice and understanding, and it wasn't a fight to survive. To me, it felt almost like a holiday. Getting to spend time in nice places with my friends, working in a team of kind colleagues, indulging in some afternoon ice cream... if the weather was better, I don't think I would have almost anything to complain about. I enjoyed my stay a lot, and I am glad to have gotten such an opportunity to escape the dull everyday life and have some time for adventure.

#### Ema Káňová

Working in the National bibliographic office was great. Not only we learnt how the Maltese are registering their books but also how to work with the scanner. Cooperating with our colleagues and our supervisor was awesome because they were very friendly and were trying to help us whenever we needed their help. Our working hours were from 9 to 4 every day. Overall, working there was very pleasant, and I am thankful for this great experience.

Our accommodation was very comfortable. We were accommodated in groups of five with one room for 3 people and one room for 2. Then we had 2 bathrooms and one kitchen connected to the living room. It was in the centre of Sliema and was very close to the bus stop. There were not any problems even though some neighbours were loud. We even had our own balcony with a really pretty view. Just a few streets below us we had some shops and cafes. We even had a pool on the roof of the hotel.



Most of my free time I have spent with my flatmates. We were shopping together, cooking, going on walks, swimming in our pool or traveling to the main city, Valletta. Although their public transport is not very reliable and comfortable we have always managed to get there. I think that Valletta is the most beautiful and enjoyable on the evenings because not many tourists are in the streets, and she is beautifully lit. On the weekend we took trips to some popular places in Malta such as Blue Grotto or Golden Bay. We also spent some time with our teachers on two amazing trips. One of them was a full-day trip to Gozo. We got there by ferry and saw many beautiful sights and beaches. The second trip was a boat ride around Valletta.

The internship was very helpful in improving my language skills, developing communication skills with people, and even in becoming more independent. Thanks to it, I made new friendships and gained many valuable life experiences. Overall, I rate the internship as a very positive and motivating opportunity.

## Nikola Jarošová

From 23rd March to 5th April, I was taking part in Erasmus+ program. We travelled by bus to Vienna and then flew to Malta. For me, it was exciting because it was my first time travelling by plane. However, I wasn't scared at all. Everything went smoothly and there was no reason to be worried about the flight.

When we arrived to Malta, vans were waiting to take us to our accommodation On the first night, I and about 10 other students had to sleep in a different building from the others because there was no room for us. But the next day, they took our luggage, and they moved us, so we were all in the same building. It couldn't have been better. The apartment was huge, with two bedrooms, two bathrooms (our was quite small but cosy) and kitchen combined with a living room. The apartment was also equipped with kitchen utensils, a washing machine, a hairdryer and a television, which we appreciated.

On Monday we set out to find our workplaces. To be honest, Maltese public transport is not very reliable, so we either walked to work or used Bolt. Luckily, it was just 25 minutes on foot.

Myinternship took place RE/MAX, a well-known real estate company in Malta. It was my first working experience abroad. My daily tasks included helping organize client viewings and updating the company database. The team at RE/MAX was welcoming always ready to guide me. Also, they ordered pizza for us twice and on the second day they brought some pastry called pastizzi, which is a traditional Maltese snack. Our direct manager's job is to teach agents from different companies about the psychology behind social media and he gave us the opportunity to listen one of his lectures, which I really appreciated.



When it comes to our free time, I'm sure it was one of the best trips with school I've ever been on. Altogether, we had three trips with our teachers. On Monday after work we went to Valletta, the capital city of Malta. It's a picturesque town, where we had the rest of the afternoon free, apart from a group cinema visit and a short tour of the city. When visiting Malta, don't forget to taste the local ice cream there. It's delicious! We managed to eat a lot of ice cream during our internship. And the best flavours? For me, tiramisu and amarena were the clear winners.



On Sunday, we visited the neighbouring island, Gozo. And in my point of view, I have never seen anything so beautiful. The views from cliffs were incredible. We went there by bus and ferry. It was a day trip, so we left around 8 and got home around 6 o'clock. Then, on Wednesday, we went on a short boat trip around Malta.

I have also visited Golden Bay beach on Monday and Marsaxlokk market on Sunday. I must say that it was quite crowded, but you could buy there many beautiful things like jewellery, dishes, clothes and food and meat.

Since we had two shops very close to our accommodation, we didn't have to go far for shopping. And if we wanted a prepared meal, we could order it or go to the nearest restaurant.

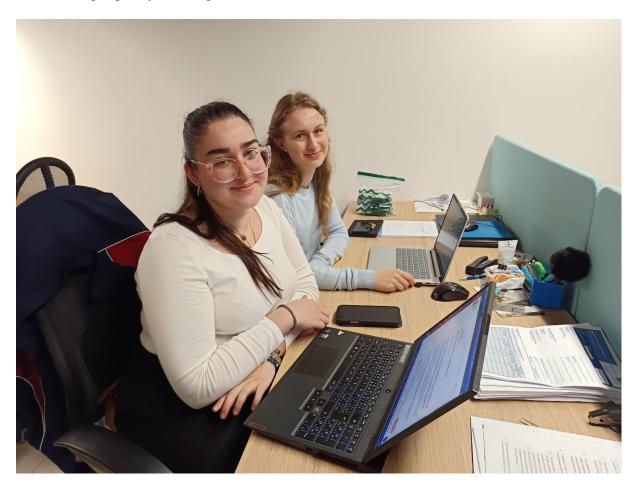
At the end of the day, I think it was the best school experience I've ever had. It was truly

worth it, and I'd be glad to have more opportunities like this internship in the future.

#### Rozálie Tichá

Hello reader, let me introduce you to my experience in Malta. I had no expectations, but I knew I was excited. It took a lot of strength and energy for me to get into this program. I set a goal in my mind and knew I had to do everything to achieve it. I wanted to be a part of it at all costs. I'm glad I had that mindset at the time. It paid off!

Working together with Adita Viswanath, my internship took place at QuickLets & Zanzi Homes Tigne. This is a company that operates in the real estate market of Malta, providing services for renting and selling properties, including flats and apartments. What's interesting is that QuickLets mainly deals with rentals, helping people find places to live temporarily. Zanzi Homes, on the other hand, focuses on sales, assisting individuals in buying property. This experience allowed me to develop both creatively and professionally. I had the opportunity to work with rental agreements, gain insights into the Maltese real estate market, and even create representative media for the company. All our colleagues were incredibly welcoming and created a high-quality working environment for both me and the other intern.



The office also had a strategic location, conveniently close to our accommodation, which meant we could walk there every day – it was about a 20-minute walk. Almost every day after work, Adita and I would treat ourselves to pastizzi. For those who don't know, pastizzi are a popular and delicious pastry from Malta, typically filled with ricotta cheese or mushy peas – a perfect little snack to end the workday! While the traditional ones are savoury, you can also find sweet versions. My personal favourites were the ones filled with Nutella or the delightful pistachio flavour!

Our accommodation in Malta, shared with four fantastic roommates, was a highlight of my Erasmus. The area was buzzing with fellow Erasmus students, making it easy to connect with people from around the globe. We quickly established routines for chores and even meal planning. While the bedding (blankets instead of duvets) and the non-potable tap water were different from home, we adapted. The large quantity of mirrors in our apartment was definitely appreciated by us five girls! Living together meant constant laughter, shared stories, and meaningful conversations. Our apartment became a vibrant hub of friendship, creating memories that extended far beyond the classroom.

In our free time we regularly ventured into Valletta, a city that quickly captured our hearts with its beauty and history. Coastal walks became a personal offering ritual, moments of peace and stunning views. Discovering new restaurants was shared passion, and for me, BABEL, with its nightly live music, became a personal **Navigating** haven. sometimesthe unpredictable public transport was challenge, but one we faced and ultimately together. overcame These weren't just activities; they were personal experiences that deeply enhanced my time in Malta.

This internship in Malta marks my fourth exciting



international experience mediated by my studies, adding to previous journeys through the Netherlands, Germany, and Austria. Reflecting on these opportunities, I've realized that exploring different cultures and environments is more than just an academic pursuit – it's a genuine passion. Each country has offered unique perspectives and invaluable lessons, and I feel like I've truly found something that resonates deeply within me. This desire to explore, learn, and connect with the world is a driving force, and I'm incredibly motivated to seek out further opportunities to continue this moving path in the future. My name is Rozálie Tichá and I am endlessly thankful.

#### Veronika Sklenářová

Working in a company and collaborating with colleagues

Take a small gift to the company, for example, some typical Czech treat (for example, Polomáčené scored the most in my company), but the teachers will tell you that. I had young colleagues at the Sharphawk company, so it was easy for me to fit in and collaborate with them, but don't worry, even if you have older colleagues, you will fit in soon as well. People in Malta are very nice and kind. Don't be afraid to ask them to recommend some place, restaurant, bar or what to take home as a typical souvenir, they will be happy to advise you. Above all, don't be afraid of work, they won't give you anything complicated. For example, I did analyses of my company's and their client's competitors. And also, if you don't understand something at work, ask them. You know the saying, there is no shame in not knowing.



#### Accommodation

We were staying in Sliema. The accommodation was close to a busy street with lots of bars, restaurants and shops, but at the same time in a quiet street. There was a swimming pool on the roof of the building and wonderful views of Sliema and Valletta. Definitely go there at least once. There were 5 of us in the apartments, then two rooms, one for 2 people and the other for 3 people, there were also 2 bathrooms and a living room with a dining table and a kitchenette. The apartments were very spacious and quite cosy.

#### Free time

I would definitely recommend taking a good walk around your accommodation and work, you never know what you might come across. And if you don't come across anything interesting, at least you will walk through the streets of Malta. I would also recommend visiting the Blue Grotto and Golden Bay, the views are breath-taking. You definitely have to go to Valletta a few times, my friends and I have been there several times and even that wasn't enough. Valletta has amazing atmosphere; the locals are also very welcoming. I have a little tip for you, download

the Bolt app, you might use it more than once, because public transport in Malta is not completely reliable. After what I experienced with the buses in Malta, I will never again criticize public transport in Brno.

# Final evaluation of the internship

I would recommend this internship to absolutely everyone. I was there with my good friends and honestly I couldn't have asked for a better group. We laughed a lot together, discovered a lot of sights and most importantly we really enjoyed it. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who made this trip possible and made it unforgettable. Whether it was my friends, classmates, colleagues at work, teachers, local people or even the agency that arranged this trip for us. It was one of the most beautiful 2 weeks of my life. Every time I remember this experience, I will have a smile on my face.



# **Adita Viswanath**

Don't worry at all — the internship was honestly a great experience! I was a bit nervous at the beginning, but there was no reason for that. The colleagues in the real estate agency QuickLets and Zanzi Homes Tigne were super friendly and helpful, and we learned a lot from them. They shared tons of useful information about Malta and what to do. Even though the work ethic was



sometimes a bit on the "chill" side, it was actually in a positive way — no unnecessary stress, just a comfortable and friendly environment.

We stayed in a nice apartment for five people, with a shared kitchen and two bathrooms, which was really comfortable. The only thing I'd mention is that the kitchen was quite basic and not very well equipped. (I guess they don't really expect anyone to cook much there) So if you're planning to cook, definitely don't forget to bring some spices, kitchen towels, dish sponges, so you don't have to buy them there.

Also, the apartment was a bit humid, so I'd recommend bringing some clothespins and hanging your clean laundry outside to dry properly. The location was actually perfect — just one street down, there was the main road with plenty of shops, restaurants, and also a bus stop, which made getting around super easy.

Make sure you use your free time wisely and explore as much of Malta as you can! The island isn't that big, so if you plan it well, you can actually see most of it within the two weeks of your

stay. Out of all the places we visited, I would definitely recommend Blue Grotto — it's an absolute must-see.

But honestly, my heart belongs to Valletta — such a beautiful city full of history and charm. I'd highly recommend visiting it in the evening too, the atmosphere is completely different and so worth it! And if you're looking for a nice place to eat or just chill, you have to check out Babel — me and my friends found it by accident and totally fell in love with it. Great bistro vibes, live music every day, and super friendly staff. Another must-try is Maltese traditional food, especially the snack called pastizzi — honestly, it was the only thing I kept buying all the time, it's just that good!

As for public transport, let's just say I realized how amazing Brno's system actually is! At first, the Maltese buses were my personal nightmare, but I got used to them over time. And if you don't feel like waiting, there's always Bolt:D



Overall, the internship was a huge benefit to both my personal and professional life. If I had the chance, I would definitely do it over and over again. (thank you EU!) It's been an unforgettable experience, and I feel like I've grown so much throughout this time. Not only did I gain new skills, but I also learned a lot about the world around me. If you get the chance, just take it.

# **Jakub Toncr**

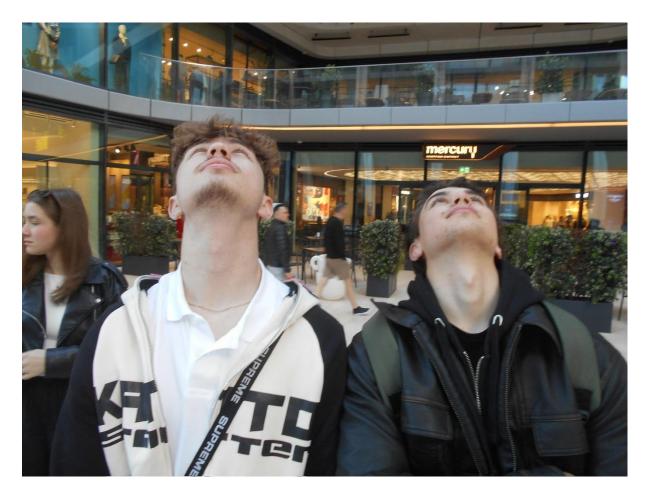
We were fortunate to have an internship in a company named RE/MAX Malta, and it was an experience that will never be forgotten. While most of the job was a very repetitive work in databases, I actually enjoyed it. It provided me with a sense of purpose and organization.



Working with my friends only added to the fun and stress-free experience. The office culture was chill and welcoming, and it made it easy for us to adapt quickly.

We lived in a large apartment complex, which contained all that we required for an enjoyable stay. Sharing accommodation with my friends was sometimes very chaotic but also really fun.

We spent our spare time visiting a lot of Malta's lovely and wonderful locations. Some of them include Paceville (particularly during nightlife), historic capital city Valletta, and a town Victoria situated on Gozo island. We toured stunning natural locations like the Blue Grotto, St. Peter's Pool, and Golden Bay. Marsaxlokk fishing village, where we viewed the colourful boats, and went there to a restaurant for a diner, was one of the most beautiful locations.



In general, my internship in Malta was an incredible experience. It was a wonderful combination of gaining professional experience, improving my English, learning about a new culture and of course having fun. If you ever have an opportunity to go, do it!

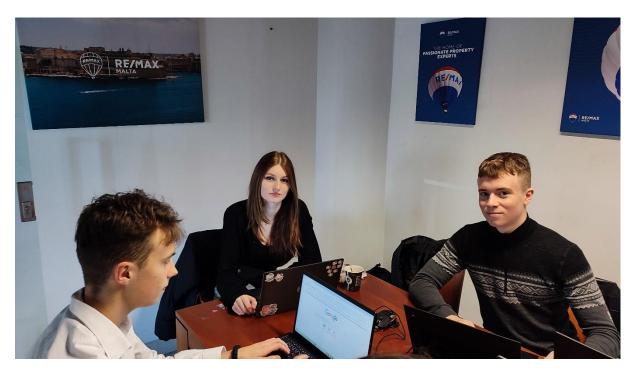
# Marek Heža

My name is Marek Heža, and I would like to tell you something about my internship in Malta, which lasted two weeks. It was a great experience, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

I worked in the Regional Office of the real estate agency RE/MAX Malta. Our boss was Mr. Lawrence Kelly, and he was a very nice and polite man. He introduced us to his colleagues: Mrs. Kelly, who works in administrative, Miss Natalia, who is an assistant, and Mr. Giuseppe, who worked in the marketing department. After the introduction, Kelly taught us how to work in their database called FUSION, and for the next two weeks we deleted and merged duplicate listings of RE/MAX properties. At our disposal, we had a kitchen and a coffee machine, so we could make free coffee, which was great. Mr. Kelly even ordered us pizza in both weeks because we were doing a good job. In his final speech, he even offered us a summer job in RE/MAX if we wanted to visit Malta again.

I lived in an apartment with four of my friends, so we had a lot of fun. But I must admit that I enjoyed every moment when I was alone because I like to have time for myself. Sometimes we shared food which one of us cooked, or we headed out to eat in some restaurant. We also helped

each other whenever we could, for instance, washed or ironed clothes. With my friends Adam and Thomas, we really enjoyed watching movies, for example Apocalypse Now or The Shining.



In our free time, we were discovering Valletta and other surrounding cities. Most of the time we just walked around the city and enjoyed its sights and atmosphere. We also kept in touch with our friends from other apartments and spent time together. Together, we visited cafes, restaurants, and sometimes even played a board game. The only unpleasant thing would be the public transportation. Buses could arrive five minutes earlier, thirty minutes later, and sometimes did not arrive at all. It really complicated our everyday activities like going to work or shopping. For us, the best option was to walk to work and once in a while take a bus to Lidl and hope that it would be on time. However, sometimes we took Bolt, but only when the destination was really beyond our reach and going there by public transport would take forever.

When I look back, I must say that I really enjoyed this internship, and I am glad that it took place in such a special place as Malta. This little island has a totally unique atmosphere and history. There is great food, nice people, beautiful architecture, and I am very grateful for an opportunity to experience it with my friends and our great teachers, Mrs. Lojdová and Mrs. Koudelková. So once again, I must thank the European Union for giving me this opportunity to learn and expand my knowledge.

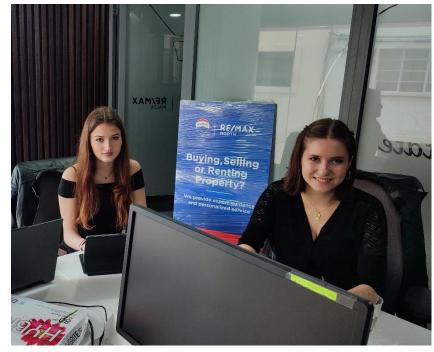
# Barbora Křížová

I spent two weeks in Malta working at the real estate agency REMAX. On the first day, our boss talked to each of us to understand our strengths and interests, which I really appreciated.

I was placed in the marketing department, where I created social media content – for example, TikTok videos about what it's like to be an intern and Instagram posts about Maltese holidays. I also helped design flyers and reviewed the company's paid subscriptions (which account they were linked to and what cards were used).

From time to time, the head of the marketing department also gave us short presentations about marketing strategies and how things work in their company. The team was nice and communicative, and I felt welcome from the beginning.

We stayed in an apartment on the top floor – five of us shared it. It had two bathrooms, a well-equipped kitchen, a washing machine (although it wasn't properly connected, so we flooded the apartment once), and a



large balcony with a table and chairs. There was also air conditioning, a TV, a hairdryer, and Wi-Fi – although the connection was not always reliable.

The tap water in the kitchen was officially drinkable, but it tasted like pool water, so we ended up buying bottled water from the store.

Towels were replaced only when we left them on the floor. After the washing machine incident, we used our towels to clean the floor, and they gave us new ones, so at least that was handled smoothly.



Unfortunately, the weather wasn't great during most of our stay – it rained, was windy, and colder than expected. Still, we made the most of it! We explored local bars (many had happy hour deals – 1+1 drinks), narrow streets, restaurants, and historical sites.

Public transport was a bit unreliable – sometimes buses didn't stop unless

we waved, or they were too full. They rarely arrived on time. That's why we often used Uber or Bolt. When we shared the ride with 7–8 people, it was affordable and much faster than buses.

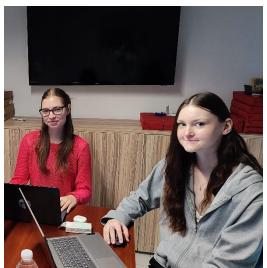
We visited Saint Julian's for nightlife – dancing and drinks – it's a great spot for that. We also went to an escape room in Attard, which was fun, even though the town itself wasn't very exciting.

Other highlights were Blue Grotto (the viewpoint is quite far away, so a boat trip would be better), Saint Peter's Pool and Marsaxlokk (both beautiful), and Golden Bay. At Golden Bay, we even swam in the sea (very cold) and then climbed up to the cliffs to watch the sunset – totally worth it.

This internship gave me a great opportunity to practice English, learn about marketing, and experience life in another country. I learned to adapt, communicate with new people, and work independently.

Despite a few challenges (like the weather or technical problems), I had a great time and would definitely recommend it to others. It's a unique experience that helps you grow in many ways.

# Lucie Friedbergová



I worked in REMAX, which is a real estate agency, and I can say for myself that the environment was incredibly professional. All the employees and employers, that I had the pleasure of working with, were always really kind and helpful. We got to work with a client database, which was interesting to learn and see what their job can also be about. Anytime I had a query, I knew I could simply ask without any apprehension, and I would always receive the help that I was in need of at that moment. We were also part of a training about the psychology behind social media. It was greatly appreciated, in my opinion, and I gained useful information on this topic.

The apartment was absolutely flawless for five people. It was spacious and comfortable just right. Although the kitchen was not equipped that well, we managed everything quite elegantly. The whole apartment was clean upon our arrival, and the cleaning lady came every 4 days to clean anything that was needed. It was overall nicely equipped as we even had a washing machine. On the rooftop, there was an outdoor pool that I perceive as a nice bonus. You could actually see a great part of the city from there.

One of my favourite things about this trip, though, was the possibility to get to know an entire new country and culture. Malta is a breath-taking place with many beautiful sights to offer. Although the weather did not quite meet our expectations due to the wind and occasional heavy rain, it certainly could not detract from the astonishing views. We went on a lot of great trips around the whole island with my friends, which were filled with laughter and amazement. However, I do feel like I need to warn everybody about the public transport, unfortunately. We got recommended a mobile app called Tallinja, however, that did not entirely solve our difficulties with getting around. The buses were often times late or



they never actually arrived since they have changed their route without notifying anybody. But with enough patience or, alternatively, willingness to pay for uber/bolt, which on the other hand worked very well, you will eventually get to your destination. The sights are truly a spectacular work of art. What I adored the most were the pieces of history that I unravelled throughout my free time.

Lastly, I feel the need to express how unspeakably grateful I am that I was able to get such an enriching opportunity. I have enjoyed it from the beginning until the very end, and I know that I have earned priceless, valuable experience. Anybody who is questioning if they should go on Erasmus+ should take my advice when I tell you to go for it. Believe me, it is a unique offer that is 100% worth all the hard work you put into it.

# <u>Štěpánka Skalská</u>

Working in the National Bibliographic Office was nothing too hard or challenging, the majority of the co-workers were really easy going and it was pure delight to get to know them.



The accommodations that were arranged for us were pretty big and comfortable, though I felt like some kitchenware was simply missing for whatever reason — bowls and bread knife for example. Also, the cleaners were throughout with their work but they always brought us new towels even though we didn't ask for them, which resulted in us having our wardrobe full of towels at the end of the internship. Maybe it would be better to just tell them next time. We lived quite close to some stores and a bus stop, making things convenient.

Be prepared to struggle with buses sometimes — it just so happens that some buses won't even stop at your bus stop if the vehicle is too full. It's better to get to the bus stop early to catch literally any bus you can instead of hoping that the single one will stop or even arrive on time. Of course, calling a Bolt driver is also an option.

Aside from this "awesome" public transportation, which is hard to forget, there are also many other chances for new experiences – be it group trips, trips with roommates or just alone. Either

way you'll get a feel of Malta's culture, be it festas and other ways of expressing their religion or you'll be whipped away by the architecture of many places. Sometimes you will find more by getting lost and then finding your way back.

To wrap it all up – it was all worth it. Of course, I was stressing over many things, like what to bring with me, I was scared of the flight and of getting lost. But in the end it was worth it. I met amazing people, gained new experiences into my future life and brought back many unforgettable memories. This internship also changed my view of my future a bit, giving



me a clearer view of what path I wish to choose. Sometimes it's important to get lost to find yourself again which I think is part of life and it's beautiful. It's also something that happened to me and it changed me in a good way. I will be forever grateful for getting the chance to join this internship. Long story short – don't be afraid and go for it.

# Denisa Seidlová

Work culture in Malta is relaxed and forgiving, so do not be overly stressed; the locals understand and expect you to be a bit clueless. I would recommend bringing a notepad and a



few pens to work, just in case. Also, transport in Malta can be quite chaotic, so either head out a few minutes earlier than needed or get ready to call Bolt.

When I was stationed in the real estate agency Remax, I was working on marketing

templates. The team was more than welcoming . Work at Remax allowed me to develop my marketing skills in a professional setting.

Accommodations were very nice! I liked the pool especially. The rooms for five are spacious, have their own kitchen, and the appliances they possess are a microwave, oven, and spacious fridge. It also has two bedrooms, each with their own bathroom. The apartment also has a balcony; if you're lucky, you can see the sea from there.

Malta has beautiful churches and cathedrals. I'd recommend visiting at least a few. If you have spare time, walking along the coast is beautiful. The island offers a perfect mix of adventure and relaxation.

If you're hungry after work, you should definitely visit a pastizzi shop; if you fancy something classier, I



would recommend a local fish, pasta, or pizza restaurant. Local ice cream is simply delectable.

Overall, my time in Malta was beautiful. I grew professionally and had a bunch of fun in my spare time.

# Jan Čížek

During my internship in Malta, I worked at a fitness studio called Freemyme. My main responsibilities were working at the reception desk, checking people in for fitness classes like yoga, pilates or tabata, selling class packages or memberships, cleaning the studios and giving out parking tickets. I worked together with another intern from the Czech Republic, however, she wasn't from our school but from a Prague high school. The atmosphere at the studio was really friendly and the boss was always helpful. The job itself wasn't very difficult, and I think it was appropriate for an internship. It helped me improve my communication skills and learn how to work in an international environment.

The accommodation was located very well. It was in the centre of the cities, close to everything important. The apartment was clean and nice, although the kitchen didn't have many tools for cooking, which sometimes made it a bit difficult to prepare meals. Also, the tap water was not drinkable, so we always had to buy bottled water. One big advantage was that all interns stayed in the same apartment building, so we could meet in the evenings easily. This also helped us to get to know people from different classes, which I am really grateful for.

In our free time, there were many things to do. Of course, the most popular place for sightseeing is Valletta, which is the historical and cultural heart of Malta. But there are many other interesting places. Personally, I was more interested in the nature. I really enjoyed walking around Manoel Island, which is close to the accommodation. I also recommend Golden Bay beach, especially by the sunset.

However, my favourite trip was a 7 km hike with 2 of my friends starting at the beginning of Munxar Path (near Marsaskala). We walked along the cliffs to St. Peter's Pool and finishing in Marsaxlokk. I enjoyed every single step of this hike, since every view there was absolutely stunning. It was the most



beautiful place I've seen in Malta, and surprisingly, not many people know about it. That made the experience even more special, because we were the only one, who went there.

Overall, I think this internship was a great experience. I had the chance to work in a new environment, meet new people from different countries, and learn more about Maltese culture. Also, am now more confident communicating in English. I would definitely recommend this kind of internship to other students. It's not only great opportunity to get work experience, but also to discover a beautiful country and make unforgettable memories. By the way, the nightlife in Malta is just something different, so don't forget to visit Paceville;).

#### Libor Lukšíček

**Taking** part in the Erasmus internship in Malta was one of the best decisions I've ever made. It wasn't just about working in a foreign country - it was about stepping out of my comfort zone, meeting new people, and learning new things every single day. I worked at RE/MAX, a real estate where I had company, opportunity to see how the property business works in a different



country. I helped with preparing listings, updating the website and organizing documents. My colleagues were professional, friendly, and patient – they explained everything to me and treated me as a real team member, not just a temporary intern.

Our accommodation was better than expected. I shared a flat with my two classmates. Living together was fun, sometimes chaotic, but always interesting. We cooked pasta in questionable ways, took turns cleaning (sometimes), and had late-night talks. The apartment was located close to a supermarket and the beach – basically, the essentials of life. The only challenge was the Wi-Fi, which worked only when it wanted to, especially during video calls.



During our free time, despite the bad weather, we did our best to explore the island. Malta is full of stunning places visited we Valletta, Marsaxlokk, Blue Grotto, and the Gozo island. We also enjoyed the cuisine local (pastizzi forever in my heart), tried an Escape room (we escaped) and discovered nightlife in Saint

Julian's. Public transport was... well, an experience. Buses were often late, crowded, or just didn't show up – but that taught us the art of patience. It was easier for us to take Bolt or Uber.

Overall, the internship was a truly valuable experience. I didn't just learn about real estate - I also improved my English, became more confident, and learned how to survive without my mom's cooking. If you're thinking about doing an Erasmus internship, I absolutely recommend

it. My advice? Don't be afraid to speak, ask questions, or mess up. Say yes to every opportunity, talk to people, and explore as much as you can. You'll grow more than you think – and you'll have stories to tell for a lifetime.

# Martin Šlegl

Work: I worked at F&F Recruitment Ltd. I recommend bringing a small gift to the company – it will help make a good first impression, and there's a good chance your employer will be a bit kinder to you. Your time in the company might be more enjoyable and even more rewarding. At the beginning, don't work at your absolute fastest. It's expected that you'll gradually get quicker and more efficient, and you don't want to burn yourself out right at the start. Don't be afraid to ask your boss or co-workers anything – whether it's how to do something, where to go, where to eat, etc. Always be polite and respectful.



Accommodation: Don't wear shoes inside the apartment – take them off to keep the place clean. Always clean up after yourself, whether it's your workspace or dishes. Trust me, you'll avoid a lot of pointless arguments. Clearly agree on which part of the fridge is shared (anyone can take from it) and which part is personal (only your stuff, no touching). Use room service – don't hesitate to ask for fresh bed linen, towels, or even bathroom cleaning. That's what they're there for. Avoid making unnecessary noise in your room, since hotels often charge big fines for that kind of thing.

Free time: You can travel for free on public transport all over the island, so don't hesitate to use it. Just be aware that buses in Malta don't really follow timetables – they run more based on vibes than schedule. Don't wait around for one specific bus – check if there are multiple lines going to the same place. Google Maps and local Maltese transport apps can help with this. Walking is also a great way to get around – it's good for your health and you might stumble upon something interesting or surprising along the way. Those spontaneous moments can become lifelong memories. Bolt and Uber are available almost everywhere in Malta, so download both apps in advance –they'll come in handy. Teachers who go with you will probably recommend places to visit, but don't hesitate to ask locals for tips either – whether it's

people at work or hotel staff. If you do a bit of Googling, you'll find things that specifically interest you – and there are always photos to help you decide what to visit. For souvenirs, go south to Marsaxlokk (or something like that – the name's a bit tricky). They have markets with lots of stuff at fair prices. As for food, the golden rule applies: eat where the locals



eat. But since it's not always obvious where that is, just check the reviews – they usually include pictures too, so you can pick something that looks tasty to you.

Final thoughts: In the end, no matter how you plan or experience your 14 days, do it in a way that you won't regret missing anything or not going somewhere. Take lots of photos so you can remember Malta for a long time. Don't be afraid to make new friends – Malta is full of students from the EU around your age. Don't be shy to talk to people outside your class – you'll have fun and make great memories of your stay. I personally have a very positive opinion of Malta,

and I'd definitely go again. Just not instead of school – catching up on all the missed tests afterwards is driving me a bit crazy :D But honestly, that's just a small negative compared to all the positives of this internship.

#### Matyáš Hruška

My first trip to Malta was possible thanks to the Erasmus program, and it turned out to be a great experience. I worked at Solar Solutions, where my main job was to call customers. This position was very useful because I was speaking English all day, which helped me improve my language skills. My colleagues were really friendly and always willing to help. The work environment was making me feel welcome.

We were accommodated near all the action in the city of Sliema. There were shops all around us,



giving us many choices for our daily needs. The prices were similar or just a bit higher than in the Czech Republic. The apartment was also spacious and comfortable, although we had to share cleaning duties with the other students. We even had a roof swimming pool, which we could enjoy every day. Overall, it was a pretty great place during my stay.



When it came to my free time, I found the nature of Malta to be much more interesting than the cities. The clear blue water and beautiful beaches were incredible. I enjoyed our trip to Golden Bay, which was my favourite trip with my friends. We spent the whole day there swimming and relaxing on the beach It was definitely a highlight of my stay. We also had free public transport tickets thanks to the internship, which made getting around the island much easier. Be careful! the buses are not always on time, so it's important to plan ahead. Most of the food is imported from nearby countries, but you can also find local specialties like rabbit stew, which is considered a national dish.

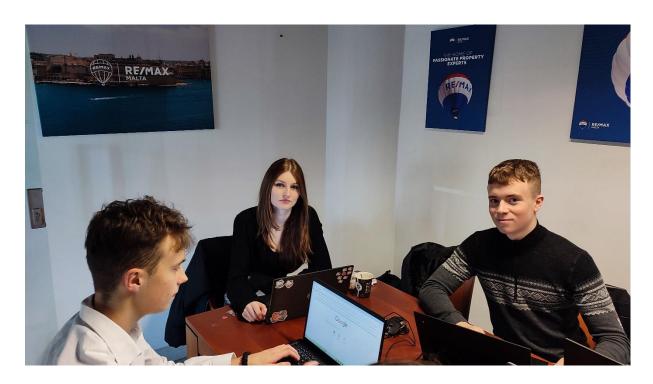
Overall, my internship in Malta was a great experience. I learned a lot about working abroad and the local culture. The work experience and exploring a new country were

amazing. Even though I felt a bit out of my comfort zone, it was rewarding to push myself forward and get through it. I would recommend everyone going on Erasmus to try new things and not be afraid. It's a great opportunity to improve your skills and make lasting memories with friends.

#### Nikola Mildnerová

At REMAX, my main responsibility was working with a property database — editing information, organizing listings, and making sure the data was clear and up to date. Even though the tasks were mostly administrative, I got to see how an international real estate agency functions and what kind of work goes on behind the scenes.

The team was super welcoming and kind from day one. Even though I wasn't sure about something, they were patient and helpful, always ready to explain things again if I didn't understand. I was honestly nervous at first, but their friendly attitude helped me gain confidence quickly.



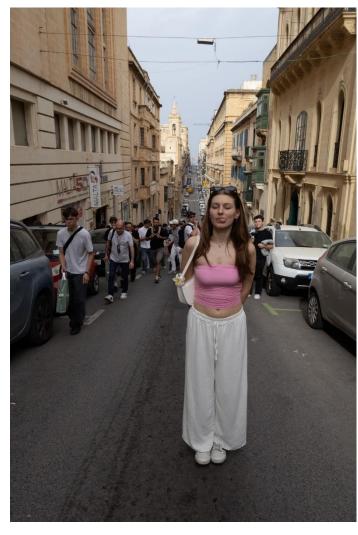
We were staying in apartments that were quite simple, but overall okay. The rooms were shared

(sometimes three or four people together), so privacy was a bit limited, but it created a fun and friendly atmosphere. Sharing a space with others taught me a lot about cooperation and being considerate.

The kitchen was small and pretty basic, but we managed to cook our own meals. A few things like a dish sponge or extra towel came in handy, so I'd definitely recommend bringing some of your own essentials.

Bring comfy clothes, slippers, a power adapter. Try to be flexible and patient with your roommates. It's not always easy, but it can also be a lot of fun.

In our free time, we tried to see as much of Malta as possible. The island is small but packed with amazing places. Valletta, the capital, was one of my favourites – full of history, beautiful architecture, and cosy cafés. We also visited Marsaxlokk with its colourful boats, and the coastal towns of Sliema and St. Julian's, where you'll find lots of shops and restaurants.



Public transport is quite strange but you can get almost anywhere. Just be prepared for delays – the buses don't always stick to the schedule and can be crowded, especially during rush hours.

Also, try local food like pastizzi or rabbit stew – it's part of the experience.



Looking back, I'm really grateful for this opportunity. It wasn't just about the work – it was about growing as a person. I learned how to adapt to a new environment, deal with challenges, and live more independently. I also improved my English and made friendships I'll remember for a long time.

Of course, not everything was perfect – some days were tiring, and sometimes I missed home. But I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. It made me

more confident, open-minded, and curious about the world.

# Anna Vítková

During my internship, I worked at the National Bibliographic Office, which is responsible for cataloguing books for both the National Library of Malta and the National Library of Gozo. My daily tasks included labelling books with plates, barcodes and stamps, and later scanning their covers to edit them using a graphic program. I shared this experience with two other interns, and we worked closely as a team. The atmosphere in the office was welcoming, which made it easy to feel comfortable.



I stayed in Cast Apartments in Sliema, sharing the space with one classmate and three other students from a different class. The apartment was spacious and included a fully equipped kitchen, which was very convenient. Although one unusual thing was that we could see directly into another apartment's kitchen from ours, it wasn't a big issue – simply closing the curtains was enough to feel comfortable. We had two bathrooms, which was great for a group of five people. There was also a pool on the roof of our hotel. Me and my friends went there once, because the weather wasn't the best for swimming. Overall, the apartment provided everything we needed and was a pleasant place to come back to after work.

Outside of work, I had the chance to explore some beautiful places. I walked around the entire cities of Valletta and Sliema. One of the highlights was a trip to Gozo island, where we explored the city of Victoria, especially its historic Cittadella, which left a strong impression on me. We also visited the seaside town of Munxar, where we enjoyed the peaceful view of the sea. I mostly used the bus system to get around. It was generally reliable, although delays of up to 20 minutes were not uncommon. In Valletta, I discovered several food stands where you can grab a snack − like pastizzi − for just €0.50, which is perfect for a quick bite. Me and my friend discovered this cosy café called Noww croissants and coffee, which actually opened not too long ago.



This internship gave me more than just professional experience. It helped me form new friendships, gain deeper insight into my field of study, and offered many personal lessons as well. I've always wanted to try working or studying abroad, and this opportunity reassured me that I'm capable of doing it. I would definitely recommend this internship to other students. It's not only a valuable addition to your CV, but also a great way to discover new cultures, meet interesting people, and learn more about yourself along the way.

#### Lukáš Zoubek

I had the chance to do an internship at RE/MAX Malta, a well-known real estate company. The tasks I was assigned were mostly related to organizing and managing databases. Even though



it was mostly routine work, I found it quite engaging. It helped me develop better organizational skills and feel productive. One of the best parts was the positive office vibe – everyone was welcoming and easygoing, which made the adjustment to the new environment smooth and stress-free.

Our group stayed in a large flat that had all the basics we needed. While living with several friends wasn't always the calmest

experience, it brought a lot of laughter and fun moments. We often cooked together or just hung out in the evenings, which made it feel like home.

Malta offered a lot to see and do in our free time. We explored both tourist hotspots and quieter areas. I especially enjoyed our trip to Gozo island and the scenic village of Marsaxlokk, with its colourful boats and peaceful vibe. We also went swimming at St. Peter's Pool and visited the capital Valletta. Some evenings we headed to Paceville to enjoy the nightlife, which was always full of energy.

Looking back, the internship was a great mix of personal growth, travel, and cultural discovery. I met new people, practiced English daily, and learned how to work in a professional setting abroad. It was a unique experience I'd recommend to anyone open to learning and exploring something new.

# Barbora Bělohoubková



I was part of the marketing department in the real estate agency Re/Max, and honestly, it was amazing. The office was really close, so no stress about long travel in the morning (it was like 20-minute walk). The team was super friendly – especially our boss, who was a total legend (he ordered pizza for us). Our superior even took time to

explain how everything works, which was definitely a nice inside into the professional world.

My tasks weren't boring or robotic at all – it was creative, fun, and I felt like my ideas mattered. The best part? I was offered to continue working online after the internship, which felt awesome!

Tips: Don't be shy, speak up and ask questions – they really appreciate it. Smile and stay positive – people enjoy working with good vibes. Be chill, the vibe is super relaxed but also professional.

We stayed in an apartment together in groups of five. The kitchen had everything we needed – stove, fridge, even a toaster, so we could save some money by cooking ourselves. It wasn't fancy, but it was totally fine for a student stay. And there was a pool on the roof! So, if the weather was nice, it would be the perfect place to relax after work.

Tips: A power strip can be super useful. Don't forget indoor shoes or slippers – the floor isn't always the cleanest. Tap water isn't really good for drinking – it's better to buy bottled one.

Okay, let's be real – public transport there was a disaster. Buses were late or packed. For trips, just use Bolt. It's faster, less stressful, and not that expensive if you split the cost.

I went on some this amazing walk along the coast — the cliffs and the sea views were something else, plus it's not as well-known so we rarely met other people. I also visited Golden Bay, which is great for sunset, and St. Julian's — a place that's full of vibes, energy and young people.

Tips: Lidl is cheaper and better than most local shops for food. You don't need hiking boots — comfy sneakers are more than enough. You don't need much cash — card is accepted almost everywhere.

This internship was such a cool experience. I learned more in a few weeks than I expected — not just about marketing, but also about real life stuff like working in a team, living on my own, and finding my way in a new country (you get a taste of freedom some might say).



I'd 100% recommend it to anyone thinking about it. Go with an open mind and enjoy every part of it, you will likely never get to experience something like it again. If I could, I'd do it all over again.

# Magdaléna Gerbrichová

I was fortunate to have an internship at a company called Solar Solutions. There I had a chance work with to professionals in the field of renewable energy. People were very welcoming and friendly. They always explained everything clearly and answered all our questions. We were given tasks that were useful for learning but not too difficult to We helped handle. with preparing documents, making appointments and many other things.

The accommodation was very good. We lived in a large apartment complex, usually there were five students in each apartment. These apartments



contained all that we required for an enjoyable stay. Our accommodation was in a a good location because we were near the sea and shops so we didn't have to take the bus to go grocery shopping.

In our free time we made sure to explore as much of Malta as we could. For example, we visited



cities such as Mdina and Valletta. And beautiful sites like Blue Grotto and St. Peter's Pool. The atmosphere of the island is also something very unique. The only bad thing I can say about Malta are their buses. Taking a bus was difficult because they were rarely on time - sometimes they were twenty minutes early and didn't wait and other times they were twenty minutes late.

In general, my internship in Malta was an incredible experience. I have gained

knowledge from work and saw some of the beautiful places Malta has to offer. I would definitely recommend going if you have the opportunity.

#### Lukáš Vaněk

During our two-week internship in Malta, I had the opportunity to work at PT Matic, a company specializing in environmental services, making sure that Malta remains properly manages clean and hazardous and non-hazardous waste. The office was located quite far from our accommodation, so I had to commute for about an hour every day due to regular traffic jams. My working hours were from a.m. until around 3:00 depending on the workload.

The tasks were surprisingly enjoyable. I handled a lot of paperwork and worked a lot with Excel, especially preparing yearly reports on waste outputs. I was also involved in logistics documentation, scanning, and a ton of filing. Even though that might sound tedious, I found the structure and rhythm of it all quite satisfying.

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Although there were many employees in

the office, I primarily worked with two co-workers – Beryl and Kristina. They were incredibly



supportive and always made sure I had something to do. Whenever I had questions or didn't understand a task, they patiently explained everything to me. We didn't have too many personal conversations, but the work itself kept me engaged.

Our accommodation in Malta was modern and had a clean, cosy vibe to it. The space was well-furnished, with a bright common area and a kitchen where we cooked for ourselves most days. While the apartment had a few small issues — like slightly weak water pressure and a noisy fridge at night — it was nothing deal-breaking.

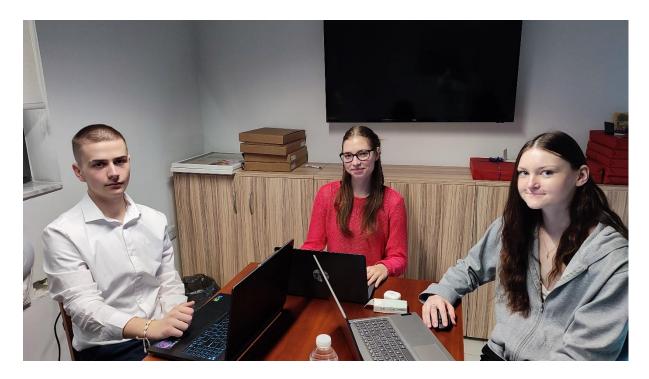
After work, I usually went grocery shopping or grabbed something quick to eat, which turned into a fun little routine. During our free time, we organized several trips around Malta. One of the highlights was visiting Golden Bay—such a stunning beach with amazing views. We also went on a beautiful coastal hike along the southern shoreline, enjoying the scenic cliffs and sea breeze.

There were group outings with our teachers too. We took a boat trip to Gozo, which was definitely one of the most memorable days – clear blue waters, great weather, and such a relaxing atmosphere. We also explored Valletta, both with our teachers and again on a separate occasion with friends. Apart from sightseeing, we made time to go out, enjoy some local food, and just have a good time together.

Looking back, I genuinely enjoyed the whole experience. Working at PT Matic taught me a lot, not only about office tasks and teamwork, but also about adapting to new environments and staying organized. The combination of professional growth, cultural exploration, and bonding with friends made this internship something I'll always remember. I would absolutely recommend it to anyone who has the chance – it's an experience that offers both fun and valuable life lessons.

# Adam Kovář

The job responsibilities in the real estate agency Re/Max were enriching - we gained insight into the world of land trading and also learned a lot of interesting information about psychology on social media thanks to a presentation we were part of. Collaboration with colleagues was also great, both with fellow interns and with the employees. We were always able to agree among ourselves on who would work on what. The employees quickly and willingly assigned us tasks and helped us with anything we needed.



The accommodation was sufficient. I would highlight the rooftop pool, the friendly housekeeping staff, and smooth communication with the hotel personnel. The location of our accommodation (Sliema) was great - we were close to the centre of everything, which meant everything you needed was just a short walk away.

You get plenty of free time during the internship, and you can make the most of it. Valletta is full of restaurants from different cultures, and I would also recommend visiting the historic city

centre. However, I wouldn't overrate the city itself - it only takes about two days to explore it properly. I would mainly focus on the surroundings of Valletta, the beaches, and the island of Gozo. Gozo is probably the most beautiful part of all of Malta.

You can shop almost everywhere around Valletta - on every corner you can find everything from food to souvenirs and clothes. If you'd like to visit a proper shopping centre, I definitely recommend The Point Shopping Mall in Sliema. In Sliema, you'll also find bars with great deals on every corner.



When you get to Malta, don't be shocked by the public transport—it's definitely not like the golden standard of Brno. Sometimes buses are 5 minutes late, sometimes 30, and sometimes they don't show up at all. It's perfectly fine to walk around Valletta, or I'd recommend using Bolt—it's not that expensive if you share the ride with others, and you'll be wherever you need to be in 5 minutes.

Overall, I would rate the internship as an amazing experience and an enriching opportunity. Despite some small flaws, I absolutely loved everything and I wouldn't be able to tell anyone not to give it a try. The work environment was fair, and I believe that was the case for everyone else as well.

#### Barbora Drásalová

I spent two weeks on an Erasmus internship in Malta, and it was a great experience in many ways. We stayed in Sliema, which is a lovely place near the sea. My internship took place at a company called Solar Solutions, which focuses on selling and installing photovoltaic systems. Overall, I enjoyed the time I spent there, I have learned new things, and met new people.



practical experience and saw how a real company in the renewable energy sector works.

The accommodation was very good. We stayed in shared apartments, five people in each, and each apartment had a small kitchen. This was great because we could cook for ourselves and didn't have to eat outside all the time. The apartments were clean, modern, and located near shops and the sea. I liked that we had both privacy and the chance to socialize with the others in the apartment.

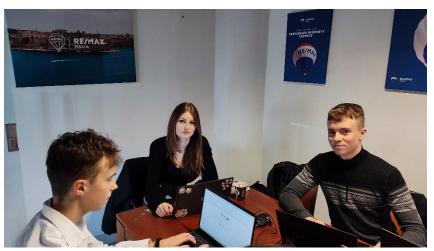
In our free time, we explored the island as much as we could. Malta has many beautiful historical places like Valletta, Mdina or the Blue Grotto. The views were amazing, and the atmosphere of the island is really unique. However, the public transport was a big problem. The buses were often late, didn't follow the schedule, or didn't come at all. It was sometimes really stressful. Despite that, we managed to travel around and enjoy our time.

To sum it up, the Erasmus internship in Malta was a valuable experience for me. I improved my English, learned more about renewable energy, and got to know a new culture. I also met new At Solar Solutions, I had the work chance to with professionals in the field of renewable energy. The team was friendly and helpful from the day. They explained everything clearly and gave me tasks that were not too difficult but still useful for learning. Most of the time, me and my two friends were calling to the customers. I appreciate that my colleagues were patient and always ready to answer my questions. Even though the internship was short, I gained



people and had fun exploring the island. Although the public transport was a challenge, everything else was well organized. I would definitely recommend this kind of internship to anyone who wants to learn and experience something new in a beautiful environment.

#### Tomáš Hudec



I worked at the Malta branch of the real estate agency Remax with other interns. Our main job was working with the client database and sorting it. At the end of the week, we attended a presentation about social networks and their algorithm.

The accommodation was quite good. The advantage

was that we all knew how to cook, so we saved a lot of money on buying food. The disadvantage was that the cooking utensils were insufficient and in many cases we had to improvise or buy them. A great advantage was that we had a swimming pool with beach chairs on the roof of the

apartment. So, on warm days we could go and cool off, sunbathe and relax right on our accommodation. On the other hand, there were only minimal windows on our apartment. There was only one window in the living room and kitchen, which also led to the courtyard, so we had minimal sunlight there.

Malta is generally a beautiful country. We saw many beautiful sights, the views were beautiful, and the people were generally very friendly. The streets were alive every day and there were really many street musicians which made the experience even more enjoyable. Every day, in addition to the full day activities, we visited different sights, tried lots of different activities or went for a run around where we were staying. Or when the weather was nice, we spent time in the



aforementioned pool. Malta is generally alive with leisure activities, so there are plenty of options for leisure activities.

Malta is a truly beautiful country with even more to offer. The people here are warm and happy to help. Even if you are not that good in English, no one will judge you in this country. The leisure activities here are really many, so you really won't have time to get bored. The nightlife on the streets here is even more diverse than during the day.

I definitely rate this internship positively and would love to visit Malta again, either as part of another Erasmus+ internship or just as a tourist.

# Lukáš Gaňa

During my internship in the real estate agency Re/Max, I had the chance to work on a variety of tasks, most notably editing videos and creating computer graphics content. I truly appreciated the collaborative atmosphere, especially when working alongside Giuseppe, our Marketing Manager, and the friendly team of colleagues. One unforgettable piece of advice: if you find yourself interning in a place like Malta, take the time to explore the local cuisine. I still remember the mouth-watering pastizzi from a small stand in front of the Re/Max office—it was both authentic and incredibly affordable.



On a personal note, the experience wasn't just about work. I made new friends and expanded my network, even beyond the office walls. I bonded with Martin Šlegl while meeting and hanging out with some Polish locals, sharing an evening filled with traditional Moravian folk songs. Internships can offer unexpected social perks, although a word of caution: if you live a party life in your accommodation, keep your noise down—apparently, disturbances can cost you up to 300€ per person/incident! It would be an unpleasant experience for you to pay this high amount of money.

For practical tips, here are a few suggestions:

Food - If you're on a budget, Lidl is your best bet for affordable groceries. And if you're comfortable cooking, preparing meals at home can save you a lot compared to dining out.

Transportation -While local buses will take you around, sometimes don't expect the same punctuality you might experience at home. It might be wise to use ridesharing services like Bolt, Uber, or eCabs when you're short on time. Pro tip: trying out Bolt's unique roofed three-wheeled motorcycle option can be a fun adventure if you're feeling brave! Please note that this vehicle is only for just one person.

Navigation & Shopping - Use Google Maps or Mapy.cz to find shopping centres and navigate the city efficiently. There are often shops on the main streets, especially food and clothing related.



Overall, my internship was a fantastic learning experience. I not only honed my language and interpersonal skills but also built valuable contacts and friendships that will help me in future job applications. Including these experiences in your CV - detailing your tasks, the skills you developed, and the connections you made can really make a difference when applying for jobs. And don't forget to budget well; for instance, plan on bringing money for food expenses, as meals are not typically covered.

Looking back, this internship wasn't just about work, it was about growth. It pushed me to become more independent, confident, and open to new cultures and experiences. I'd highly recommend it to anyone who considers it. Say yes, take the chance, and you'll come back with much more than you expected.

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