

Malmö

My home for the last five months, the beautiful city of Malmö (Sweden) has a lot to offer for anyone who would like to have a taste of the Scandinavian culture, and not only. A vibrant city, with people from all over the globe, where you have the commodities of a big city without feeling overwhelmed. Malmö has quite a few interesting places to visit, such as the Malmö Castle (with the History Museum and the aquariums), the Technical Museum, beautiful and spacious parks, the beach and the sauna, or, my personal favourite: the Disgusting Food Museum, where you can see and try weird foods from all over the globe. Also, when you feel like having a break, you can always find great places for fika, wherever you are.

All of these attractions can be easily accessed by bike, as most people in Malmö use them to get around. Also, it is worth mentioning that Copenhagen (Denmark) is 45 minutes away by train, and you can get in Lund in less than half an hour. For longer trips I would also recommend Stockholm and Gothenburg.

Being a student at Malmö University was a challenging and fruitful experience. Both lectures and seminaries were interesting, the teaching methods diverse, yet, the biggest emphasis was placed on individual studying. While the education system in Sweden is quite different from the Romanian one, it can be refreshing to try different ways of studying and examination. There are a lot of international students at Malmö University, and you will always find someone to talk to and share your experiences. You can also be part of the Students Union or other organizations and groups, or participate in conferences, lectures and workshops.

The University Housing was a great option for me, and I can honestly say that I felt like home. All of the students living there were international, and I became good friends with some of them. Together we organized floor trips, international dinners, movie nights, and even parties.

Overall, I am really grateful that I had the chance to be an exchange student in Malmö, it was an amazing opportunity for academic and personal growth. I definitely will visit the city again, probably during summer, as the only thing that I did not enjoy was the Swedish cold season.

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