

Four months passed and it is the time to leave Romania. When I wrote this, I was sitting in the airport and waiting for my flight. My experience in Romania seemed like a dream. I still remembered the day when I have just arrived. I was very excited and a little bit nervous.

I knew little about Romania until one of my teachers back in China told us about her stories of living in Romania. She stayed longer than four months as I did. She made some friends, and enjoyed the scene of Romania very much. Before that I only knew that Romania is in Europe and I was curious about the tales of vampire. I thought Romania was a secretive country. I knew of the project of exchange-students program when I was in the first grade. Since then I made up my mind to apply for the program. Romania. More importantly, it is a good chance to know about a foreign country

One reason of my choosing to be an exchange student is to satisfy my curiosity of, its culture, its scenery its education and so on. And also, I wanted to be more independent because I have to deal with more difficulties. UBB is a very good university which has a long history. I knew that it has a history of more than forty hundred years via Internet. I really wanted to see it. I was so delightful that I could be permitted to join the program.

I really enjoyed my days in Romania. In Cluj, I enjoyed a slower pace of life. Though it is also a busy city, there is no hustle and bustle of the large crowds. I often walked along the bank of lake beside the mall and breathed the fresh air. it is very relaxing. We made some Romania friends. Mihai' family invited us to their place for several times. They have four home-schooled boys. They were handsome and cute. They provided us with very delicious traditional Romanian food and told us the stories of Christmas. We decorated the Christmas tree together. It was really an unforgettable day.

I felt the freedom of atmosphere of class especially in seminar. We were encouraged to express our ideas in seminar. At the beginning I was not accustomed to this way of teaching, but gradually I tried to be more active and be more involved in seminar. Teachers were so nice that they cared about us very much. We were offered a lot of help in the aspects of both study and life. I was so grateful.

Four months is enough to know Cluj's charm but too short to see all of its beauty. The old lady in the laundry is always smiling, she was kind and patient. She made me think of my grandmother. The girl who helped us buy the tickets in train station waited for us for more than half an hour. She did not leave until we got on the train. The panorama of Cluj seen from the mountain was very overwhelming. The light of Cluj, the museums, the special soup, the pigeons... I love Cluj so much.

I believe that leaving is not the end. I really hope I could visit Romania again.

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