

I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back I time, would you go to this university and why ?

*It was an amazing experience and I discover a great city and country.
I also recommend the university, the courses were interesting.*

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?

You don't need a Visa to go in Italy.

2. The flight

Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket

I went by car.

3. My luggage

Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)

4. Bank account

Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.

It's not necessary to change bank, usually there is no fees in Italy

5. Insurance

Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?

Only the insurance required by the university.

B. Housing

1. Where to live

Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend)

I lived in the Student Hotel of Florence. According to me it's the best place to live in Florence.

I recommend to live around 20min by the Duomo.

2. Find a flat or a room

Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation

I asked the university of Florence because there is a discount for the student Hotel/ But if you are looking for a flat, there is a lot of stowed like housinganywhere.com or erasmusu.com

3. Cost

Help : How much should I plan for a room?

450-700 depend of your requirement.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?

The university will send you an email: with all the papers necessary. You just have to fill in and send it back.

B. Information on the university

1. Courses

I took courses in Italians, it was a little bit difficult so if you don't speak Italian I recommend to choose courses in English.

I choose Topics of human ressources management in english, it was interesting and not difficult.

2. Advice on "contrat d'étude"

Help : would you recommend for a student when picking its courses

Be sure that it's not a high level and in a language that you can understand.

IV. When I live there

A. Safety

Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid

Florence is globally very safe. It's better to avoid parks and station at night.

B. Phone and Internet

Help : How to be able to call and have internet

You can use your phone to call as in France

C. Events

Help : How to know about the events?

*There is a lot of groupe on whatsapp for Erasmus Student
For find it's group, you just need to search on Facebook « Erasmus Firenze »*

D. Sports

Help : What sport can I do ? and how?

I don't know when I was in Florence I didn't do sport.

E. Eating

Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. aninternational house buffet)

*Avoid restaurant on famous places like duomo.
Globally you can eat good pizza and paste everywhere.*

F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike

You can go by tram it's easily !

G. Travels

Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend

*I recommend to go to Milan, Rome, 5 terres, Amalfi coast, Sicily....
Everything it's beautiful in Italy.*

H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time

Don't stay with French people. It's better to learn new languages and live an amazing experience !

