

# Erasmus report

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## Chur, Switzerland 2010 by Dora Pekar

### Background information

I am Dora Pekar from Hungary. I study economics in the Corvinus University of Budapest. I have two faculties, one is about Management Organisation and Organisational Development, and the other one is Tourism and Hospitality. Because of the last one, I decided to spend a semester abroad for experiencing it in another university which is expert in it. So from the studies point of view, this was the reason of my decision. So I came to Chur and spent some nice months in this little town and studied in HTW Chur.

### What else motivated me to make that decision?

As I've mentioned, I was interested in the Swiss education, because I knew that on this field they are really experienced, they have really famous universities. However, it was only one part of my decision. I was also really excited about Swiss culture, for me it seemed to be a mixture of 3-4 countries, and as I had never been there before, I wanted to know how it is but not only by travelling and spend a nice holiday here, I wanted to experience it by living there.

Of course as normally, I was also excited about new people, about living alone abroad, about improving my English.

### Most important impressions about the country & culture

Many people told me that Swiss are really cold, they like to keep the distance. I experienced something different, as they are nice and helpful, like to talk in the shops, on the train. Naturally the students, especially the internationals are even more friendly and open to foreign people. So overall, I really enjoyed to live in that culture.

I was travelling quite a lot, because with the half-price card the prices are fair enough, so I visited many cities, towns, villages in all 3 parts and in Lichtenstein as well. For me this was one of the most exciting parts as I was curious how can different languages and cultures live in one country. I felt the differences, I would say especially among the German and the French part there is a big difference.

### What about the University?

Smart teachers, so many case studies, practical examples, applied theories, small classes, good English, helpful people, silent library, internet connection everywhere, printed slides, really good information system. So I really enjoyed to study in HTW at all. I would recommend it for everyone who likes to study in a small school or who just would like to try it.

At home I will profit about the deep practical thinking and about the applications of the theoretical models. I have also learnt a lot about the Swiss assignments, about how they work together in groups.

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### Support of the universities

My university as a big one, does not have the chance to take care of the students personally. They informed me as much as they needed, but nothing more. It was also a really nice part of this semester that as we were only 20 exchanges in HTW Chur, the international office workers were paying attention for us, they could help a lot personally. I really respect all the effort what they did for us.

To sum up, I would recommend it for everyone, who like little towns and not too big universities. It could be a perfect exchange place for You, just make sure that do not expect big nightlife and stuff like that.

### And some shots of my amazing months in Chur

