

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2016

Herkunftsland:	Mazedonien
Heimathochschule:	UIST "St. Paul the Apostle"
Studiengang:	Informationswissenschaft und Technik
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	01.08.2016 bis 28.08.2016
Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses:	Internationale DaF-Sommerakademie
Kursort in Bayern:	Würzburg
Sprachkursniveau des besuchten Kurses:	B1

It has been two week since I came back from summer course in Würzburg and I still want to talk about that. When I got accepted I was really excited and I immediately started to think how I should prepare myself. It was really interesting how I received a lot of preparation e-mails one month before the course began. I received information from the organizers on how I should plan my travel there. I got information about nearest airports, time zone, weather and transport in Germany. After that they informed me about Würzburg as a city, where I will live and how the course structure will be. I also received a list with all other participants in order to get in contact and maybe plan the travel there together. This information was really useful and helped me to organize and plan my summer course stay perfectly.

I traveled from Skopje to Nürnberg by plane. Then I took the metro to the central station, where I took a train and after half an hour I reached Würzburg. Because I was there one day early, I stayed one night in a hostel. There I met another participant from summer course, who I knew from the contact list and fb. The next day, we went to the main train station and there we met our tutors. They were really polite and took me to the International House dormitory by car. There, I received my room's key, public transport ticket, pans, blankets and a map. The next day, we went to the Julius-Maximilian University building Z6, got divided into groups, we received books and our course began.

I liked my stay in Würzburg very much. The dormitory was really good, in the center of the city and I had a single room with a personal kitchen and bathroom. There was a living room on the ninth floor where we students from our building gathered to make dinner together, drink tea or have a party. To reach university I was travelling for fifteen minutes by bus and the city center was just fifteen minutes by foot. Würzburg is really interesting and a great city for students. I was there

during summer holidays and it was still full of students with a lot of student parties and other sport and leisure activities. The stay in Bavaria in general was an amazing experience. Costs of living are not high and transport for students is organized really well. There is the Bayern group ticket for forty euro, for five persons and you can travel everywhere through Bavaria for 24 hours. This was the reason why we made so many trips.

The course was organized very well. I was in the B1 group and we had a great teacher. From 10 am to 1:30 pm every day we had our regular lectures. The lectures were very dynamic and different methods were used. We used books, audio tapes, games, exercises and a lot of individual and team work. We learned grammar, a lot of vocabulary and practiced conversations a lot. It was really cool that at the end of every lecture we learned a different famous German song and sang together. From 2:30 pm until 4 pm we had our elective lectures. For the first two weeks I was in the "International communication" group, where we learned a lot about how to communicate successfully with people from different cultures. During the last two weeks I was in the "German for job and every day" group. There we learned how to apply for a job, how to write a CV, how to behave at the interview, how to rent an apartment and much more. The organizers were really helpful and they also organized a few interesting lectures about living, working and studying in Germany.

Before I came to this course, although I knew many words and grammar, I wasn't able to speak German. Because I was surrounded by the language all day that has changed. Trying to speak German during lectures helped me a lot. But the real thing was that I was speaking German the whole day with my friends. Listening and trying to speak German in every situation had a big impact on my language level. I realized that it doesn't matter if you don't say everything correctly; most important is to continue speaking. When people understand you, you get big motivation to continue trying. With a lot of speaking and listening the polishing of the grammar comes naturally. While I was hanging out with other students from my course I saw how hard everyone was trying to get better in German and I got motivated even more. I started to think in German and that was a totally amazing experience for me.

With the obtained certificate at the end I fulfilled the last criteria for my desired master program "International Enterprise Information Management" in Germany. This course was not only a life changing experience, but it also helped me to apply for a master course to follow my professional dreams.

The cultural part of the course was also amazing. We had one day excursions to Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Veitshochheim. Rothenburg is really old and full of history. I learnt a lot about Germany in the middle ages there. We went by boat on the Main to Veitshochheim, where we saw the summer palace of the Fürstbischof and the famous and really beautiful Rokokogarten. I really liked walking around in the garden and enjoyed the luxury of the Fürstbischof. We visited the main Würzburg palace; this place is wonderful and I especially liked the famous ceiling which

is the biggest decorated ceiling of that type in the world. The tutors were also really cool and they organized different activities for us like beach volleyball, swimming, hanging out in bars and in discotheques. It was an awesome time doing those things.

I had an amazing time at this summer course and even more amazing were the people that I met and those friends that I made. These people were so interesting, cool and ambitious, friends from around the world. We made trips to Nürnberg and Frankfurt. We made dinners on ninth floor, drank wine on the old bridge, partied in Loma bar and every Wednesday in Odeon discotheque. These are moments that I will never forget.

I will always remember the time spent at German summer course in Würzburg!

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