

Report Switzerland

Hello everyone, my name is Veronika and I went to Switzerland in a traineeship program from Slovakia. Being a student of technical sciences I always wanted make new experiences in foreign countries. When I got the chance to go the Switzerland I didn't hesitate a minute. The beautiful nature is only one of the many reasons why I went there.

The IAESTE offered me the possibility to gather lots of technical experiences. I was in a beautiful city called Burgdorf in the heart of Switzerland at the BFH-TI, the Berner University of Applied Sciences. My job was programming and simulating modulation and demodulation of signals in Matlab.

During my stay there I also did a presentation for the students and staff of the "Berner Fachhochschule" about my home country – Slovakia. I hope that after this presentation everyone will remember colors of our national flag.

But we had lot of fun there too. Besides getting to know new colleagues I also met some new friends which I will really miss. One of the many barbeques ended with people getting thrown into the nearby river and of course I wasn't spared. A few of my friends came to my laboratory and grabbed me. I really didn't have a chance or choice. Of course I ended up in the cold water but I wasn't angry at them, because it was really good fun for everyone.

On the career day at the school we saw a competition of two robots made by the students. They had the task to collect cans and batteries and deposit them in different nets. The competition ended, to our collective amusement, with a little fight between the robots.

The school enabled me to go for a trip to the Alps. We went up to the meteorological station on the Jungfrauoch, located on the famous mountain Jungfrau. Because of the engagement of the BFH with this meteorological station we were allowed in the rooms containing all the measurements equipment, a no access area for tourists. On the journey back we were in the water power plant.

If you go to Switzerland you won't only see lots of cows, nice watches, good chocolate and Swiss army knives, but also friendly people and lots of fun too. My stay here was full of action: karaoke with friends, Tattoo – the big tour of drummers, football match Basel vs. Zurich, Red Bull air race in Interlaken, big festival of gymnastic in Frauenfeld and many others....

Anyway don't be worried about traveling and adapting to new things because I think Switzerland is a perfect country for your traineeship.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Veronika

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