

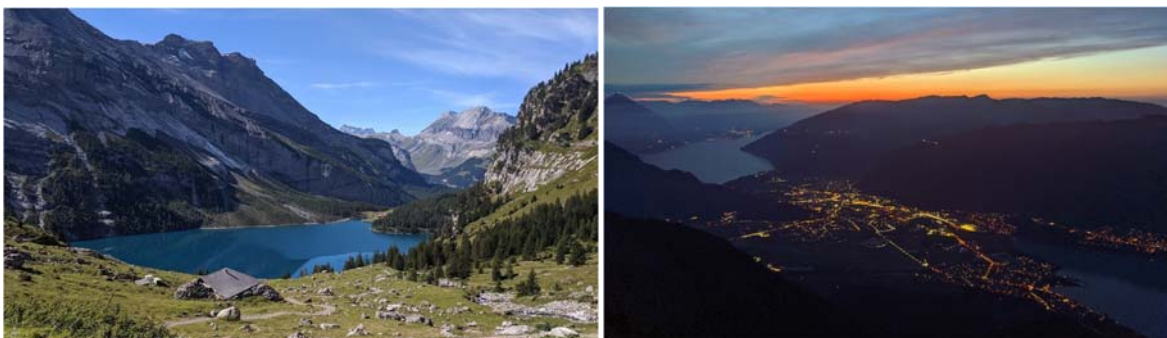


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How to start? It's always hard, at least for me, ..but imagine a guy in the mids of 2019, after studying abroad who still didn't have enough of international exposure. Thus, I decided to approach IAESTE student organization. And, truth be told, rewinding one year back I placed my fortune into good hands. Disclaimer: Luck played its role too. As always. But you must make the effort and to head it straight.

My overall experience was intertwined with the city of Bern and the Bernese Alps, mostly. The canton is German based, but for me it resembles the best out of German precision and organization and French or better southern culture of freedom, spontaneity and authenticity. The city and the citizens are 'popular' among Swiss people, mainly people from Zurich, for its dialect and for 'taking their time'. But who could blame them especially when they have such amazing sceneries everywhere you go! And locals are very much aware of it. It doesn't matter what type of season it is. They have a wide variety of activities planned ahead. Let's firstly mention probably the sport no.1, skiing. Everyone does it and so should you. At least try it. OK, I admit your student wallet will be bleeding, but it's totally worth it. Secondly, hiking and other outdoor activities in the Alps. And don't be discouraged if you didn't do it extensively before. You will see that in many cases people start from city sightseeing and they quickly reach hiking heights which they didn't ever dream before. This is the country to make it happen.



During the whole internship I was a part of agile DevOps team which shaped the telco industry in Switzerland. We focused on bringing new innovations and rapid development to Telco Cloud infrastructure and provide stable and reliable environment for future deployment of NFVs and next generation networks. I considered myself very lucky and privileged to be surrounded by very enthusiastic, hard working and talented people who were always authentic, bright and open-minded. Ready to tackle any kind of problem or puzzle. For sure I can say I grew significantly into a person who knows 'less' than before. And even though I have learnt many new technical skills, what I reckon shaped me much more were personal grow and soft skills leaps forward. Thanks guys for everything!!





But don't think it's all just hard, scrutinizing and challenging work. Of course, you will 'get from time to time your hands dirty' and you will have to face tough decisions, but IAESTE internships are memorable mainly for the after-work and weekend's experience and activities. We manage a lot. Doesn't matter if in 2019 or 2020. Yes, I'm talking to you 20x2. It was an unforgettable year. And you can make it even more fun, if you join the IAESTE club. You can participate in making the events or running the LCs, e.g. as I did. And if you are still undecided, don't waste any more of your precious time and check out the internship options. It's gonna pay out very quickly.

