



## IAESTE INTERNSHIP IN ZURICH



I always wanted to go to Switzerland. Don't ask me why, because I couldn't explain. I was always fascinated of this country and when I saw the internship offer in Zurich I applied immediately. I was very happy to have been nominated. So my adventure in Zurich started with the 1st of September 2021.

My internship took place at Agroscope, the Swiss Confederation's centre of excellence for agriculture. My team was full of nice people. I felt immediately welcome. I get my own office place with laptop and other equipment. The first weeks were very intense for me, because we had to work outside on the field for harvesting corn or potatoes. It was a great experience to be in the middle of the corn field to make different analyses. I also could drive a tractor or fly a drone. Good thing was, that it was not only an inside job (to calculate data) but we also had to drive to different places of Switzerland to do different analysis. So I could see a lot of places in Switzerland. We went to the french part (Changings and Nyon and also Neuchatel). People in my group were super nice. We had a lot of fun during work. Always at 10 O'clock there was „znüni“ what means a coffee break. At 15 O'clock was „zvieri“ with the next coffee break. I made a lot of new friends at work. They gave me insight in the life of swiss people. I was invited to raclette and fondue evenings to get the real swiss experience.



One of the highlights was the IAESTE chocolate & cheese event. A group of IAESTE interns from all over the world came together and we went to a trip in the french part of Switzerland. We visited the Broc museum and the chocolate factory Cailler and also the cheese factory Gruyere.

Highlight of this event was for me to sleep in a chalet on the top of the mount moléson. We had a great fondue evening and played games and music all the night long. People were awesome. We were just there...in the middle of the swiss mountains...and enjoyed life.



I was always busy during week at the job with harvesting or making analysis or making measurements somewhere outside in the middle of the corn fields. On rainy days we had to work inside and calculate data. I spend my evenings and weekends with my new friends from work or with friends from IAESTE. I never felt so tired like in the first weeks in Zurich. Sometimes I enjoyed a Saturday with just sleeping. But of course I wanted to see as much as possible of Switzerland. While other interns made hiking trips, I preferred to make city trips or trip with the boat on the zürisee.

It was a great time and I made a lot of experiences and new friends. Thank you for all those who where part of this adventure.

