IT University Travel Report

Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions, as long as you cover the information asked for below. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not. Remember that the report will be made available on the intranet.

Host University: None, still at ITU

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Design and Communication

Activity Abroad: Gathering empirical information for master thesis

Exchange Period: semester (autumn/spring) _____________ year ____________

No exchange period. One week and some daily trips.

Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

To get the best put of my empirical data for my master thesis, I decided to travel around in Denmark, collection my data in person.

What was your initial motivation for going abroad and did your stay meet your expectations?

When you are doing interviews, it is proven that you miss out on a lot of unsaid information, if you interview through fx. Skype. As the people I had to interview live in Denmark’s five different regions and they are my leading empirical material in the process of answering my research question, I chose to travel around and talk with them in person. This did indeed meet my expectations and I understood my respondents’ way better.
Please describe what you got out of your stay, both personally and academically, and how do you expect it to contribute to your further studies?

I got a deeper and better understanding for my respondents which can now help my to answer my problem statement and in the end hand in my master thesis.

Arranging your stay

Please give a short description of the process involved in arranging your stay:

First I had to make contact with the 11 respondents I wanted to interview. Afterwards I tried to plan my route, so I only had to use the smallest amount on time on it possibly. Last I made a plan for the route and arranged specific meetings with all of them, and then bought my tickets.

What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay and which people did you use (if any)?

No resources. Just plain old planning and scheduling.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I used couch surfing and stayed at relative’s houses.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

I had expenses with all of the traveling I did. I had to go by train, bus, and car around the country. I tried primarily to use public transport, but I had to visit one place, which was so far out in Denmark, that he only way to reach it was by car.

Did you apply for scholarships and would you recommend any ones in particular?

Recommendations for other students:

I would defiantly recommend others to gather empirical data in person for their projects. I got a way better experience and because I had to do all interviews within a short period of time, I was able to grow with the interviews and let them evolve more naturally.