

ERASMUS working stay in Utrecht

Utrecht is a beautiful city located in the Netherlands that offers a great working atmosphere and a wonderful quality of life. During my stay in Utrecht, I was impressed by the informality and welcoming nature of the working environment. Despite the rainy weather, which is a common occurrence in the region, the city has a lot to offer in terms of natural beauty and activities.

One of the most impressive features of Utrecht is its excellent public transport system, which makes it easy to get around. Additionally, the city is known for its fantastic biking lanes, making it a great place for cyclists. One of the city's defining features is its beautiful network of canals, which offer a peaceful and picturesque backdrop for exploring the city's many parks, squares, and historic buildings. Utrecht's old town, in particular, is a maze of narrow, cobbled streets and historic buildings that provide a glimpse into the city's past.



Aside from work, there are plenty of opportunities to explore the surrounding area. Utrecht is located close to several other beautiful cities, including Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam. These cities offer a great opportunity to experience Dutch culture and history.

When visiting Amsterdam, some popular sightseeing spots include the Anne Frank House, the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, and the Dam Square. Take a stroll through the Jordaan neighbourhood to admire the charming, narrow houses and soak up the local atmosphere. Don't forget to take a canal tour, as the city's picturesque waterways are one of its defining features.



In The Hague, be sure to visit the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice, and the Binnenhof, the Dutch government's centre of power. Another must-see attraction is the beautiful beach in Scheveningen.



When in Rotterdam, visit the iconic Cube Houses, a series of futuristic homes that look like they've been turned on their side. For a taste of modern architecture and food, head to the Markthal, an indoor market housed in a stunning horseshoe-shaped building. Also, don't miss the Erasmus Bridge, which offers panoramic views of the city.

All three cities offer a rich and diverse cultural experience, with something to suit everyone's interests. I hope these sightseeing suggestions enhance your trips to Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam.

In terms of cost of living, Utrecht is similar to Germany and offers a good balance between affordability and quality of life. However, finding an apartment in Utrecht can be a challenge, as there are many students in the city and limited availability of apartments. It is advisable to start your apartment search early to ensure you find a suitable place to live.

Finally, the inner city of Utrecht is lively and offers plenty of opportunities to socialize and relax. There are many bars and restaurants to choose from, making it a great place to unwind after a long day of work.

Overall, my 5 month working stay in Utrecht was a great experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for a friendly and welcoming work environment, with plenty of opportunities for exploration and relaxation.