

Testimonial



I decided to take part in the Crossing Borders minor after all the amazing stories I've been hearing from different students. This minor was not only offering a chance to travel abroad but also the possibility to contribute to various humanitarian projects. After researching about different destinations, I decided to join ImpactTrip and be a part of an organisation that supports children's education. This organisation is located in Portugal and more specifically in the suburbs of Lisbon. ImpactTrip is a hostel that accommodates volunteers from all around the world and at the same time offers them a variety of volunteering projects.

In a few words, this minor deserves every little sacrifice. I met people from all around the world and we became very good friends by the end of my trip. I didn't expect that meeting new cultures and exchanging ideas could be so much fun. We spent 3 hours daily in the project playing around with the children and trying to make our presence as impactful as possible. The rest of the day was all about having fun, visiting new places, learning about Lisbon and Portuguese culture. Since we were all staying in the same place, we were having all the meals of the day together and that helped to create stronger bonds between us.

Concerning the children, I gained valuable lessons about their lives and the way they see the world and even though I was the one supposed to teach them, I learned how hard some people's lives could be if not treated with respect and love. These kids may come from different socio-economic backgrounds and poorly developed communities but they were an inspiration for all of the volunteers.

To conclude, this trip turned out to be a lesson that would last a lifetime. I managed to become better in all different aspects of my life and especially I have improved my communication

skills to the maximum. I would recommend this experience to anyone because it's not only a lifetime opportunity but also a lesson that no academic environment can teach you.

