

MY GUIDE TO KROSNO for TURKISH STUDENTS

This writing guides to students coming to study in Krosno from Türkiye. It includes just my impressions, experiences and suggestions how you should start and end your Erasmus adventure without any problem. I will explain from the beginning of your travel from Turkey to Krosno until your last text to get mark at State Higher Vocational School in Krosno. That is; all the things that you need and wonder.

My first and the most important suggestion is that you should not buy 2 way plane tickets. When you get one way ticket from Türkiye, you should prefer plane that has at least two stops. For example from Türkiye , Munich \ Wien, Krakow\Rzeszow, because it will be much cheaper for you than coming to Krakow directly. And also, Krakow and Rzeszow are closer to Krosno, you don't waste time for travel. The other thing is about return ticket. Before buying the ticket, firstly you should speak with your coordinator and teachers about when you will finish all your lessons and get your marks, than according to their answer you should search your return ticket on website in a cheapest and the most comfortable way.

If you have come first term (in the winter), you must definitely take warm clothes but I think coming with lots of money is better idea. Because it is easy to find quiet cheap and warm clothes for winter in Krosno. In addition; you should take absolutely your laptop, some games to play with all Erasmus students (this provides to get on well with each other) and some books to pass time because sometimes you can't find anything to do. If you are addicted to Turkish tea, coffee and especially spices, don't forget to get because it is almost impossible to find them in same taste.

Before you arrive in Krakow\Rzeszow, you must book seat to go to Krosno. I think when you request your coordinator; he\she will help you but if he doesn't, don't worry!

["http://www.krosno24.pl/busy.php"](http://www.krosno24.pl/busy.php) with this link you can learn the timetable of buses.

(Poniedziałek {Monday}, Wtorek {Tuesday}, Środa {Wednesday}, Czwartek {Thursday}, Piątek {Friday}, Sobota {Saturday}, Niedziela {Sunday}). These are the days in polish you can easily understand on which day and at which time there is bus on this website. And when you go bus station at the right time you can find seat easily for Krosno. From Krakow to Krosno is just 4 hours (23 złty nearly 5 euro). From Rzeszow to Krosno is 2 hours (10 złty (2.5 euro).

Now we are at bus station in Krosno. ☺ If somebody welcomes, you are so lucky, but if nobody comes don't worry! There is a shopping centre whose name is Full Market near the bus station on the right. You walk along the road you will see on the left Lidl. At the end of the road you turn the left and than turn first right, with a little walking you will see the dormitory Musi on the Lukaszewicz street . I can give just Musi's address because to find the other dormitory is little complex. It is better to go Musi than staying in bus station. ☺ When you say to go other dormitory I think somebody from Musi can help you. I hope. . .

Both dormitory are little cold but comfortable. I think everything about dormitory will be ok for you. I never had big problem about living my pretty home (dormitory), I hope you don't have also. If you can get on well with your neighbors everything will be more amusing.

In regard to mention about outside of Krosno you must not expect and imagine so many things because you can be disappointed at the first time because Krosno is historical and Old Town. It is unfortunately small town. Beginnings of its history go back to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance it has really rich history, even today you can see in the renovated buildings of its historical Old Town. There are really beautiful medieval churches and nice architecture, besides architecture, the town is known for glassware manufacturing. Krosno is associated with petroleum and linens. It is also famous for glass making factories, production of hand- made artistic glass. I can not see Krosno Glasswork factory but I will mention about Craft Museum following pages. If you find an opportunity to go this factory you must definitely go and see how the beauties are made.

SOME IMPORTANT PLACE OF KROSNO

I want to tell firstly about the historical and worth seeing place. Firstly I must talk about Craft Museum and exhibition of glasswork in there.

Craft Museum shows the history of craft in south-eastern Poland, grouped in the sections of tailoring and dressmaking, metalwork, certainly clock, woodcarving, weaving, and watch making. There are many exhibits. One of them is exhibition of glasswork. During the holiday in the Craft Museum – the Piwnica PodCieniami Gallery you can visit a unique exhibition dedicated to Krosno Glassworks "KROSNO". This multimedia exhibition presents history of the factory in the context of its beginnings, expansion, technological processes of glass works manufacturing as well as glass craft learning. The exhibition is the biggest in Poland and one of the biggest in the world factory manufacturing glass. This exhibition is open from 13th June to 16th August 2008. This is really big opportunity for second term comers. May be you can learn to make hand artistic glass like the men.☺



But while searching I read that: *"Secrets of glass technology were handed down from father to son. It was rather hard for a 'stranger' to get a master title. In fact, a master himself, even the most skillful, received hardly any education: three, four forms of a primary school - that was it. There were no vocational schools in the field of glass; similarly there was no strong tradition in this sphere: the Italian, French, Germans and Czechs were ahead of us - recalls Fryderyk Knoll."* It is clear what a difficult!



The Holy Trinity Parish Church is near to Rynek (center). I have been third times in this church. When I went firstly with my friends there were lots of paintings they were meaningless and quite gloomy that time, but I went secondly with my Erasmus friends and a guide. I learned that all the meanings and importance of paintings and status. I went thirdly on Christmas day at 00:00. It was wonderful atmosphere. It was really worth to see ceremony. But still gloomy, it is of course different from our mosque. We even can

not compare. But everybody must go and breathe this gloomy mood. This church dates back to the 14th century but it was reconstructed after the great fire that destroyed part of the town. The interior of the church is very beautiful. There are wonderful gothic works. For example the western of church there is a beautiful gothic window. We can see also baroque painting ornamentation of the church. The high altar in the Parish Church in Krosno particularly draws your attention. Its rich woodcarving ornamentation contains, among the other things the figurative representation of Resurrected Christ and two angels in its crown , and in niches between the columns St. Stanislaus (the patron saint of Poland), the bishop on the left St. Casimir(saint of Lithuania), (the royal Prince).



(It was little dark but clear to see Christ, angels and Saints.)

There are lots of paintings belonging to famous painters. One of them is Thomas Dolabella. He was one of the artists of the European format who worked in Krosno. Thanks to him Krosno gained the works of art the European format.

The Podkarpackie Museum houses some interesting permanent exhibitions presenting the prehistory of the region, the history of light, the portraits of some landowners in Krosno and the area and some glass work exhibitions. It is really mystical place. The exhibition shows the



history of illumination from prehistoric to contemporary times and presents torches, oil lamps, candlesticks, cressets as well as gas, spirit and electrical lamps. I went this museum with my Erasmus students, our helper and a guide. By means of translation the history of lamps in English, I am fascinated, because the views of lamps are really magnificent.



Lamps are decorated with the skilful glassworks; as a result it is created wonderful masterworks. The lamps have been arranged among the furniture.



Market square is in the center of the old town Krosno , called Rynek. It houses some landmarks and built in Gothic style. It has really historical appearance. My nearly all days passed on Rynek (Main Square) because I had my lunch and sometimes dinner “Marhaba”, “Royal Hall” and some of my courses like polish and German on Rynek. I love Rynek’s mystical atmosphere especially at

night. You must see the combine of green and red light on the tree. On the one side there is Belfry Tower which is very beautiful, a symbol of the town with its onion dome and three large bells one of which is the fourth largest in the country. There is also the clock made in the local factory on Belfry Tower. On the other side there are old magnificent buildings.



The best view of Krosno.



While I am talking about Main Square, Rynek I want to suggest what and where you can eat. We are Muslim as a Turkish student so we can’t eat everything in everywhere. Generally all Erasmus students prefer to Marhaba to eat especially Turkish students because the owner of Marhaba, Usema is also Muslim. He cooks without any pork. But if I say the truth I can not eat Marhaba’s meals because I think cook uses heavy oil and they don’t smell good. This is just my thought, but some of my friends like the meals. But I can suggest you should drink hot



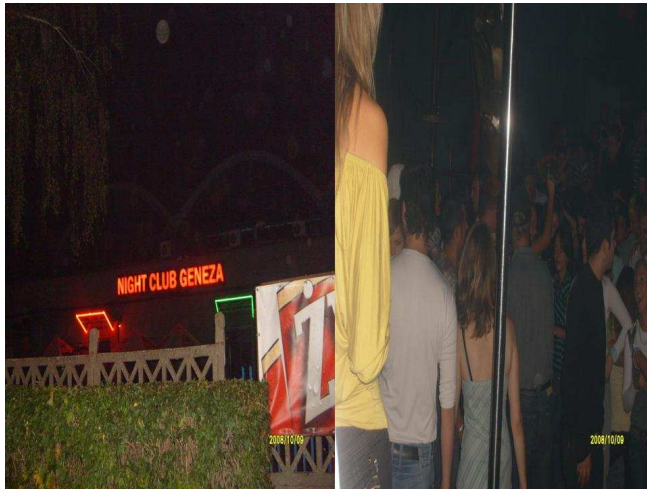
chocolate in Marhaba, it is really the best in Krosno I love, if you drink one day, remember me☺. Now you ask where we can eat. Don't worry! On the Rynek there is a restaurant Royal Hall. You must eat definitely margarita pizza; if you want you can add olive, mushroom, corn and the others. It is quite delicious. The other chicken and vegetarian meals are also delicious. Besides you have of course

lesson in the morning (so early), so for the breakfast you must buy delicious "simit" (bread covered with sesame seeds) in the oven, on the Rynek near the Travel agency. And I don't want to say so many things about Main Square, you will stay at least 4 mounts you have lots of time so it will be better to be discovered by YOU. For buying daily food, you should prefer Carrefour or Lidl you can find cheap and quality things in also Delikatesy. While buying cheese, chocolate, chips, yogurt, etc... you should read the backside of products it is impossible to find English writing, but when you see that it is written Zelatyne and some things that I forgot the names of them, you must not buy because it contains some ingredients related with pork and lard. And don't forget to go bazaar to buy fresh vegetable. The bazaar in Krosno is really big you can find from vegetable to clothes and shoes (everything) but you must go so early the latest at 10 am because at 1pm it is closed and everything begins to be gathered. For buying clothes you can go Full Market near the bus station or Eliot and Galleria near the bazaar you can find many nice and cheap things. All the shopping centers are open from 9 am to 5pm at week, on Saturday till 3pm and on Sunday everywhere is close. I think it is enough to tell about food and shopping.



I want to say a little about our school, college. Education has really always been priority in Krosno, first college was opened in Krosno as early as the 17th century and still tradition is continued by the State Higher Vocational School. I had my all lesson the building of English philology department. And I did not have any problem neither my school nor teachers and lessons, which department

you study is not important if you attend the class regularly and you make your projects as teachers want. I think you don't have any problem. Just listen the teacher and realize!!!



Now time to have a good time!
Amusement Music and dance!!! ☺

To tell the truth there are not many places to enjoy, just four as I know. Armagedon, Geneza, Nafta and Clup 54. Armagedon and Geneza are so closer each other and they have special party for students on some days. I don't like these places because the music, the people are not good. Nafta is also the bar of hotel I

think just let to enter the customer but on special days with the help of our Erasmus coordinator you can go and dance till the morning. But my best pretty place is Clup 54. I love to dance and drink there and music also is good to dance and generally the comers to Clup are from university. That is our classmate. Sometimes we can know people whom we can not come across or speak in school. It is also good for having polish friends.



When you feel little depressed, tired or bored, or if you can not find to do, and also If you like to walk, you must go to river for a little walk. You will see red, orange, yellow, blue, green, and white all together especially in autumn. I have never seen this wonderful view in spring but I think it will be more beautiful than autumn I can imagine. . . You will stay nearly four months and it is so much if you stay all time in Krosno, but if you

travel particularly special places near Krosno and the other European countries I am sure that the time won't be enough. We are really quite lucky as 2008\2009 Erasmus students, because our coordinators organized many trips near Krosno. Bieszczady, Auswitch, Salt Mine. I have never forgotten my Bieszczady mountain trip. The western part of this mountain is in Poland, the eastern part is in Ukraine, the other part is in Slovakia. You will be border of tree countries. This trip for me is just "walking walking walking when it finishes I don't know" (to understand this words you can watch a video of us on krosno24 website page☺).it was quite tiring trip we really just walked to reach the highest point of mountain.

It was the first time I had have mountain trip. After all it was wonderful adventure for me. I took many fantastic photos. I hope there will be an organizing trip to this mountain at your time. But if there is not any organizing trip to Auswitch, you must definitely go. Austwitch is



so close to Krakow and there are many tour for Auswitch you should not miss to see this wonderful fascinating, little gloomy place. You can imagine the genocide of Jews better by seeing the life of them (their bathroom beds, toilets, the room of gas etc. . .).

Yes!! My experience is it in Krosno. I hope it will help you for your Erasmus adventure! I hope you can find essential things in my guide. If you need help and you want to learn more things gurselenay@gmail.com is my email address whenever you need you can send me mail, I will try to reply you!

As the last word **HAVE A PRETTY, WONDERFUL TIME.**

(Note: all the pictures taken by me except the first one.)

☺ GOOD LUCK ☺

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