Germany

EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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welcome to

MY EXCHANGE JOURNEY

The presentation explain all of the preparation before to exchange, expense, accommodation, lifestyle, problem or obstacle during the exchange year and all activity that I ever done)

introduce PREPARATION

- For LMU, Munich, when the university receives the student and sends the acceptance letter to use that document to request a visa, in my case, National Visa. Please prepare the requested document first, and then when the university sends a letter to you, you can process the Visa. It will be timely since the Embassy has various tasks to deal with. Therefore, I suggest requesting Visa at least two months before your flight to that country.

- LMU has a language course in German, and you need to fly to Germany early, around one month before the semester start. The preparation is optional to register, but if you have a free elective in your course at Thammasat University, I recommend you register for the language course in which you can adapt yourself to the town's surroundings. I can find friends in this course as well.

REGISTRATION

- In my faculty, LMU will divide into another sector called GSI, political science. Generally, LMU has a system called LSF, which allows LMU students to register via this website, and LMU will provide you the username and password around two weeks before the semester starts. For GSI, students who register for the course in GSI do not need to register via LSF, only the exchange student, because there is the orientation secession and form for you to fill in the subjects that you prefer to enroll in, and those subjects you can find in LS. Therefore, GSI will assist you f you have any questions regarding the register; they can help you. I suggest looking at the website frequently because they will update information via their website.
- For dropping the subject out, you can drop it by informing the exchange coordinator of GSI, and no worries, if you did not okay with that subject, you inform them, and they will help and process the dropping of it for you.

ACCOMMODATION

- accommodation in Munich is costly, and LMU has suggested the BEST Accommodation in Munich, which is called Studentenwerk; there are many types, and the one that I would like to recommend is Olydoft which is the one that is easy to transport to the university just 8 mixture from accommodation. The price is around 400 Euro: a private bathroom, kitchen, and one bedroom.

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EXPENSE

- In expense per month is around 700-800 Euro, and this price includes accommodation. The price in Munich is quite expensive due to the inflation rate, so supermarkets or even restaurants in Munich are expensive. However, Germany has regulations for Block accounts that you need to deposit the money in a block account before you fly to Germany, which is compulsory for those who did not receive the scholarship from European Union.

Some Tips

- Germany is a stunning country, including its surrounding, people, and traveling, especially for school; because Germany is located in the center of European, you can visit other countries easily, just 1 hour away from Austria and 3 hours from Switzerland. Living in Munich is a high cost of living, but if you think that money in a block account is not enough, I would recommend finding a part-time job around the university, or you can ask for Thai restaurants around there and no worries if you cannot speak german some kind of job you do need to tell german and German people mostly can speak English, in Munich. Even though the high cost of living, Munich is still convenient in terms of transportation called the U-bahn, and in 2023, they still sell the Deutschland -a ticket that you can travel within Germany. Still, it does not include ICE trains only for urban and regional trains. Importantly, you should buy a ticket even though there is no barrier to checking a ticket every day, but they are still checking the key, and if you do not believe it, you need to pay 60 euro, and your name will be on the German system.