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Transport:

I took a flight from Prague through Frankfurt to Istanbul (Istanbul Airport – Havalimani – IST) by Lufthansa (total price with big luggage: 6 417 Kč). There is a metro that goes to the centre (Taksim square). For all Istanbul transportation (including ferry) you need to buy an Istanbul Card (70 TL) from a vending machine and you will put money into that card (you can do it at every metro station or some bus/tram stations). The cost of one ride is around 15 TL.

Another option is to use taxi (App: **BiTaksi** – better / **Uber**).

Accommodation:

The accommodation in Istanbul is quite cheap but it depends on your preferences. I took an Airbnb with my friend for 9 nights, the total price was 5 823Kč/per person. But you can make a group around 6 people and then it's much more cheaper (something around 2000 Kč). I recommend to rent an Airbnb near Taksim square (direct metro line to the Uni – 20 minutes).

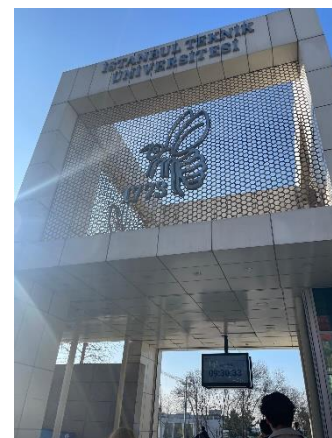
School / Campus:

The university sent us the schedule two days before it started (Monday-Friday: 1.class 10:00-12:00 am, 2.class: 02:00-04:00 pm). On the first day we had lunch at school's dining hall (edible) for free. The rest of the days there was also an option to eat at dining for 60 TL (in cash). But the campus is huge with a lot of options to eat or having a coffee (around 60 TL) /tea (10 TL).

Some the lessons were interesting than the others. Anyway, the professors were really nice and always late (:D), the final exam was super easy („No worries about the exam, enjoy Istanbul“ as our professor said in the first lesson). Likewise, they canceled the afternoon class on Wednesday and took us to school

museum. On Thursday, we went to Prince Island instead of school with them.

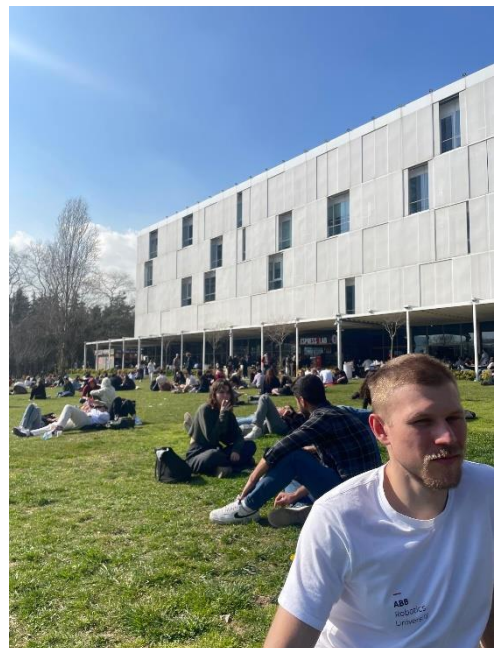
The entire conversation was held in Whatsapp group.



Dinning Hall Food:



Campus:



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Internet:

I personally recommend to download the app – **Airalo** if your phone supports E-SIM (feel free to use my code: MARTIN3368 to get 3\$ off). Very useful app if you travel out of EU.

Otherwise, you can buy SIM card directly in Istanbul – airport/ city center, but it's more expensive than to buy it online.

Spare time:

Since the school is easy, you have a lot of time to discover what Istanbul offers. There is plenty of things to do. Many restaurants, beautiful sightseeings, etc. Do not skip the Asian side of Istanbul (Great Çamlica Mosque, Çamlica Tower) and markets (Grand Bazaar but also google local bazaar – much more cheaper – we went to Cumartesi Pazarı - Koca Mustafapaşa-I think this one is open only on Saturdays).

Basics monuments like Hagia Sofia, Blue Mosque,... will be shown on Sunday (after breakfast with the entire group of Athens students, there is common dinner as well on Saturday – before the school starts).

Mandatory: Shisha, kebab, çay (tea) and bira (beer).

I recommend a bar – **FredBarIstanbul** – Friday: one plus one beer free and good music 👍

Friendly reminder: Be aware that Turkish traders will want to scam you with the price. Be smart and negotiate! 😊



(Grand Bazaar vs Local Market)



(Great Çamlıca Mosque)



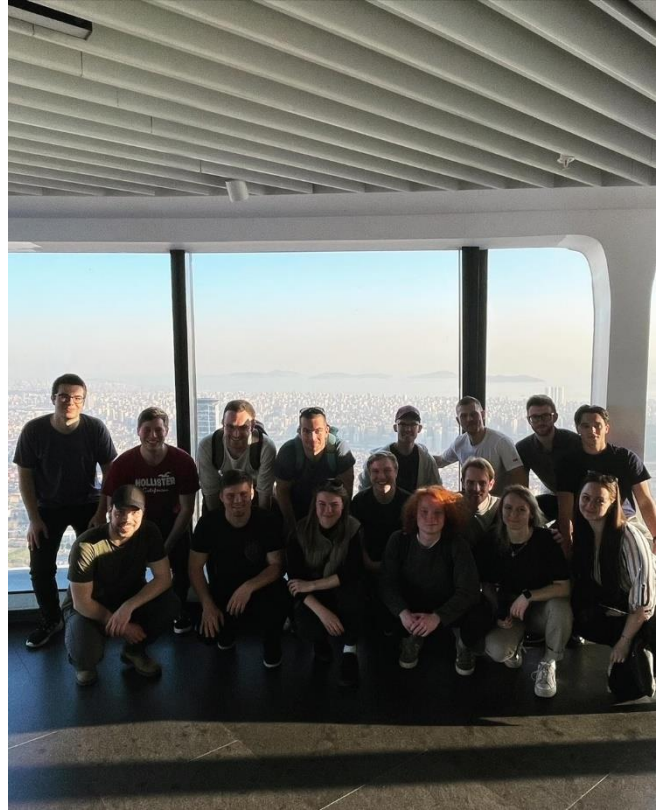
(Hagia Sofia, Suleymaniye Mosque)

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(Prince Island)

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(Çamlıca Tower)



(EDA breakfast)

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(Shisha and Fred Bar)

Conclusion:

I highly recommend this Athens Programme! Perfect opportunity to meet amazing, friendly, intelligent people from all around the Europe and perfect way how to practice your English. If you are looking for an easy going school and social life, Istanbul is a perfect choice for you.