

VSTE GUIDE FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS

This document contains useful information about VSTE and a list of things you better take with you. Sit down and take a minute to read this document before your new school journey begins.

Dormitory

VSTE has two dormitories at its disposal, and we will let you know which of them you are going to stay in. If you want to know in advance, it is better to write to our international coordinator. Yet don't worry, your buddy should know this before your arrival.

At school: Students live in a room for 2 persons, every two rooms sharing a fridge, a shower and a toilet (that is, 1 toilet and a shower for 4 people). The dormitory provides you with pillows, blankets and bedding. Every room has 4 power sockets (2 next to each bed).

There is one kitchen is one for both dorm floors (so it's kind of crowded, but on the other hand, it's the easiest way to meet other students). In the kitchen and in our office, there are some pieces of cookware (cups, dishes, pans etc.), so you don't have to bring anything with you. Just keep in mind that the kitchen was rebuilt last year, please, be nice and keep it clean.

There is a free Wi-Fi connection in the whole campus.

Hochtief Dorm: There are rooms for 2 or 3 persons, two rooms sharing a fridge, a shower and a toilet (so quite the same as at school). They also provide you with pillows and blankets.

There is a big kitchen on every floor. The Wi-Fi is provided free of charge.

It takes about 2 minutes to get from the Hochtief Dorm to school (one bus stop) or about a 10-minute walk.

We would like you to know that buddies and us only get a list of accommodated persons and there is nothing we can do about it, because this is not our responsibility. We can come to your dorms, and try to help you at the reception, but we cannot change anything, **please bear this in mind.**

Insurance

All students need to have health insurance. You can arrange it in your country or in the Czech Republic. Insurance should be written in Czech or in English! Be sure your health insurance covers all days of semester. For more information about insurance, ask the coordinator or your buddy. We recommend you to arrange the health insurance before entering the Erasmus programme, since it is easier. You can check out this website: <https://www.pvzp.cz/en/>

ISIC card

VŠTE will provide you with an ISIC card, so you don't need to do it in your home country. You have to have a VŠTE ISIC even though you already have one from your country, because you'll have to use it to have access to the school, classrooms, etc.

SIM card

After your arrival, we will give you a free Czech SIM. This card includes 3 GB internet Data.

Facebook

YOU WILL NEED Facebook in the Czech Republic, so you should create an account, if you don't have one. Join our group of Erasmus students to get information ASAP. There will be important things, events, parties published, and of course, it's a site for easier communication with other exchange students and buddies. We don't send emails about every event, your group Facebook page is our main communication channel.

Find the group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1948158111882168/>

Arrival

Please, let your buddy know about your arrival date and time. We will be happy to meet you in Budweis and help you to get to your dormitory, but we need to know about the date and time of your arrival.

Anything to bring?

We would be very happy if you could bring some food, drinks etc. typical for your country. Also, for some country presentations, prepare some videos/ photos of your city, university, country etc. If you have space in your luggage, we will be more than happy to see clothes typical of your country, flags etc. This will be very important for our cultural programs, so please, don't forget those things.

List of things you will need at the beginning

Please, check it out before you go.

- 1) **Money** for the first days of your stay (**if you don't have a scholarship**)
 - Dormitory : first month 2840 CZK, deposit 5680 CZK
 - ISIC card : 300 CZK
 - Ticket: a card 30 CZK, ticket for 3 month 510 CZK



In total, you will need around **10000 CZK**. It's better for you if you have it in cash and in Czech currency (crowns). Don't forget that you will also need money for living (food, shopping, parties, whatever).

Even if you have a scholarship, you will probably need money for a bus ticket and for the first couple of days, so please take some cash with you.

If you don't have money for accommodation you cannot be accommodated!

- 2) **Photos** (passport photo size) at least 2 of them
 - For a bus card
 - For an Erasmus card
- 3) Phone number of your **buddy** (or person who will meet you).
- 4) Your **passport or ID card** and **visa**.

Thank you for reading this information, we hope it was helpful. If you have any questions, feel free to ask your buddy. We are always happy to help you in any case you need it.

Have a safe trip and see you soon.

With love, your buddies

