

A Memorable February in Budapest

Second month of Erasmus here in Budapest. During this month of February, I was lucky to have my sister visit me. This allowed me to discover more of the city as well as some aspects of Hungarian culture. For example, I had the chance to try a traditional pastry that I simply call "the chimney cake" because its Hungarian name ("Kürtőskalács") is quite difficult to pronounce.



Throughout this month, we were fortunate to have a few sunny weekends. With friends, we took advantage of this and went for walks in the more central areas of the city. For instance, we visited the Central Market Hall, which is an indoor market. Dating back to the late 19th century, it has several floors, including an upper level where you can



discover local cuisine and souvenir shops. Here, you can find most of Hungary's typical ingredients and dishes, such as paprika.

Below is a photo from the same walk, to give you an idea of the summery atmosphere of this winter weekend (this is St. Stephen's Basilica).



One small challenge I faced here was the language barrier, but it wasn't a huge issue. Most Hungarians speak English quite well, especially in the city. On February 15th, we also celebrated Hungary's National Day, a day to honor the country's history and independence, which added a special touch to the month.

Before heading home, we ended this wonderful time which remains one of the most memorable moments of February, by having a drink on a terrace.



Finally, on the way back, as we were walking along the Danube, we ran into Quentin sitting on a bench by the river. It happened by pure chance, so we decided to capture the moment, which we found quite unusual.

