

## From Budapest to Beyond: Vienna & Bratislava

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### **A Weekend Escape: Discovering Vienna and Bratislava**

After getting used to my new life in Budapest, I wanted to go for a little trip around Europe. This is how I ended up discovering Vienna in Austria and Bratislava in Slovakia. I will share my thoughts and tell you how both trips went.

#### **A rainy and sunny weekend in Vienna**

We headed to Vienna on a Friday evening. Unfortunately, our train stopped working after nearly one hour and a half. We had to wait for a second train, which arrived one hour later around 10 pm. That night, we just went to one bar and played cards after going to bed. On Saturday, the weather wasn't on our side. It rained all day, so we visited a little and heading out at night to explore more the nightside of Vienna.

But Sunday made up for everything. The weather was better (*Figure 1*), and we took full advantage of it, walking through the beautiful streets of Vienna and discovering its architecture. It's a city full of charm, elegance, and history. We also enjoyed ourselves in front of the Parliament where there were like a "village party" (*Figure 2*) whereas we're in a capital.



***Figure 1***



***Figure 2***

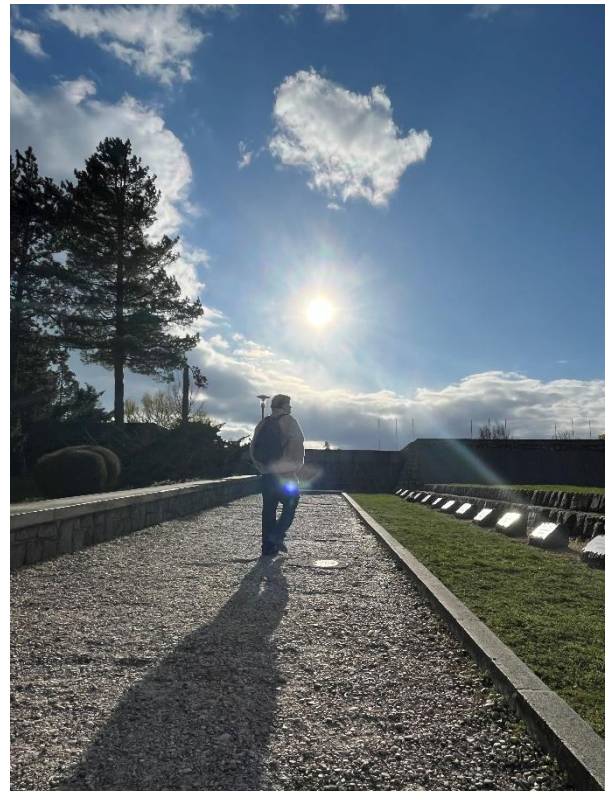
## Bratislava: A friendly adventure

The next weekend, I went with my friend Hugo to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. We weren't alone for long because we met up with a big group of ESAIP students from all over Europe including Lithuania, Poland and of course Slovakia. We took a train on Saturday morning, and luckily, the weather was perfect when we arrived. We spent the day exploring the city centre with everyone and enjoyed a few beers together that evening.

During the night, it was my first time sleeping in a hostel, and honestly, it was a great experience. It felt cosy and social. Moreover, the place was clean and the people very friendly. It's also a great way to spend less money compared to a classic Airbnb or Hotel. On Sunday, we faced the cold and wind to support Laurent and Chloé who were running the Bratislava Marathon (*Figure 3*). And during the afternoon we decided to visit the rest of city with Hugo (*Figure 4*). We returned to Budapest around 9 pm that evening.



**Figure 1**



**Figure 4**