

På udveksling i Danmark

Pietra fra Brasilien er på udveksling i Danmark i skoleåret 2017-2018. Pietra har undervejs deltaget i et interview hvor hun bl.a. fortæller om hvordan den danske kultur er anderledes end den brasilianske. Skrevet i marts 2018.



Why did you choose Denmark for your exchange stay?

I searched on google and started to view videos about Denmark and I saw the culture in Denmark looked very nice. The country looked very different from my daily life in Brazil and then I thought about coming to Denmark.

How is your life in Denmark different from in Brazil?

In Brazil most of the time my parents do everything for me, but here I have to do many things by myself and be more independent, this was also one of the reasons why I wanted to go on exchange. When I came to Denmark my host mom told me that I had to prepare my lunch bag before going to school and I was like "What, prepare my lunch bag?" because in Brazil we don't do this. I have learned so much here. The children do not depend on their parents because the parents teach the children to be independent and take care of themselves but in Brazil, we depend on our parents all the time.

How is it to live with a Danish family? Has it been easy to fit in?

It's very nice and my family is so good. They are teaching me to be independent and responsible. For example, here I can do many things on my own. I can go to the city, stay with my friends and stays at their houses. My host family are making it easy. They are so nice, comfortable and funny people. I really like my life in Fredericia.

Have you had any regrets about choosing Denmark for your exchange?

No, because I love Denmark, I think it is a very good country and it has a great culture and kind people.

Do you have a good advice for a future exchange student?

Be openminded all times towards new experiences and try something new.

Do you have a good advice for a host family?

Be nice towards your exchange student and treat them well and be openminded. The exchange student often comes from a different lifestyle and it is also important that the host family teach the exchange student about the Danish culture and how Danes lives. The host family should also be aware that the exchange student is far away from their families back home and that the students will sometimes become sad and homesick. However, if the student is having a good time with their host family and the host family is helpful and is trying to make the student feel better, then the student might not think that much about their family back home and will not be that much homesick.

