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Aarhus University Summer School - Esther Darmanin

My Summer School experience was genuinely an amazing and unforgettable experience from start to finish. I would highly recommend taking part in any summer school offered by the university to everyone!

My Course

This summer I attended the Summer School at Aarhus University in Denmark where I studied *Youth, Drugs and Alcohol*. My course was three weeks long and allowed me the opportunity to be taught by a mix of lecturers from a variety of academic backgrounds. I had lectures everyday starting at 9 and finishing at 12.30. Now, I know that 9ams are something you hoped to leave behind for a months and aren't really what you're after during your summer holiday but, it did mean that the afternoon of every day was yours do with as you pleased! Overall, my course was interesting, well managed and allowed me a great opportunity to study something that wasn't covered within my degree programme.

The University

The University campus itself is beautiful and not unlike Surrey, with a lovely lake surrounded by plenty of grass areas where you could relax or work. On the first day when we arrived the university ran campus tours throughout the day which were a great opportunity to learn a bit more about the institution. The summer school team at the University were really great at creating a big Facebook group before so you could meet other people on your course/ in your halls/ arriving at the same time. They also organised a lot of great social events which you could sign up to including visits to local museums, a themepark and a big introductory bar crawl!

Life In Aarhus

Aarhus itself is a beautiful city on the east coast of the Jutland peninsula. This makes for beautiful views and nearby beaches, which are perfect for exploring in your free time. Aarhus also has a great selection of shops, bars, restaurants and clubs in the main city centre so there's guaranteed to be something for everyone. Here are some of my top places to visit whilst you're in the city:

- The Old Town - an open air museum showing life in Denmark from the 1500's up to present day
- ARoS Museum - a modern art museum with a breathtaking panoramic viewing platform overlooking the city
- Aarhus Street Food - the perfect place to grab some food from all over the world

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- Havnebadet (Outdoor pool) - based by the harbour this outdoor seawater pool is the perfect place to relax after lectures on a hot day
 - Salling Rooftop - The top floor of the Salling department store has a great bar and beautiful views of the city

I would also highly recommend using one of your weekends/ time after your course to get the Flexibus to Copenhagen for a few days!



Sunset over the coast



The Old Town



Inside the ARoS Museum



The AROS rainbow panoramic viewing platform



The view out over Aarhus



The University campus