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I have studied in University of Bologna and currently I am enrolled in HSE university as an exchange student. I was supposed to be here in only one semester but I have decided to extend one more semester, just because I would say: I love Moscow.

I am original from Viet Nam. After a long stay in Europe and now moving to Russia is kind of another story in my journey. It is absolutely worth for anyone to experience a huge Moscow with a mixture of Europe and Asia culture. Russia is the world's largest country which offers it all to you, from historic cities with ancient walled fortresses, glittering palace and churches, prestigious museums, epic train rides to dreaming peaceful countryside. And Moscow – the largest city I have been has all of them. I was really fascinated at my first day arrival because of the amazing metro stations here: continuously train in such a majesty station architecture. It has changed my opinion in living in a big city: the bigger it is, the more convenient you feel. Specially in Moscow, it keeps inspiring me in some unexpected ways. There are many events including both performing art events and exchange international culture, language events every week. For me, four- month living in Moscow is not enough to experience all of it. I live here in HSE dormitory with a lot of people who come from all around the world: Africa, Asia, Europe,

America. Therefore, we always discuss about many topics from politics to daily student life in every different country. They are very friendly and we are all in love with Moscow.

Speaking of HSE, I am studying in Faculty of Economic Sciences. HSE is ranked as the best university for Economics and Finance in Russia and really it is. The courses that HSE provides are quite various. I have chances to study under the supervision of many good professors who have a lot of experiences in work. They teach us not only theoretical frameworks but also practice through case study, applied projects, etc. Moreover, there are information for jobs in many famous companies which are collaborated with HSE. My classmates are really smart. They are mostly Russian but very friendly and always help me when I have any struggle with Russian communication. Some of them become my friends in daily life. Also, as being an international student, I always get supported from HSE such as my coordinator, my classmates,...

For those reasons, it is absolutely worth spending one semester or one year in this university for those who want to study Economics field like I do. I'm glad to be here and would like to experience more Moscow, Russian culture together with studying in high ranked university. It is such another amazing experience for living abroad.



Bolshoi Theater in Festival of Light



Winter in Moscow