

EXCHANGE EYES

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Dedicated to you

New eyes of Rovaniemi

This book was created in an attempt to subtly capture how the exchange students of Rovaniemi 2022 experienced this period in their life and how it's being stored into their eyes.

The students were given 2 tasks for the shots that are to come:

The first one was similar to a meditation exercise, where the student had to look up at the sky/trees/buildings, and just be present in the moment, acknowledge its position in time and space and just enjoy the fleeting moment of being an exchange student.

For the second shot, the student had to stay in front of a blank frame in which to replay, by imagining, its favourite memory of the whole exchange semester. Every detail had to be visualised and recalled while the shot was taken. Along with the photograph, comes the memory written by them.

Thank you to everyone who participated and I hope you will joyously hold these memories within you till the end of your journey.





Aura

The night hiking with two German guys who I met in Kansan Pub randomly with Ines.

The forecast said it was going to be cloudy and rainy but a miracle happened and we saw stars and amazing northern lights (which are still my phone wallpaper) for hours.





Julia

The memory I was thinking about was my first train journey in Finland. It was me and 5 of my friends. It was a 12 hour journey to Helsinki filled with a lot of laughter. The whole trip has brought us closer and many great memories have been created in that 2 day trip.

I'll always cherish those memories.





Zhiwei Givem

The night when is my birthday is also another girl's birthday. Yeeeh! Our birthday is on the same day! So excited. And before her party, I had some gathering with my friend. That time, we talked about one guy is quite charming, and he was at the girl's party.

So finally, after my gathering, they got a "Hunting" group to see the guy and have fun at the party. I also joined them. The purpose of heading to that party is funny. But we did have a good night. Drinking. Dancing. We even saw the Aurora! That's really a good memory, hope it was the best memory!

I DO APPRECIATE THE LOVELY and BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE that night! :D





Isidoro Pardo

So, Silvan and I were going in the elevator and I took a video of us dancing a song that he played. I posted it on instagram with a text that's an inside joke of my Spanish friends. "San Mareo con Zabalza".

I laugh really hard.





Alicia Hidalgo

The night of halloween, when I went with my friends to the party and everybody was with “terrific costumes”, we dancing, drinking... we had a great night. I had a lot of memories about this night and was fantastic with beautiful people too.





Laura Fernández

I remember one of the funniest days for me: my friend Alicia was a little bit drunk and took the bike to half-moon clubroom... you can imagine... she first use the gmail instead of google maps... then, her trousers got tangled in the bike chain... and finally on the way back home she slipped and fell completely to the ground.





Paloma Moresco

I remember one day with my friends we went out to see northern lights and my friend Elena was riding her bike and she went through the forest and fell





Elena Carranta

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Clara Iglesias

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Jesper Cassiman

Confrontation in Nordkapp. Some people wanted to walk and others wanted to drive. The group was divided and everyone ended up walking the last km to the most northern point of Europe.





Fran Azzar

We did a trip to the North Cape, and we spent a really nice night in the border of Finland and Norway drinking wine.





Pablo Sánchez

We went to Norway and rented an apartment. We had dinner and started drinking. And my friend Jeronimo Castillo was really drunk. He started to do the croquette on the floor.





Josephine Ruff

It's not a specific day, but it's me and my roommate driving somewhere on our bikes. I'm behind struggling on my bike while she is driving relatively slowly for me. Still it's fun thing because it always entails funny stories and I'm going to miss it once I'm back home.





CHUNG HOI YI KELLY.

I forgot about the exact date. But that's my friends that we bump into my friend apartment. Eating stuffs. Chatting for the whole afternoon. I stayed for dinner too. We talked about stuff in different countries. It's really fun.





Boglaika Danko'

My best memory was about dancing and drinking and then... someone fell LOL I'm just joking.

My favourite memory is with you, when we were riding the train to Helsinki and you were "vierd" (haha) and I didn't know what's wrong with you and then realised that you are just drunk. But anyway you were really proud of your neck pillow blowing technique so I was making videos about it and I was joking about sending it to your father but I don't have his e-mail address so you were showing me his contacts. And then you started to cry heavily but I couldn't help it so I bursted into laughing while you were crying. It was the best 12 hours train ride of my life :D Hehehe Burgir





Ben Rösch

My favorite memory played on top of a mountain in a National Park. I was there with some good friends and while we were going up, we could see the transition between the green and the white. On top, we made a picture and it was a perfect moment, great people, a wonderful view and the snow & sun were matching perfectly.





María :)

The favorite memory of this exchange semester is when I went to Kittila and I spend time with the dogs there, also the food and when we were going out to see the forest and we pick up berries :)





SOPHIE

My fav memory is when I woke up and outside the weather was amazing and with my friends we decided to go for a hike. We picked berries, looked for mushrooms and went to the top of the mountain. Back home for a tea and spend lovely time with the friends I made during this exchange experience! Enjoy life =)





Cato

My best memory of this exchange is the trip to Tromsø & Lofoten with my friends in the beginning of September. The roadtrip and the activities were so amazing and I stepped out of my comfort zone 1 or 2 times. We also saw our first Northern Lights there. These 9 beautiful people will always have a special place in my heart <3





MARKUSS

I cannot imagine one specific favorite memory of mine so once I was told to think of one, frames of my friends started flashing in my mind. I've met so many lovely people here that most moments with them became my favorite memories. So altogether my favorite memory is the friendships that I hope will last for a lifetime.





FELIX

a rainy day with coffee and friends on the wrong island





Sofia Araújo

We were preeing at Rovala and Jonathan had run out of mixer so he found random stuff in the fridge so he used capri sun which he made a mess with because he used the straw to put it in his glass. It's also a very funny video.





Manja

We were a bit tipsy, waiting for the northern lights in the middle of the forest in Ruka. There were millions of stars. We spreaded our arms, looked at the sky and started spinning. Then we were laughing at each other for walking like drunkens. And we spinned again. And again and again and again.





Dora

My memory happened in the beginning of September, when we traveled to Ruka with 4 of my buddies. We were drinking outside, we didn't really get drunk and for some reason we started spinning around to feel dizzy. So it was five of us spinning around like little kids.





marjet

My memory happened in the Lofoten. Me and my friends went on a hike but it started raining when we were at the top and when we got back at the apartment we turned our shoes upside down and the water came pouring out, which at the moment was really funny





Adomas Lukas

My favourite memory in Erasmus was waking up in a cabin on a mountain in Norway and seeing my friend Tobias shaving while sitting on a rock among the clouds. Was a very otherworldly moment.





Yuki Sakai

I have a good memory when I went to Ounasvarra (you know what I mean) for the first time, and went up to the tower. My friend and I were with a Finnish family who we've just met at the lower lavuu. Nice sunset :)





Susan

My best memory was made in Inari, during a little trip with 4 girls I met here in Rovaniemi. We decided to go for a hike, up the mountain. 20 km, but worth it once we saw the view up there. I had a lovely time there, and in Finland in general. Good memories with new friends.





Tobias Mejer

Shaving on a mountain in Norway





Ombeline HALARU

Swimming in the river at the summer public sauna of Rovaniemi, with friends I met 2 weeks ago.
It was in August, with sun.





Carola Kämmerling

Go on a roadtrip to Norway and stopped at Inari, sleeping in a cabin, sauna and using a hot tub while sun was setting and I was enjoying a fine glass of red wine.





Augustin de Thyseboer

Hanging out with my friends all day long





Lucie LAVASO

all of our parties + my trip in Helsinki.





Eline
PRUVOST

the first party where/when I met my friends and had so much fun. <3





Mathis ROUSSEL

It's now, when you took my picture.





MATTHIAS KOEWS

Roadtrip with friends to see the northern lights.





Komachi

a memory of enjoying a chocolate cake from the cafeteria with my friend in the art faculty building :)





Johanna Franke

Driving to Inari and camping in the near of Sapmi, being totally close to nature and seeing the Northern lights.





Angharad

Breakfast with my friends while on a roadtrip. We made pancakes, eggs... It was really grey and raining, sheep in the field next door, the radio playing old music.





Chiara

It was always my dream to see mooses. I did a moose safari and finally after many hours of driving around I saw a family with a baby.





Eleni

Underground Rave party in Rovaniemi

Unexpected experience in Rovaniemi. A small place full of good energy, smiley people and amazing music <3

I felt like I was floating on air, while I let myself enjoy the music.

ECSTATIC!





KOTRYNA

When I arrived, on my first week I had a lot of free time and didn't have work or uni, I was in a new place I have found a park by the river and would sit down there, have cookies, cigarette and read a book and I felt very calm and have finally relaxed mentally.

