

Bericht/Beschreibung des FSAs in der Zielsprache.

I've spent three awesome weeks in the south of England. During this time, I lived and worked in a hostel in a village close to Brighton called Shoreham-by-Sea. In exchange for my working hours in the hostel I received accommodation in the staff flat and free food as often as I wanted. I met awesome people, everybody was just so kind and tried it's best to make me feel like home.



I found it very interesting to work in that hostel. On a typical day, I either had a morning or an evening shift. In the morning work was all about serving breakfast, followed by checking the guests out, cleaning the hostel, making beds and getting ready for the people who were due to arrive in the evening. During the evening shifts, I've been helping most of the time in the restaurant, helping in the kitchen, taking orders from the guests and serving their meals to them. Beside of that, I did reception duties and helped wherever somebody was needed.



Since I had most of the time only one shift per day, I had plenty of free time, which I really enjoyed. I got the chance to borrow a bicycle from a staff member, which was awesome to explore the local area. The hostel is located in the heart of South Downs National Park on top of a hill with stunning views of the coast of Southern England and the city of Brighton. During my free time, I often cycled with different people I met at the hostel along the coast and visited lots of lovely towns and villages. When I wanted to go further away, I used the very well developed, but also very confusing public transportation network. From the train station in Shoreham, I could get to London by train in under an hour, which was convenient for day trips I did several times to the capital of the UK.

For me, it was very interesting to work in that hostel. I learned a lot about how a hostel is organized and what needs to be done "behind the scenes". Further than that, especially serving in the restaurant has opened my eyes to how exhausting this job can sometimes be. On a busy night, me and the rest of the team served up to 150 guests, which was intense. But generally, I really enjoyed getting in contact with all the guests from around the world. Beside of many English and Spanish, we also had French, German, Swiss and even some Australian guests in the hostel.

Personally, I'd say that my FSA-stay in the UK had very positive effects to me and also to my level of English. I've been talking to so many interesting, different people and made new friends. Also, I really like the UK and its landscapes, since I've been there several times in different parts of the country. Now, I finally got the chance to discover cities and nature in Southern England, where I've never been before. I had a very positive experience during my FSA and would like to go back there one day.