

Goodbyes & Farewells 🖐️

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially if you know that there's a high chance you may never see each other again 😞. During our last month in the Netherlands we organised a lot of dinners and farewell parties just so that we could have the chance to spend some time together before we went our separate ways. People began leaving for their home countries as early as a month before the intended end date and this was due to how they had classes at their home universities, so this did mean that they missed a couple of classes in the Netherlands.

Each time one of my friends would be about to leave we would go to their house and have dinner which of course the person who's leaving would prepare and in most cases it would be a meal from their home country. Since I was one of the very last people to leave I had the honour of enjoying various food cultures and I didn't have to cook for anyone 😊 When it was my turn to leave we were just a few people left amongst my friends and we were all going to leave on the same day and we didn't want to prepare anything so we decided to eat out as this was super convenient. If there is one thing that I am really going to miss about the Netherlands it's our occasional home cooked dinners during the weekends, that's how we mostly spent our Saturday nights. During the weekends that's when most of us would just sit around at home and chill as well as study which is why we decided to have dinners and meetups. In Tilburg, Thursday and Friday were generally known as the party nights however more people still tended to go out on weekends but most of us exchange students had become accustomed to the whole Thursday thing.

During the month of January I must admit that we took thousands of pictures together, Erasmus isn't something that anyone would want to forget and pictures are a great way to always remember the great times we had together. If it wasn't for assignments and exam preparations we would have done a lot more together but we still had classes, assignments to finish and exams to study for so time wasn't on our side. We have already started talking about reunions and I honestly can't wait. What made my Erasmus exchange memorable wasn't the fact that I got to travel to various places but rather the people I travelled with and spent majority of my time with. I'm really going to miss my exchange family and I hope to see them again in the near future. Tilburg is now like a second home to me and I will definitely visit as I still have a couple of friends living there. On the plus side it would be nice to get back on a bike again! 🚲

