



Felicia's experience - Travelling by bus from Germany to Bulgaria and back:

Hello,

I would like to share my experiences with others.

I did my Study Abroad in Bulgaria and started my travel from Germany, because there is a bus connection between those countries I chose to use the bus. It is a 33-hour bus ride, what is long and challenging. But the reason I chose this connection is that I really like to travel by bus or train. First because of the environment and second because of the view. On my way I travelled through different countries I never been to and had contact to different people I travelled with.

Another argument is the price difference. The ticket price is mostly the same between taking the plane or bus. But I had a lot of luggage with me for my 4-month stay in Bulgaria. At the airport you mostly pay a high amount for that but a lot of bus companies either don't take a fee or a fee of 5€ max.

In the end it was a long bus ride, but it feels short then you think before. I would do it again like this because of the view, the people and I would always choose a bus/ train if possible.

On my way back to Germany again I used again a bus but this time with many stops. I travelled with some friends I met in Bulgaria through some countries between Bulgaria and Germany. The trip took us 2 weeks and we always used a bus between the destinations. All in all, it was four times more expensive than the bus ride to Bulgaria, but we did a lot of stops.

What I also appreciated on that trip, was the learning about history. Because we saw so many countries close to each other, they have similar history, and you also learn more about your country of your guest university.

In summary I think taking a bus/ train is for me the better solution (depends on the distance) because I can see so much more and if you do the travel step by step it is totally manageable for everyone, and you see a lot of the countries and their history and culture.

