

Mariam Stepnadze

FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria

Caucasus School of Tourism

“Entering the Faculty of Tourism at Caucasus University was indeed one of the best decisions of my life, which provided me with years filled with countless incomparable adventures. However, I knew this adventure was missing a significant piece to be perfect. Going to study in Austria within the framework of the "Erasmus +" exchange program turned out to be this part.

Personal growth, independence, confidence, new friends from different continents, abundant travel experiences - these are only a few of the benefits of studying abroad. Beyond that, there are indescribable emotions - a mixture of joy, happiness, and a little fear, which, upon overcoming, resulted in even greater happiness that will remain in my heart forever.

It filled me with pride that I had the opportunity to represent Georgia to the international students from different countries and inspire them to travel here. As a foreign student, you are not only a visitor but an ambassador. This new foreign environment intensifies your love for your homeland, and at the same time, it is the best way to get to know yourself better with your weaknesses and strengths and discover that you are capable of more than you ever imagined. Hard work and enthusiasm are never wasted; the key is to continue striving for your goals and believe in yourself.”