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## A Note from Lucile...

It's been almost a year since I came to the Czech Republic and to Klubičko. I don't see the language barrier as a challenge anymore and surprisingly for myself, activity I enjoy the most is nursery with the smallest children. Because I had no big expectations before moving here, except for enjoying the year and meeting new people, which I both did, I'm happy about my stay here. I absolutely love Prague. And my plans for the future? „When I go back to France, I will look for a job, at least for the summer, but hopefully for longer. I'd like to work in a day care centers, a bit like what we do here.



## Working with children

Before moving here, I had never had any working experience with children, or teaching, for that matter. But this year has proved me that I was able to manage this kind of work. I've learned to be more patient, to communicate with people even if we don't always speak the same language, to try and understand my own language in order to be able to teach it and turn it into something more understandable for a foreigner. Working with small kids isn't always an easy task, most of the time they do whatever they want and you just have to go with the flow and hope for the best. In the end, no matter how hard it is, the most important is that they always learn something. Even if it's just a few words, knowing that you've brought them some keys to communicate and to maybe understand the "outside" world, is the greatest reward.

## One year in the Czech Republic

After almost a year I have spent here, I can say that **I've learned and received more than I would ever expect**. I've met some very nice people, at work as well as outside, and I've found a job that I enjoy doing, that gives me some kind of purpose. Adapting was quite easy from the very beginning, because all my colleagues made me feel welcome and included me in activities at work and during free time. During this year, I've had the chance to visit a few parts of the Czech Republic. I've spent a week rafting in south Bohemia last summer with some colleagues, I've also been to Kunzak in "Ceska Kanada", to Prague a few times, and of course cities closer to Kromeriz like Zlin or Brno. I've also been to countries around the Czech Republic: Poland (Krakow), Austria (Wien) and Slovakia (Bratislava).



## Differences between France and the Czech Republic

People are often surprised when I say that, but I haven't felt that many differences between our countries. Of course, we have different customs and habits, we don't exactly cook the same way, but we're very similar on many points. Living in a different country actually proved me something that I already knew, because I've been used to traveling all my life: no matter where we come from or where we live, we basically all have the same aspirations and the same needs, which are: being happy, healthy and providing a good life for our families

There are, however, a few habits, customs and traditions in the Czech Republic that I never saw in France:

- People take their shoes off before entering a house (I'm definitely bringing that habit back to France).
- You never kiss people to say hello or goodbye.
- The "birthday" tradition of handshaking and wishing good things to the person celebrating.
- The Easter tradition of men hitting women with a stick.
- There's wifi in almost all buses and trans.
- You can buy yoghurts one by one in shops.

