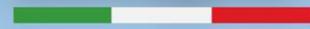


ICC Scholarship Blog: Bologna



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Greetings all,

I would like to share an update on the brief time I have spent in Bologna so far!

I arrived in Bologna on Saturday. My journey was quite difficult because my original flight was cancelled, so I had to fly to 3 countries within the EU to finally reach Bologna. While this was tiring, it did give me a great perspective on how easily one can travel within Europe, and for that I was grateful! There were also extensive measures taken by the airlines and border control to ensure that all passengers had been tested for covid, which made me feel very safe upon arrival in each country.

While I have spent most of my time so far adjusting to the time change, I have also spent time eating! My friends and I have tried the pizza, tiramisu, and pasta so far- we have not been disappointed! While I was apprehensive to use Italian at first, I am already become more confident ordering at restaurants, talking to taxi drivers, and asking for directions. I can only imagine how much more comfortable I will become by the end of this year!

The city itself is even more beautiful than anticipated. It is amazing how detailed every building is and how each structure has a fascinating history. Because I was able to walk around Bologna during the weekend, all the streets were closed to traffic, and pedestrians were able to walk in the middle of the street. This is something I have never seen in America! Most importantly, everyone I have interacted with has been kind and helpful. I especially love that the majority of Italians will not automatically speak to me in English even if they can tell I am not a native; most are happy to work through a conversation with me in Italian!

Attached is a photo of Bologna from my walk around the city yesterday.

Best wishes, and I will be in touch for next month's update!

All the best,

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