



**Olá! My name is Maria, I study
biomedical laboratory science,
and I write my bachelor thesis
in...**

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...Coimbra, Portugal!!

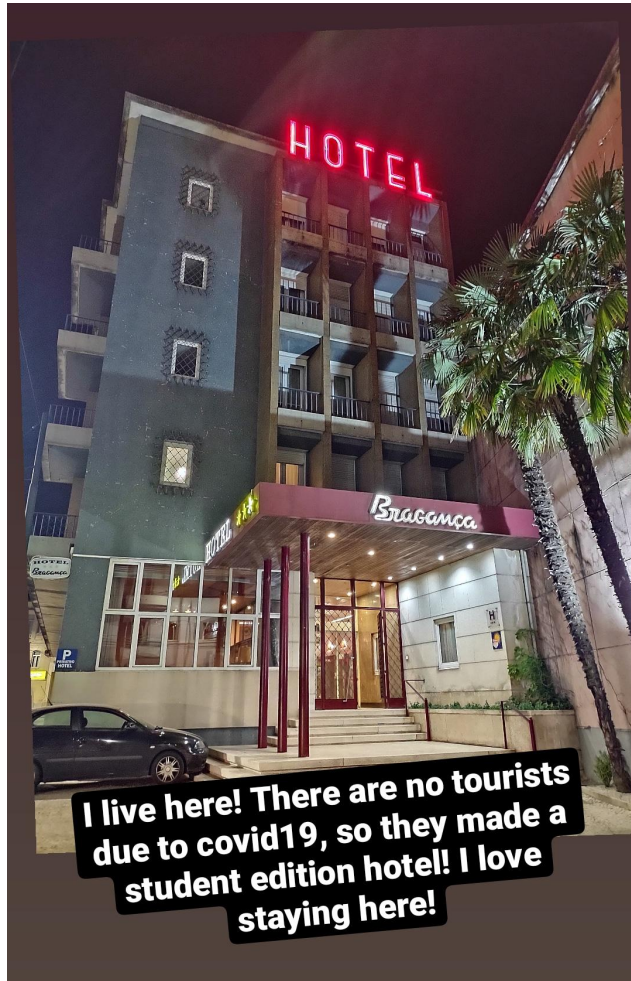




**I want to show some of what I
have experienced in Coimbra...**

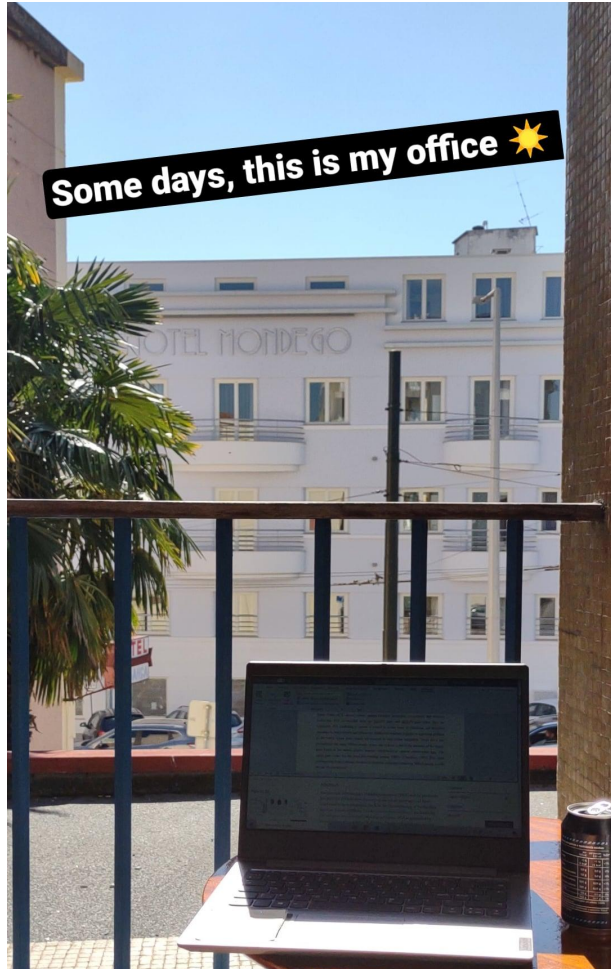


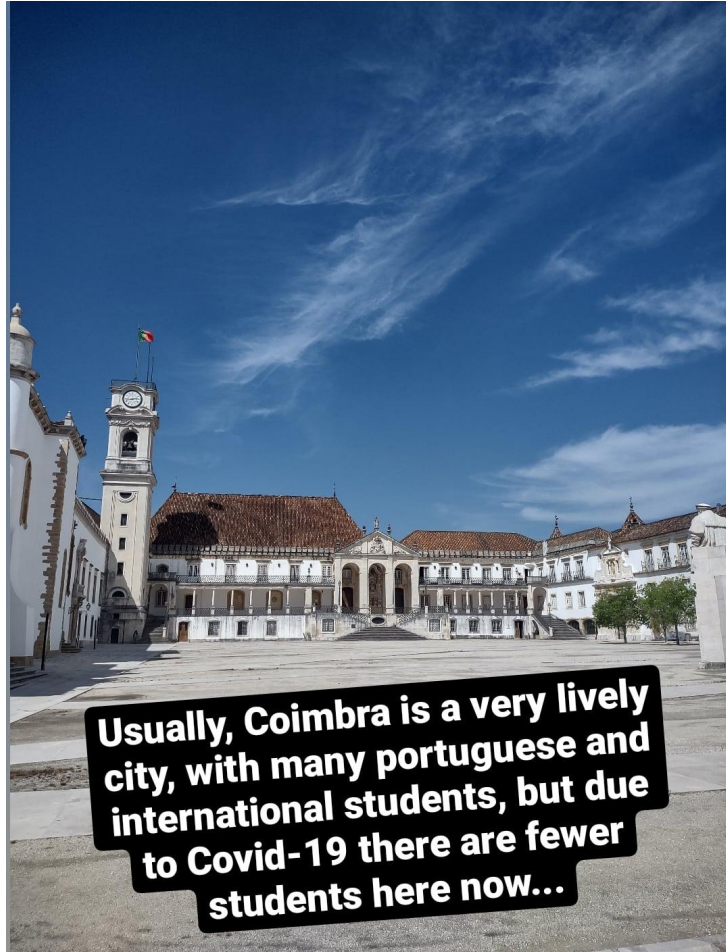
...this view for example!



I live here! There are no tourists due to covid19, so they made a student edition hotel! I love staying here!

Some days, this is my office 🌟





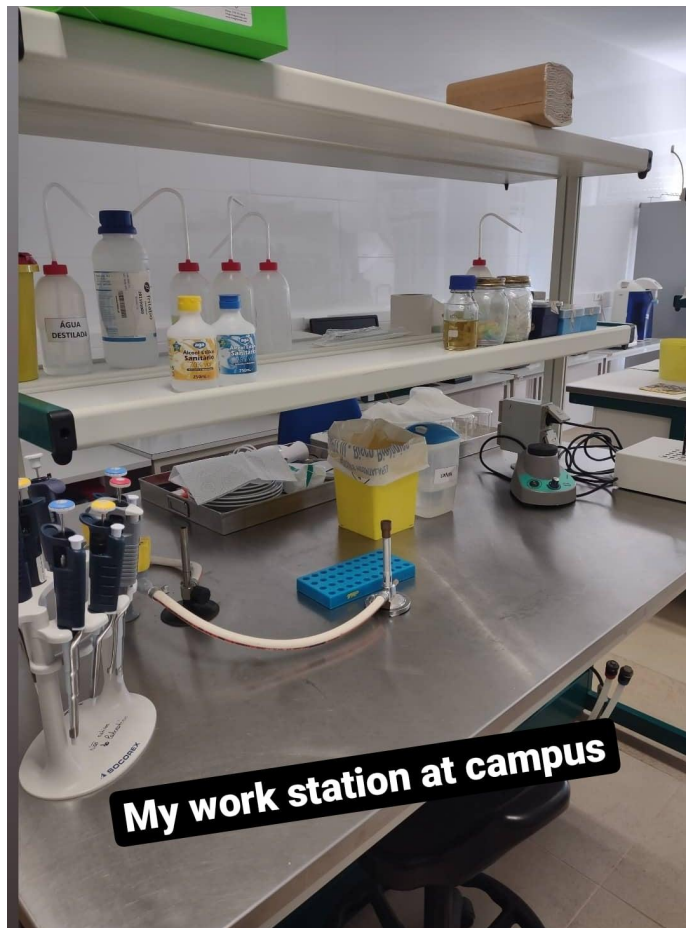
Usually, Coimbra is a very lively city, with many portuguese and international students, but due to Covid-19 there are fewer students here now...

**The University of Coimbra is
really beautiful!!**



This is my school! Not as picturesque perhaps? 🙄





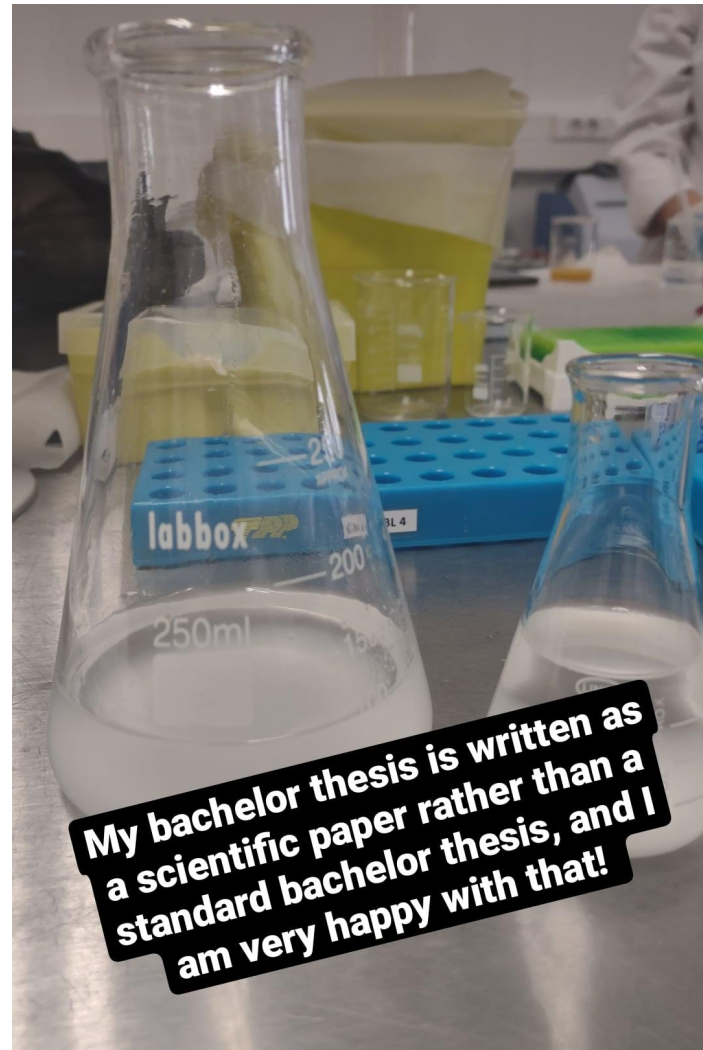
My work station at campus



Laboratory life 🥰

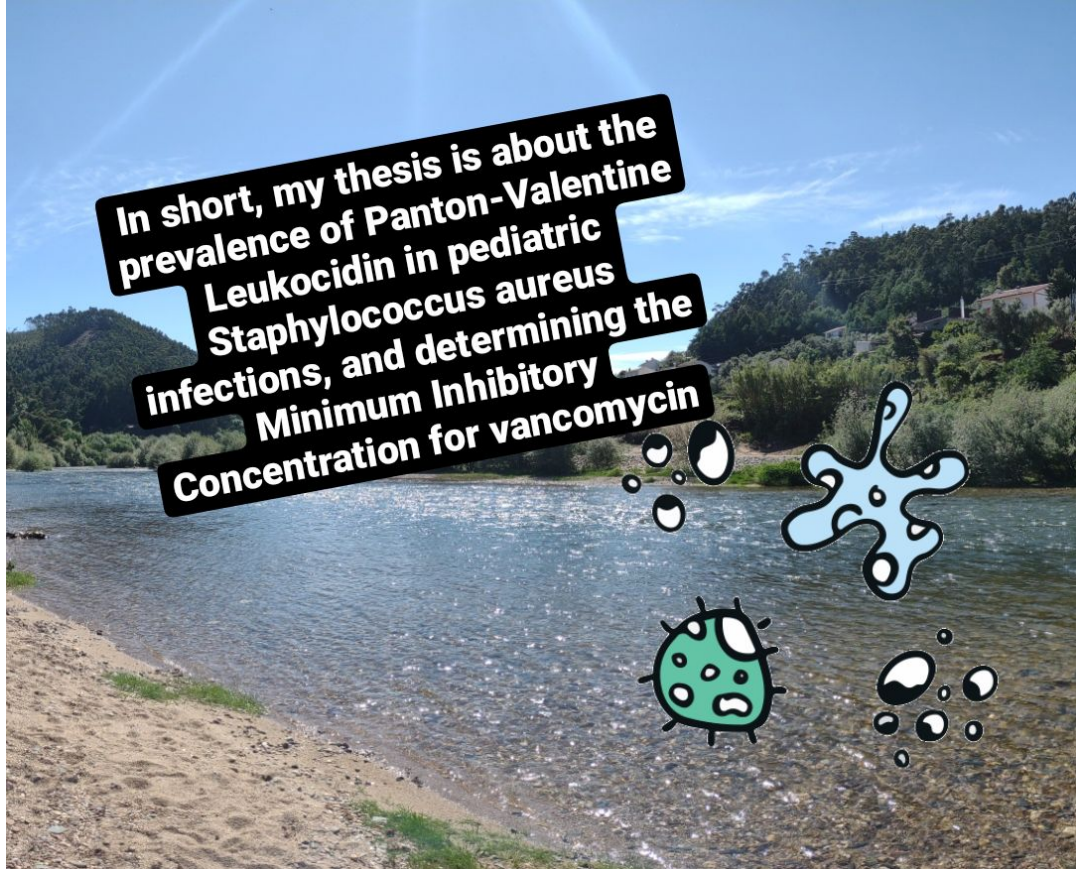


**My super smart, kind and cool
professor Nádia!**



My bachelor thesis is written as a scientific paper rather than a standard bachelor thesis, and I am very happy with that!

In short, my thesis is about the prevalence of Panton-Valentine Leukocidin in pediatric Staphylococcus aureus infections, and determining the Minimum Inhibitory Concentration for vancomycin





The beautiful *Staphylococcus aureus*





...but sometimes it is like this



Portuguese breakfast: Pastel de nata and galão



This really nice merceria is just a few blocks from where I live, and here I buy wine, fruits and local cheese!

It is easy to get friends! I initiated a hike to Conimbriga through an Erasmus group on Whatsapp, and many Erasmus students joined me 😁



**Hiking with people from all over
the world!**



**One weekend, we went to
Peniche to surf!**



**Some hours on the bus, and we
are in Porto!**





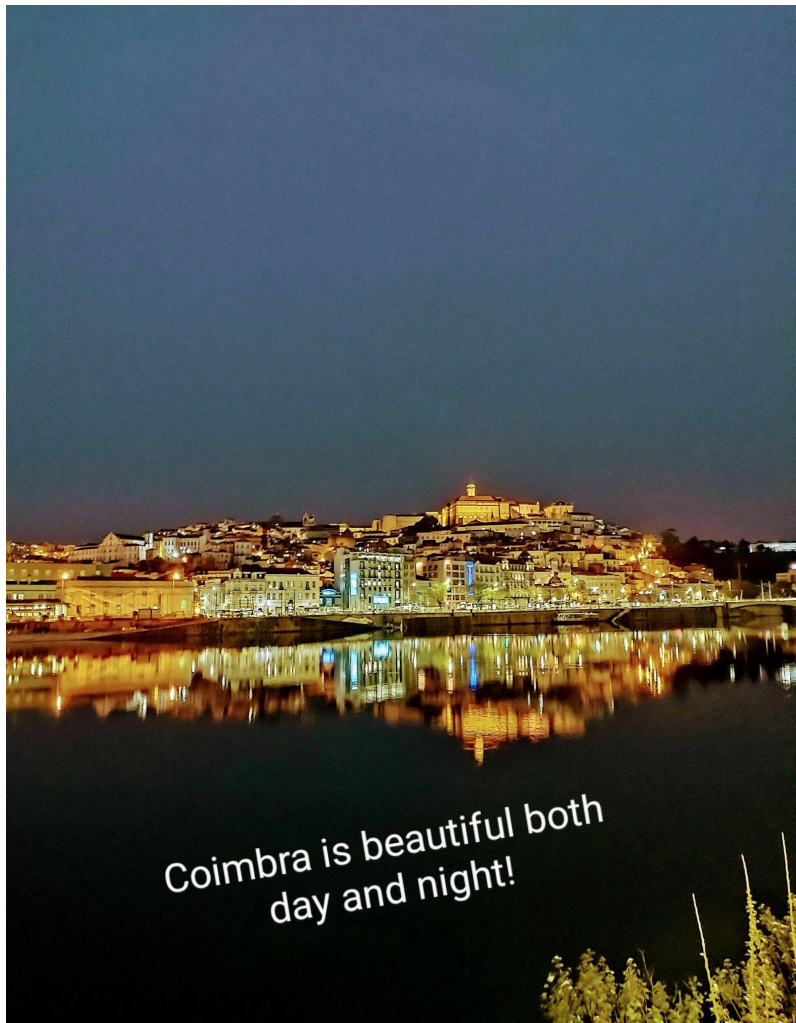
**Port wine tasting in Douro valley
with new friends!**



The perfect place for a coffee

**A refreshing bath in Rio
Mondego** 





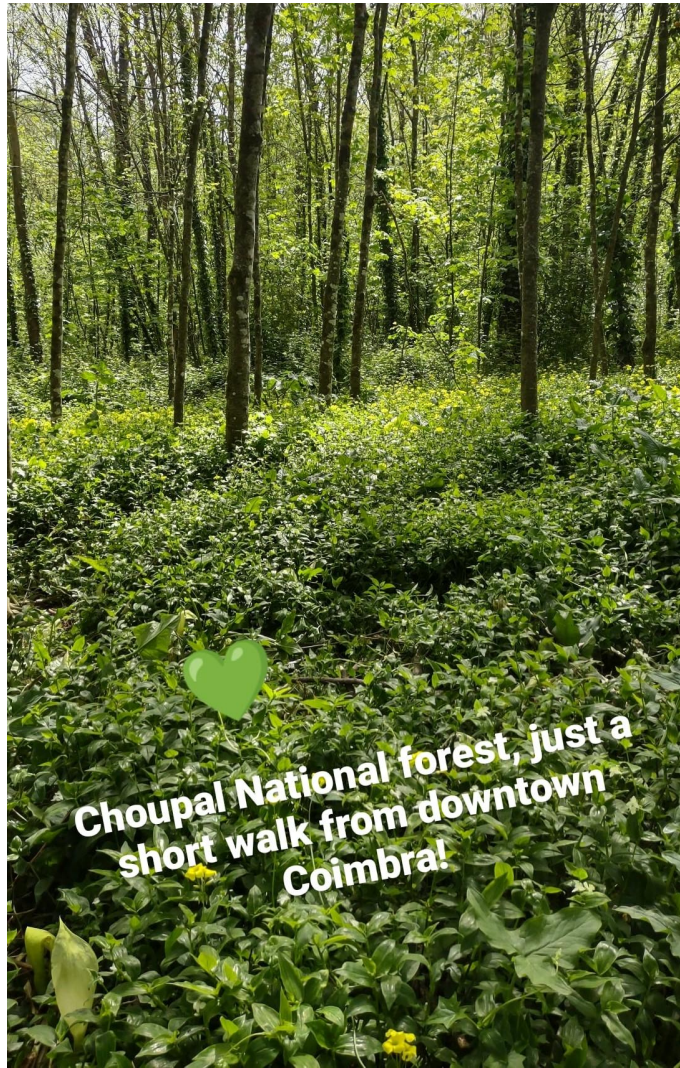
Coimbra is beautiful both
day and night!

Coimbra at night ❤️





Dinner time: Best ice cream in the city!



**Choupal National forest, just a
short walk from downtown
Coimbra!**



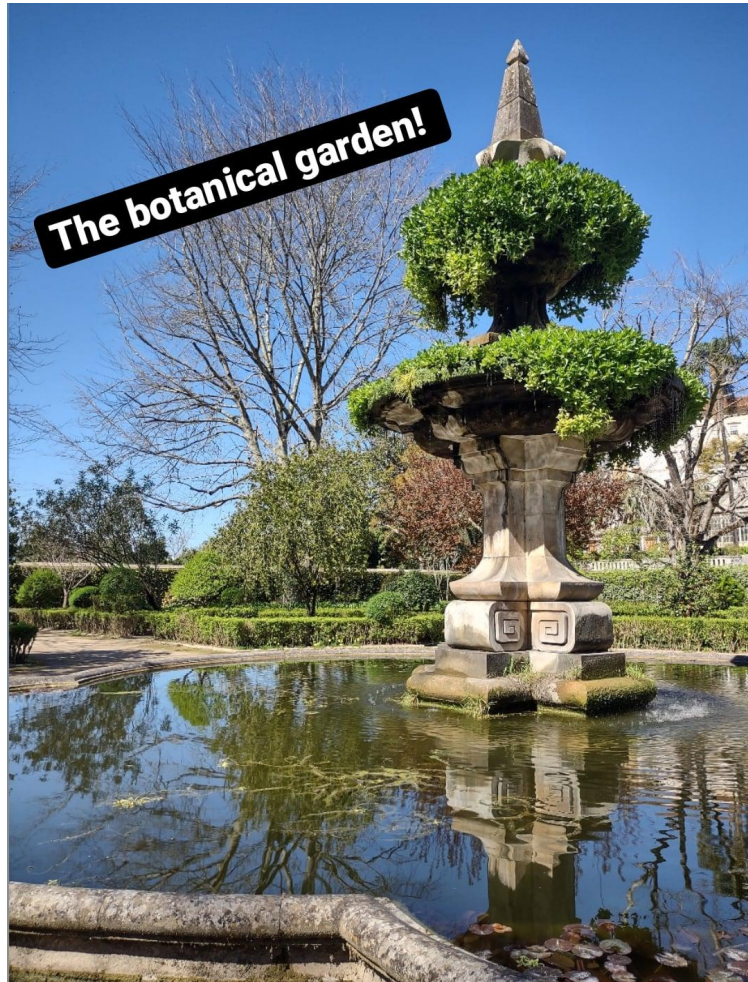
This is my regular supplier of...



...sandwich de leiteão ❤️

A day at the river beach





The botanical garden!



I love this shop!



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Høgskulen
på Vestlandet

**Prevalence of Panton-Valentine Leucocidin
in *S. aureus* causing paediatric infections in
Portugal**

Maria Helene Skauge Knoph

**It's finished! With a lot of help
and guidance from my professor
Nádia!**

Coimbra, 28th of May 2021

A little celebration trip to Aveiro

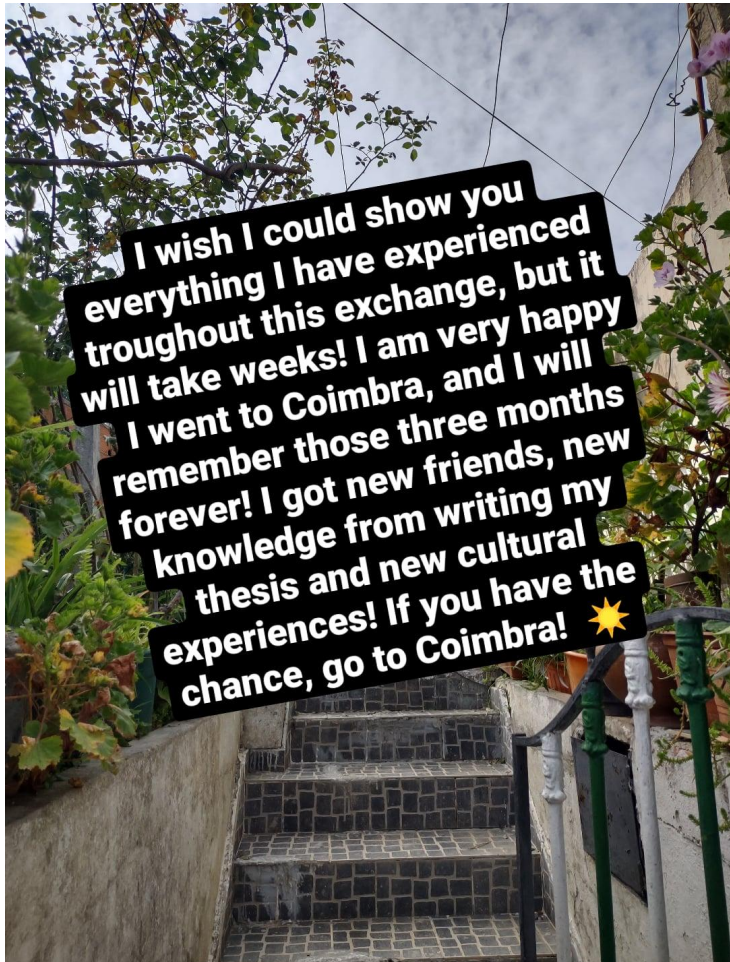


I will miss you, Coimbra!





Last stop: A week in Lisbon 😊



**I wish I could show you
everything I have experienced
throughout this exchange, but it
will take weeks! I am very happy
I went to Coimbra, and I will
remember those three months
forever! I got new friends, new
knowledge from writing my
thesis and new cultural
experiences! If you have the
chance, go to Coimbra! ✨**

