

*EASTER  
MARKET,  
HAMBURG*



# PLACE OF WORK

I was lucky to become part of the team - Merimieskirkko, the mission is deeply rooted in the welfare and support of seafarers and their families. Founded in 1884, Merimieskirkko has been a beacon of hope and assistance for Finnish seafarers, offering a range of services that cater to their unique needs. But now they are trying to preserve the Finnish community in Germany, this remains a safe space for Finns.

Furthermore, Merimieskirkko is actively involved in advocacy efforts to promote the rights and welfare of seafarers globally. They work closely with maritime organizations, governments, and other stakeholders to address issues such as fair labor practices, safety at sea, and the prevention of exploitation and abuse of seafarers.



# OUR WORK

My team worked there for 10 days, we prepared the church for the Easter fair, helped with visualization of the shelves, cleaned and even made decorations for the holiday. Probably the most difficult thing was to arrange all the products, because many factors need to be taken into account (popularity, product relevance, customer orientation). In the future, this helped a lot in sales.



BEFORE



AFTER



example of our work

# DIFFERENCE IN WORK

The attitude towards work in Finland and in Germany has its own specifics, characterized by differences in culture, lifestyle, and economic conditions.

In Finland, like in other Scandinavian countries, there is an appreciation for the balance between work and personal life. Employees usually have the right to have from 1 to 4 breaks. Working in teams and respecting colleagues are also important aspects of work culture.

In Germany, on the other hand, work plays an important role in society, and professional success is often highly valued. Work ethics typically include punctuality, thoroughness, and efficiency. Germany is known for its high productivity and the quality of the products it produces. To achieve it they reduce time of their breaks. These differences were really noticeable during our work.



# PROBLEMS

It's impossible to say that I or my team had any problems during work. We worked quite harmoniously, helped each other and shared advice. However, the difficulty was the German language (I was lucky, I learned it before so it was not difficult for me to speak or understand it), it caused inconvenience to my colleagues, but that's all. Sales were going very well, we did everything to sell as much as possible. Even if customers didn't understand you can always gesticulate, or ask for support from our curators or workers there.

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# WHAT'S NEW

I really really liked the work; honestly, I didn't expect it to be so much fun. I also gained new knowledge and experience. Working at Merimieskirkko in Hamburg offers opportunities to learn about seafaring culture, provide pastoral care and counseling, engage with multicultural communities, support advocacy efforts, improve language skills, participate in cultural events, and gain experience in logistics and operations.

I value this experience and plan to use it further in organizing similar events, since I am part of a group of tutors in Omnia, I know how and where this knowledge can be applied.





# FREE TIME

If you think that you won't have anything to do in Hamburg, you are mistaken. There is a variety of entertainment here, from clubs to art galleries. Wonderful parks for those who like to walk, excellent cafes and restaurants, unusual bars and clubs, and all this at reasonable prices. On my own behalf, I would like to add a recommendation to visit the zoo in Hamburg, it is quite diverse, which even I did not expect.



# HOW YOU CAN REACH US ?

## METHODS 01

We have our instagram where you can see our life/work life, or write for extra information - merimieskirkko\_erasmus



## METHODS 02

I have my own telegram channel where I post some other information ( look for qr code )

## METHODS 03

Merimieskirkko also have instagram, you can check it also - pohjoissaksanmerimieskirkko