

## **“Apprentice ready to go” in Barcelona, Spain**

As part of my training at HAVER & BOECKER, I, Katrin Vollenkemper, completed a four-week internship abroad at our subsidiary HAVER & BOECKER Iberica (HBI) in Spain. My journey began on 16 July 2018 with the flight to Barcelona, the second largest city in Spain. From there I took a taxi directly to the office where my Spanish colleagues gave me a very warm welcome. My work experience during my several weeks working in the technical customer service department of HAVER & BOECKER in Germany made it easier for me to start my internship, because the training period in Spain was quite short.

I was helping with the holiday replacement of a colleague during her vacation in spare parts. My job was to create offers and orders for our Spanish and Portuguese customers. This included communication with colleagues in Germany. Occasional linguistic challenges I mastered well, because my colleagues supported me at any time.

I was able to attend a meeting with all HBI employees analyzing data. In the following cooking class we prepared together a Spanish three-course meal.

After work, I had plenty of time to get to know the city with its many different facets and to do sightseeing. I could relax on the beach, admire the beautiful architecture or watch the city from a mountain. After my four weeks in Barcelona, I visited the country privately and visited the cities of Granada and Madrid, which are also very worth seeing.

I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to gain experience abroad during my apprenticeship. I will definitely take these into my future working life.



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