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I studied abroad because...

I have always wanted the chance to travel the world while in college. Seeing so many other people around me study abroad really inspired me to do it, and I wanted to experience the same opportunities and self growth.

My favorite spot in my host city was...

My favorite place was a restaurant called La Villetta in Testaccio. It was the group's favorite restaurant and it had the best Roman pasta, so we somehow always made it back there!

The weirdest food I tried while abroad was...

Guanciaie (pork cheek)

One cool experience I had abroad was...

When taking our sketchbook class, we got the opportunity to see the Trevi Fountain from the inside looking out, instead of the outside looking in! It was really cool to see the fountain from a whole different perspective.

The most unforgettable thing that happened to me ...

The most unforgettable thing that happened to us was when we were in Tuscany. We had a van scheduled to pick us up at 5:30 in the morning. That van got into a car crash 4 hours before we had to be picked up, so we spent that night trying to call and communicate with random Italian van services to come pick us up in the middle of nowhere.

Ask me about...

Expecting the unexpected, problem solving, managing classes and travel

Something I took away from my time abroad is...

Study abroad gave me way more than I ever thought it would. Thanks to study abroad, I am far more outgoing and I have incredible problem solving skills now! Without this experience, I would not be who I am today.

The most surprising thing about studying abroad is...

Study abroad is not just about taking classes and traveling. It is also about the time spent in the dorm with your friends, all the times you get lost in a foreign country and trying to communicate in an unknown language. The most unlikely of things can be so much fun.

Lastly, I would like to tell you...

Don't be afraid to go abroad without any friends! I actually encourage it. This experience is your own, so don't stop yourself from fully immersing yourself in it. Don't let anyone put a damper on your experience, whether they are at home in America or in your host country with you.