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I studied abroad because...

I wanted to study abroad to challenge myself in a new environment. I also wanted to see what could accomplish when placed completely out of my comfort zone.

My biggest challenge before studying abroad...

My biggest challenge before studying abroad was funding, organizing, and budgeting my finances to ensure that it would be possible and feasible for me.

My favorite spot in my host city was...

My favorite spot in Manchester was the Northern Quarter within its city centre. It was a very hip and trendy place, full of thrift shops, record stores, and really great brunch places. I would get lost in the NQ for hours.

My typical breakfast while abroad...

Definitely a classic English breakfast – two eggs, toast, tomatoes, mushrooms, sausages, and a side of beans. I would definitely recommend!

One cool event I experienced...

I loved going to a Manchester United football game with other exchange students. It was so cool to see how the city comes together for football - there is truly nothing like the Manchester spirit, especially during a football game.

One habit I picked up while abroad...

I've picked up on random British slang, a newfound love for new foods such as curries, and a new obsession for indie music since Manchester is the home to major indie bands like Oasis and the Smiths.

The most surprising thing was...

After my study abroad experience, I was most surprised by how connected I had come to feel towards my host city of Manchester.

Something I took away from my time abroad...

My key takeaway from my experience was the importance of dedicating time to staying in my host city (as opposed to constantly traveling) and how truly rewarding it was to make an authentic life for myself so I felt like a true Mancunian. Saying that it was hard to say good-bye at the end would be a total understatement.

Lastly, I would like to tell you...

Even if all the odds are against you and it seems like it won't be possible to study abroad, trust me when I say, it can happen if you make it happen – it is worth it and I can definitely help!