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## I studied abroad because...

I saw it as a way for me to gain professional experience while traveling and meeting new people.

## My biggest challenge before studying abroad was...

Keeping track of all of the documents/applications for the trip, and making sure I submitted everything on time.

## My typical breakfast abroad was...

I made my classic fried egg sandwich and porridge, with tea.

## My favorite spot in my host city was...

Sitting along the Grand Canal, especially near the financial district.

## The weirdest food I tried while abroad was...

Haggis. Definitely Haggis, a kind of pudding made of sheep heart, liver and lungs...

## One cool experience I had abroad was...

Culture Night, which only happens during the Fall. It is a national event during which museums, galleries, historic buildings, artist's studios and other venues remain open late and for free!

## The strangest or most unforgettable thing that happened to me was...

Honestly, the weirdest thing was how people in Ireland will just say hi to you as you're walking by.

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

I have a newfound sense of intercultural competence. Being fully immersed in a completely new culture allowed me to step out of my own cultural bubble, which is beyond enlightening.

## The most surprising thing about studying abroad is...

I never got homesick, which was surprising since I was over 4,000 miles away from home for over 3 months.

## Lastly, I would like to tell you...

You can read all about other people's experiences abroad, but there is no way to fully grasp just how life changing it is just by reading words. It's something that only you can understand once you've experienced it yourself.