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I studied abroad because...

I wanted to expand my cultural competence and experience living in a foreign country.

My biggest challenge BEFORE studying abroad ...

My biggest challenge before studying abroad was knowing I would be far away from my family and really without my primary support system nearby. This was difficult to face, but ultimately made me grow and develop as a person..

My favorite spot in my host city was...

The Trevi Fountain--It is absolutely breath-taking and awe-inspiring. Most any time you go, it's packed with people. However, late at night, or really early in the morning, there is no one there. It becomes the most beautiful and serene place to sit and think about anything and everything.

The weirdest food I tried while abroad was...

Snails

My typical breakfast while abroad ...

Chocolate croissant and a cappuccino.

One cool event that I got to experience abroad ...

I witnessed Barcelona declare independence from Spain by shooting off a cannon randomly and then saw everyone get together and protest/celebrate.

One unforgettable thing that I got to experience abroad ...

Having a french man threaten me and my roommate with jail-time or a \$2,000 fine simply because we forgot to validate our bus tickets the day we arrived.

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

Every day and every person teaches us something we otherwise would have never known.

The most surprising thing about studying abroad is...

I was surprised how willing strangers to talk to you and help you.

Lastly, I would like to tell you...

The opportunity to study abroad is a once in a lifetime, unique experience that is a catalyst to your personal growth and differentiates you as a person in the workforce.