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I studied abroad because...

I wanted to study abroad because it is the perfect time to! You can learn so many important skills and qualities like independence, adaptability, initiative, confidence, and time management in a new way outside of your comfort zone. It is also a great opportunity to take part in an internship in a different country at the same time as taking classes.

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My biggest challenge before studying abroad was deciding which program to go on. But by learning more about Ireland's culture, beautiful views, academic and professional opportunities, and rich history, I was set!

My favorite spot in my host city was...

I loved traveling around the city to different cafes! Every coffee shop was very unique in their own style, food they offer, and overall atmosphere. Cafes like Accents was very brightly colored, fun, and a travel the world theme while Oolong right next door was very elegant, royal palace theme, with gold wallpaper and chandeliers.

The weirdest food I tried while abroad was...

Lamb & Guinness Stew

One cool experience I had abroad was...

I loved hiking the Cliffs of Moher and Connemara National Park! It was absolutely amazing to see beautiful views from the cliffs to the ocean to spectacular mountains all at once!

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

My boss invited all the interns to a conference at the Google Dublin Headquarters. It was a great opportunity to come together with other professionals to learn how we can improve our marketing efforts within Google Analytics and Adwords.

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

Say yes to everything you can, but still do your research beforehand. Whether it is planning a weekend trip or just exploring new parts of the city, do as much as you can!

The most surprising thing about studying abroad is...

I was surprised that you can be in a giant city with hundreds of thousands of people one minute and then 30 minutes away be the only one hiking on the side of a cliff with gorgeous views of the ocean and mountains while not seeing a person in sight.

Lastly, I would like to tell you...

Appreciate everyday you are abroad! Write in a journal, take a bunch of photos, create a video blog. These stories, experiences, and friendships will last a lifetime!