

# Vincent Trang – Exchange in Manchester, England

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## I studied abroad because...

Before Manchester, my life was stagnant and predictable. I needed a change and I needed to understand myself better. The best way was to be immersed in a new environment in a different culture I admired.

## My biggest challenge before studying abroad...

Convincing myself that I really could study abroad. I'm a first generation college student and I don't come from a wealthy background, so it took a bit of research to realize I can afford to study abroad and tailor it my own way.

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

Piccadilly Gardens. It's a really beautiful area, especially on a rare, sunny day. It's my favorite place because it was a short bus ride away and it was where my friends and I did most of our shopping and good-food hunting.

## The weirdest food I had while abroad...

Eggplant on Pizza in Madrid, Spain

## One cool thing that happened...

I got the opportunity to attend Ariana Grande's One Love concert in Manchester.

## The most unforgettable thing that happened...

Snowboarding for the first time in Madrid, Spain - absolutely unforgettable!

## The most surprising thing was...

How easily friendships can be made while traveling. For instance, I became friends with one of my roommates at my hostel in Rome and we became such great friends that I met up with her again in Paris.

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

When you go abroad, set some goals for yourself, whether it's to find the best food or discovering what type of art style you enjoy, and be prepared to achieve some of them yet remain open to meeting new people and trying new things because some of the best things in the world happen unexpectedly.

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

If you're considering study abroad, especially Manchester, definitely reach out to me, we could grab lunch or something and I can better explain my study abroad experience at Manchester and share all the advice that I have.