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I studied abroad because...

I wanted to experience something unlike anything I ever had before.

A typical meal I had while studying abroad was...

a *jianbing*, which is kind of like a rolled up Chinese crepe with egg and chicken, and some green tea.

My favorite spot in my host city was...

a restaurant across the street from the dorms that served the best dumplings I've ever had.

One cool event I got to experience while abroad was...

attending a welcome banquet for the German ambassador to China at the German embassy in Beijing.

The most memorable experience for me while abroad was...

watching the sunrise over the Great Wall of China.

Something I took away from my time abroad:

We are heavily shaped by the environment we grow up in, more so than we realize. Traveling to experience other cultures, especially ones very different from our own, is critical for us to be able to open our eyes and understand more of the world, but also to understand that at the end of the day, we are all just human.

What surprised me most about study abroad was...

how I got to meet lots of people from so many countries other than China.

My last bit of advice:

Having meaningful experiences in other countries completely changes your worldview. Studying abroad is the best decision you can make in college.