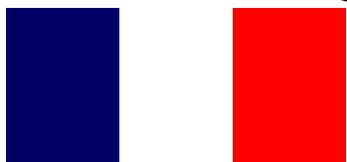


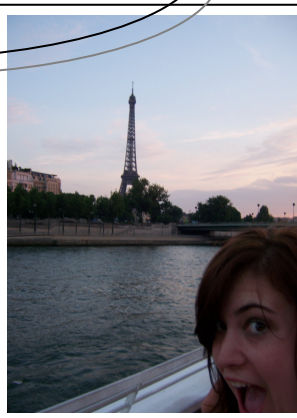


# ***Knightly Adventures Abroad***

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**Advice to future study abroad participants: Remember that each culture had its similarities and differences. It is important to keep an open mind and be patient with the differences.**



**Complete this Sentence: If I could do it over, I would...plan my days better in order to see all that I want to see.**

**Majors: FLIS and Economics**

**Years/Term Abroad: Summer 2006**

**Name of program and why you chose it:  
I chose the KIIS France I program because I wanted to spend five weeks in Paris and fulfill some general education requirements.**

**Describe the Housing Situation:  
I stayed in a dorm setting. There were four people to a room with a bathroom and a shower.**

**Best Memory:  
I enjoyed walking around at a food market and talking to the vendors in French.**

**How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? I am no longer just learning facts, but how to learn and interact on a global scale.**

**Greatest Challenge: When I wanted to go out into the city, but knowing that I still had homework due the next day.**

**Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock:  
A person can be in a restaurant easily for two hours. Courses are spread out, and you normally have to ask the waiter for the check or you are waiting a long time after the plates have been cleared.**

**What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad:  
If you do not want to look like an American tourist, do not wear shorts or white tennis shoes.**

**Being in a foreign country is exciting and nerve-racking at the same time. Nevertheless, every moment in that country has a purpose that will contribute to a person's life.**