

Knightly Adventures Abroad

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Summer Field School in Peru



Complete this Sentence:
If I could do it over, I
would... use more
sunscreen!

Major(s): Psychology,
Sociology

Years/Term Abroad: Summer 2014

Name of program and why you chose it: I chose the Peru Summer Field School because I have always wanted to learn more about the Incas and was curious to get to know the culture in Peru.

Describe the Housing Situation: We spent most of the time in Hotels or Hostels, but the most rewarding experience were the homestays with Peruvian families.

Best Memory: To go milk the Cows with my host family early in the morning. It was great to join in on their everyday activities and get a sense of the way they live.

How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? I learn a ton about the interactions between environment and culture.

Greatest Challenge: The climate. Up high in the mountains near the equator, the extremes are incredible.

Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: I had to get used to not seeing any llamas around me anymore when I got back to the States.

What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad: How many different kinds of potatoes there are and what all you can do with them.

Peru is a fascinating country, with great biodiversity, amazingly rich cultural heritage, and wonderful and welcoming people!