

Knighly Adventures Abroad

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Advice to future study abroad participants:
Take full advantage of all opportunities while abroad. You will likely never have these unique opportunities again!



If I could do it over again, I would save more money and make weekend plans ahead of time!

Major(s): Elementary Education, Special Education

Years/Term Abroad: Sophomore Spring 2014

Name of program and why you chose it:

Universität Graz

The Alps are amazing and the town is filled with history. Graz has a little bit of everything and is the perfect place for the adventurous!

Describe the Housing Situation:

The housing is spread throughout the city and international students are housed together. I shared a kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom with one other international student.

Best Memory: I enjoyed every moment spent in the mountains. There are some amazing lakes situated right in the Alps, which are a must see!

How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? This experience has given me a whole new perspective of another culture as well as America.

Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: Culture shock was most present while grocery shopping both in Austria and after returning from Austria. Deciding on meals and reading or not reading food labels was challenging.

What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad: I now know that there's much more out in the world than what's contained in the United States. I've learned how much I love traveling and enjoying the beauty on this earth.

“Instead of studying the pages of a text book and memorizing the adventures of others, I walked through those cities and lived the stories for myself.”