

Knighly Adventures Abroad

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If I could do it over, I would... have stayed longer.



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Advice to future study abroad participants: Never say no. Take advantage of every opportunity so you don't return and think, "I wish I did that..."



Last destination: Lisbon, Portugal

Major(s): Business Administration & Communications

Years/Term Abroad: Summer

Name of program and why you chose it:
GloLinks Learning Abroad- It offered internships abroad, which was different than most programs. I was immediately intrigued and knew it would be something that would really set me apart from others.

Describe the Housing Situation:
I lived in an apartment in the middle of the city with six girls for seven weeks.

Best Memory:
It is far too difficult to choose just one memory that's the "best memory". The entire experience is now one of the best memories of my life. I can look back on the trip and reminisce through my thousands of pictures and blog.

How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience?
The experience I had will not only help me in future classes, but also in future careers. The internship abroad proved that a career in sports marketing is what I am truly meant to do.

Greatest Challenge:
Working the international fútbol tournament was exhilarating, but also challenging. Fourteen countries were represented, half of which spoke only English. I had to adapt to a slew of cultures, be the contact for the English-speaking teams and translate more than I slept... It was overwhelming, but completely worth it.

Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock:
Spain is VERY relaxed. When they tell you to meet at 9 AM and they don't arrive until 9:40 AM, they will say, "It's still 9!"

What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad:
How easy it really is to travel around Europe. Already planning my next trip!

"You do not realize how traveling overseas is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity until you experience it for yourself. No trip will ever be exactly the same, which is why it is so addicting. I traveled to places I never thought I would visit such as Portugal. I did things I never thought I would do like cliff dive and kayak through the Spanish mountains. There is so much to learn not only about the world, but also about yourself."