

Study Abroad Student Profiles



Name:

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Age:

28

Major:

Hospitality Management

Academic Level:

Senior at UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Where did you study abroad and what semester?

Australia at the University Of Canberra, Spring semester 2020

Why did you pick this location?

It was my second option. I wanted to explore something different from the choices of all the countries that I think about visiting before I leave this earth.

What were your expectations?

Did the trip meet those expectations and what did not? My expectation was to feel comfortable and see how another side of the world use the hospitality Management Industry. Yes, the trip met my expectations, from my arrival at the

airport I started to experience the Australian brand of hospitality I was looking forward to.

What did you like most about your student abroad experience?

I liked the fact that besides exploring and being exposed to another country. I got exposed to other nations since I spent a lot of time with different individuals from other countries and continents from around the world.

What were some of your challenges?

My challenges were adjusting quickly to the difference in education.

Have you grown from this experience, if so in what way?

I have grown spiritually, emotionally, personally, and professionally.

Would you study abroad again, where would you go?

I would study abroad again if I get another opportunity. I would go to my first option England and compare and explore the differences between both locations.

Do you think this experience will help you with your future academic or career goals?

If so, how?

Yes, this experience will help me a lot with my academic goals. As far as my career goals continue to remain open-minded while remaining professional and being willing to understand diversity and embrace the beauty and strengths it represents.

What pointers or advice would you give to another students planning to study abroad?

Be confident, be open-minded, remain positive throughout the whole process from the time you prepare to go until the time you return, as well as being ready to face some challenges. Remember that when you experience hard challenges it helps you grow, and more positive things come out of it in the long run instead of if the experience was easy.

Would you study abroad or travel internationally again? Where would you go?

I am always traveling internationally so I will continue to do so. I want to explore at least one country in every continent. I want to go to Nigeria, France, United Arab Emirates, Colombia, Cambodia, and many other countries.