

Study Abroad Spotlight

Former Student



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“Studying abroad is the easiest, most affordable, and potentially most rewarding way of completely immersing yourself into a new world-and believe me, immersion is what you want, anything less than that would be a disservice to you and others.”

Q: What have you been up to since you graduated from WSU?

A: Since I've graduated from WSU, I've moved across the pond to Europe, married my Swiss girlfriend with whom I fell in love with while studying in Spain, learned two more languages (French and German), kicked a** at a Startup, had a beautiful baby, and moved to Kauai, the most remote island of the most isolated island chains in the world. There have been ups and downs, but in five years, I've done more than I ever would have imagined. Studying abroad was the best decision of my life, period, no questions asked, hands down, absolutely. True Fact.

Q: What advice do you have for current shockers who are thinking about studying abroad?

A: If you're on the fence about studying abroad, I can only say that the way I've chosen to live happily is by letting go of my fears, embracing ALL of what life is offering me, and not to accept the common wisdom. I'm happier than I could ever have imagined. What are you afraid of? Trust me, it's going to be okay.

