

## What's the best advice you can give future students to maximize their experience abroad?

"Go out into the world...with SMALL groups or pairs. If you stay inside or if you stay in a large group, there's almost no opportunity to get to know the people. My friend and I spent most of our free time with just the two of us and we met more people, made friends with the locals, were more versatile with our time and travels, and could do things on a whim."

"Write it all down. Don't just do your class work. Keep a journal, a blog, something, anything to document what you're taking in."

"Take every experience available. Go outside your comfort zone and do things you normally wouldn't. The time goes by so quickly so make the most of it."

"I think it's important to be aware of yourself and your group mates. Know when it is okay to be loud and when it is not. Learn to read what other people are perceiving of your group."

"Remove any preconceptions and let your experiences flow naturally so that you will get the most out of your trip."

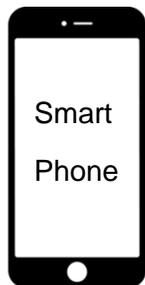
## What items did you not bring that you wish you had?

- Water bottle w/ filter
- Good walking shoes
- Jacket
- Over the counter meds

## What items did you pack and NOT need while abroad?

- Pack lighter
- Too many clothes
- laptop
- Swim suit
- Workout gear

## Which devices would you recommend others take in the future?



## Most common ways to communicate with family and friends back home:

#1. Through WiFi-enabled smart phones apps

- Skype
- Whatsapp
- iMessage

#2. International calling/text plan with U.S. cell phone carrier

# Landscape Architecture

*"The program really offers a unique and complex understanding of the practice of landscape architecture from the perspective of the countries visited."*

## Approximately how much did you spend out of pocket during the program (in USD)?

| Answer  | Max Value | Average Value |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| Communication (cell phone, Internet charges, etc.): | 140.00    | 25.00         |
| Food:   | 2,000.00  | 930.00        |
| Going out/free time:                                | 400.00    | 155.00        |
| Other:  | 400.00    | 40.00         |
| Personal travel/excursions:                         | 300.00    | 66.00         |
| Program related travel/excursions:                  | 500.00    | 94.00         |
| Required books/supplies:                            | 150.00    | 58.00         |
| Souvenirs/gifts:                                    | 400.00    | 240.00        |

## What advice do you have for students to budget and spend money wisely?

"Pull money out of the ATM and set aside some money to leave at the residence and some for spending money that day."

"Identify the tiers of food as super cheap, average, and fancy so that you can experience the cuisine when and how you want."

"Keep track of what you are spending. Use cash when possible."

"You don't need to eat out at a restaurant every day or twice a day. Find a grocery store - even if you don't have a kitchen, they usually have sandwiches or other snacks that will get you through the day."

## How did you pay for things on a daily basis?

1. Cash (withdrawn from local ATM/bank from US bank account)
2. Credit Cards/Debit Cards
3. Cash (exchanged from US currency)

## What credit cards were most accepted?

