

# Selfies around the World (basically just France)

France Study Abroad

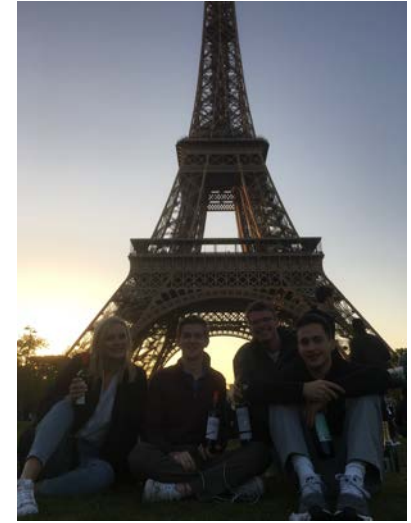
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# Preface

- I believe we talked about this before, but one of the requirements of this study abroad was that I had to send a “selfie a day” to my family while in France. As a result, I managed to accrue a large amount of pictures of myself in front of various scenes and backgrounds during our time here.
- Full disclosure, there are just going to be some group or posed pics in here that aren’t “selfies” but I think they belong just the same.



Paris

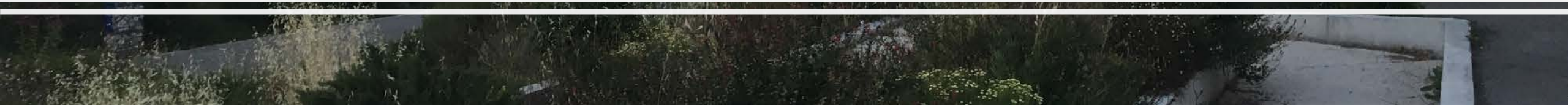


# Thoughts on Paris

- Paris was amazing for a variety of reasons. We had the opportunity to go and really get a chance to see everything we wanted to. I think it was the perfect amount of time spent there. Furthermore, since I used to live there, it was awesome getting to go back to the park I used to go to as a kid and kind of revisit everything. I didn't remember a lot of it, but the stuff I did remember was really cool.



Aix-en-Provence





# Thoughts on Aix-en-Provence

- We had the opportunity to stay here for an extended amount of time and it was pretty awesome. The town was awesome and there is so much to do here. The only negative was the amount of walking we did to get anywhere. However, we did manage to find some cool restaurants (La Casa Pizzeria) and since we went enough times the owner knew us and was very friendly.





Marseille

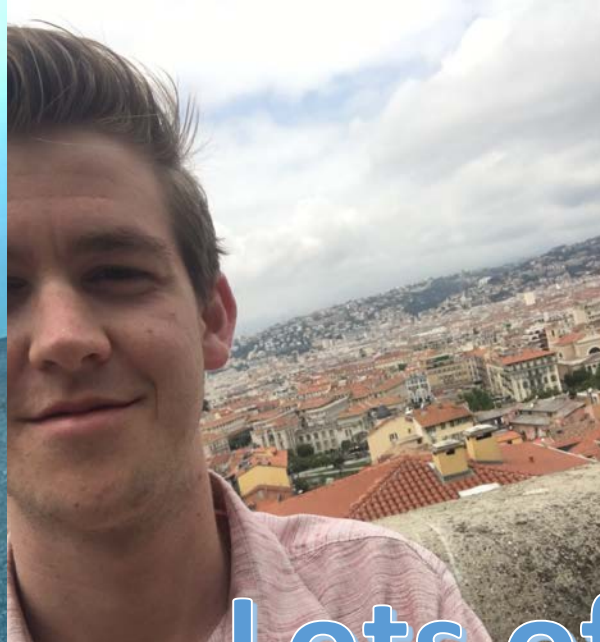


# Thoughts on Marseille

- Marseille was okay. I enjoyed learning about the history and the greeks, however aside from that, the only really cool parts were being right next to the ocean and the view from the church.



Nice



# Lots of Selfies





# Thoughts on Nice

- Alright so Nice was really incredible. The beaches were beautiful and Old Town was really neat. Additionally, the view from the chateaux was equally as amazing.
- I thought that I wouldn't like the beaches being primarily rock, however I came to realize that it was honestly a huge perk, because you could walk/sit/lay on the beach without feeling totally gross from all the sand sticking on you.



Geneva





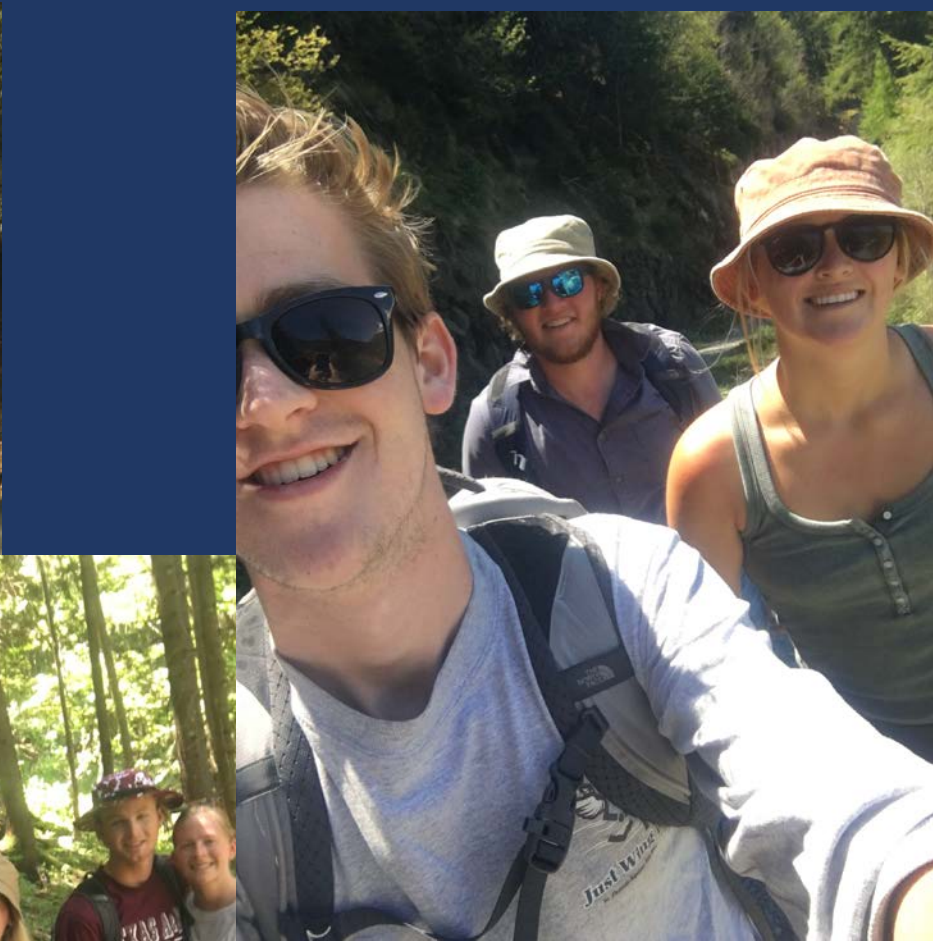
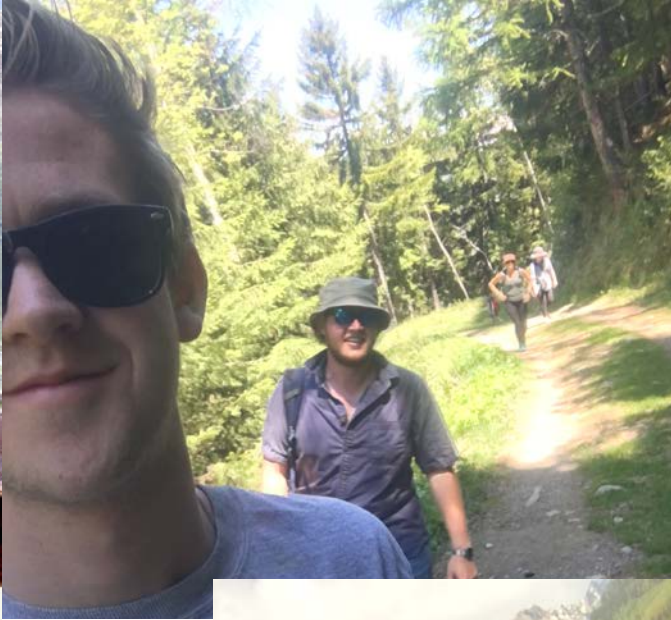
# Thoughts on Geneva

- I think that Geneva was really beautiful and would have been one of my top places we went, however we arrived on Ascension Day and apparently everything closes on that day. So, we really only go to hang out by the lake, which was also incredibly beautiful, so it wasn't exactly a bad thing. We rented a boat and went out on the water and that was a great experience, the water was so blue and the mountains surrounding the city was really cool to look at.



Chamonix







# Thoughts on Chamonix

- This is the one you've been waiting for. Hands down, Chamonix is one of my favorite places I have been, ever. The town was just amazing, being in a valley it was great to just see mountains wherever you looked. Additionally there is just so much to do there regardless of the season. We did two really awesome hikes (see next slide for excessive selfies) and then walked the town, and just experienced the outdoors. Additionally, we went paragliding which was an experience for sure. The view from the top was incredible and I would 100% recommend it to anyone. I could talk forever about Chamonix so I will have to end it here. No matter what though, I will be back.



Cassis





# Thoughts on Cassis

- Cassis was great. The boat ride was really fun, even though I got soaked up at the front. The beach was cool too, though the cold water mixed with the wind made going swimming a bit tough.



# Verdon Gorge



# Thoughts on Verdon Gorge

- Verdon Gorge was beautiful. The bus ride was okay, but the best part was going on the paddleboat in the lake/river. The water and views from down there were just insane. At this point I am running out of adjectives to describe everywhere we've been and what we've seen, but Verdon Gorge is also a place I would love to go back to. There is something special about that super blue glacial water.

# Final Thoughts

- This has been an incredible trip and an incredible opportunity and I am very glad I had the chance to come. We had the chance to really get a good taste of France and Europe as a whole and that was pretty neat.
- Thank you Paco.