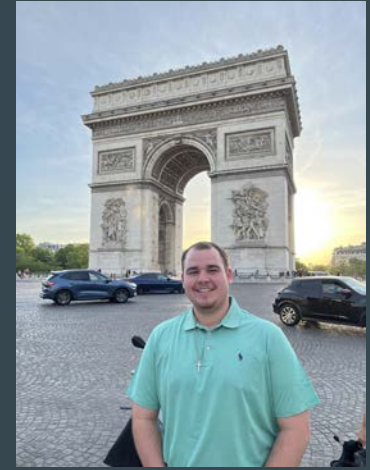


(A&M)² Study Abroad

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Paris

- Our trip started off in Paris with days of sightseeing. Being able to see a very unique city was an experience I was extremely happy to be apart of.
 - Early on we had to learn how to navigate around using a foreign language. Walking around and exploring Paris with people I had only met hours earlier felt strange, but before long I had already started to make friendships with everyone!



Paris

- The Eiffel Tower at night, Versailles, Notre Dame, and countless other places within the city were truly captivating.
 - The River Boat Tour we took on the last night in Paris was my favorite part of Paris. Seeing the city lit up with a great group of people was the best way to wrap up our time in Paris. It also made me excited for the time ahead with everyone!



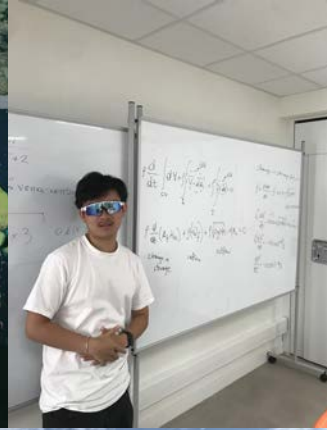
Normandy and Brittany

- Seeing the Normandy Beaches and Pointe Du Hoc was an awe-inspiring sight, one that I know I will never forget, and was fortunate enough to write an article about for Texas A&M while on this trip!
 - <https://ingenium.engr.tamu.edu/my-normandy-study-abroad-experience/>
- St. Malo was my favorite town to stay in. The beautiful walled city sat alongside the beaches of the English Channel, and proved to be relaxing for most of us with excellent cuisine!
- Mont Saint-Michel was a wonderful sight to see and a must do for that region!



Aix-en-Provence and Marseille

- School sadly ended what felt like our Travel Abroad into a study abroad, but we still found time to hangout and visit the neighboring town of Marseille
 - Aix was a great town for classes, as it wasn't as large as some of the cities we had been visiting, but still had many things to see and do throughout our time there.



Cannes

- For our 3 Day weekend, a large group of us decided to go to the Mediterranean Beach town of Cannes in the French Riviera.
 - We happened to choose the weekend of the world renowned Film Festival to visit the town, which ended up adding to the experience, as we got to see the red carpet up close.

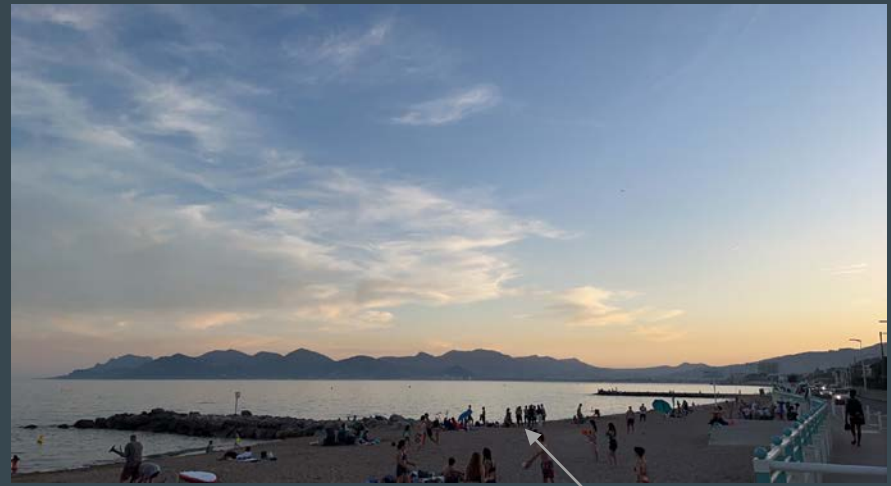


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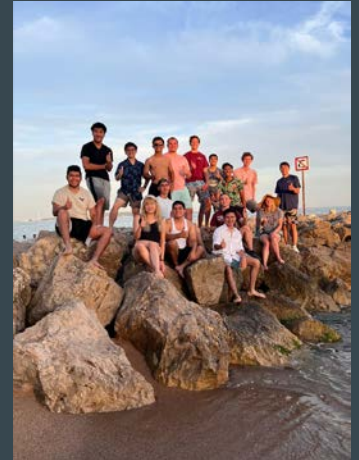


Cannes

- Being at super blue beaches with many friends and exploring the town and nearby islands was a blast the entire time, and one I will love looking back on!



Our group on the beach



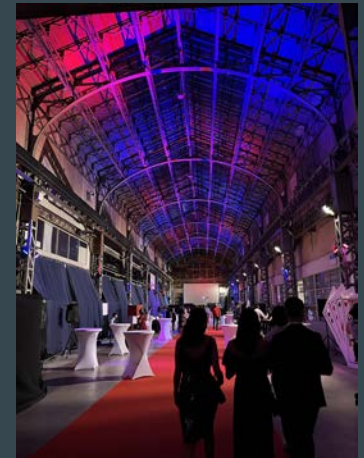
Calanques and Verdon Gorge

- The top two places by far in Southern France! I thoroughly enjoyed visiting here, kayaking with everyone between tight rocks, swimming in crystal clear water, and taking a boat to many of the Calanques.
 - Everyone laughing and enjoying themselves at these places made it even more memorable with great stories to look back on and to share



Gala

- A great night and one of the highlights of the trip, the Gala turned out to be a super fun night with music, dancing, and good food!
- What felt like a miniature rave in the middle of the college where we had our classes in, the area had transformed into a festival to celebrate all the of the students, past and present



London

- For the 4 day weekend, 3 of us decided to go to London the weekend after the Jubilee and see what all the city had to offer.
 - Being able to speak English with many people there allowed me to enjoy London much more than many of the cities we had gone to.
 - This was mainly because I could talk and understand what the locals do.
- This trip to London was a big check off my bucket list, and ended up being a major highlight for myself.



London

- On the last night we attended the play King Lear, written by Shakespeare at the Shakespeare Globe.
 - To me it was a great way to end the trip, as the play was amazing and very entertaining.
 - The play ended right at sunset, which gave us some great views of the skyline of London
- Overall I had an amazing time here, and hope to one day come back to see more!

