

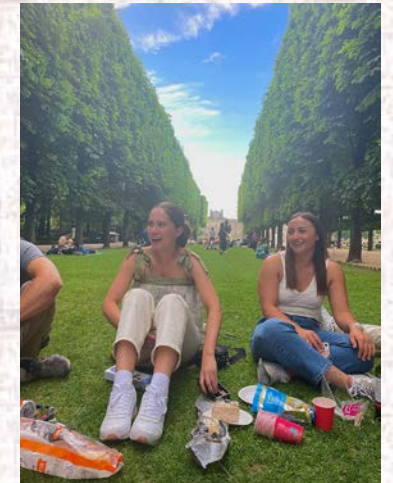


FRANCE STUDY ABROAD
SUMMER 2022

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PAR IS

In Paris, we were able to do a lot of sightseeing. We visited the Louvre, Sacre Coeur, the Eiffel Tower, and spent a lot of time relaxing and eating cheese in Luxembourg Gardens. We also took a river cruise of the River Seine and learned how to navigate the metro!



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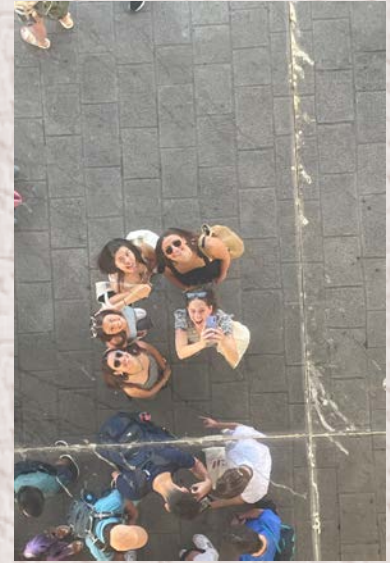


SAINT MALO & LE MONT ST MICHELE

We explored the town of Saint Malo, ate some amazing pasta, watched the sunset on the pier, and listened to a choir sing in a chapel in le Mont Saint Michele.

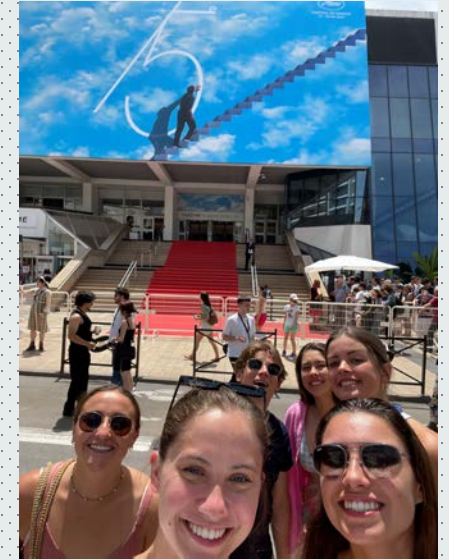


AIX-EN-PROVENCE & MARSEILLE



CANNES

For the first 3-day weekend, we went to Cannes. We sunbathed on the beach, saw massive yachts, and walked by the red carpet for the 75th Cannes Film Festival!



MOUSTIER S- SAINT-MARIE & VERDON GORGE



CASSIS & MASSIF DES CALANQUES



INTER LAKEN, SWITZER LAND

For our 4-day weekend, we took the train all the way from Aix to Interlaken. We hiked, went paragliding from 2200 ft elevation, and swam in the icy cold Lake Brienersee.



REFLECTION

THINGS I LOVED

- The friendships I built throughout the program
- Being able to see the differences in culture between the different French cities
- Being able to interact with the students at Arts et Métiers. I loved comparing our different traditions and learning more about their education system. They were so welcoming and friendly; they were also very eager to learn about our culture and I loved being able to share
- The stunning architecture. I also loved seeing the differences in architecture between the different cities
- And of course.... the amazing food!

THINGS I LEARNED

- I learned how to cope with my surroundings and embrace the differences in the culture. It was so interesting to learn how the French think and how to adapt to and embrace my surroundings.
- It is so important to immerse yourself in other cultures. Sometimes in College Station it can feel like a bubble, but I want to expand my knowledge and grow more as a person. I think that travelling more and interacting with people unlike myself helps me really understand the person and engineer that I want to become.
- I am so lucky and grateful to have been able to go on this program. It really was some of the best memories I have ever made, and I will cherish these past 5 weeks forever.

