

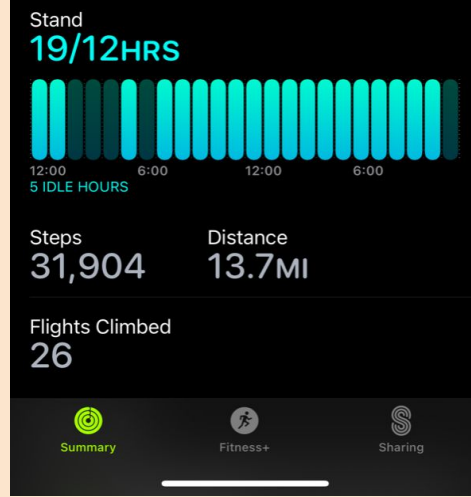
Peru Study Abroad  
Moments & Memories  
2022-2023

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# 12/27/2022 - First day in Lima

- Tried Chaufa for the first time, miss it already :(
- Snake Gang formation
- Walked a half marathon for some reason... haha
- Went to the ocean via rocks



# 12/28/2022 - Baranco, Cat Parque, Parque Amor

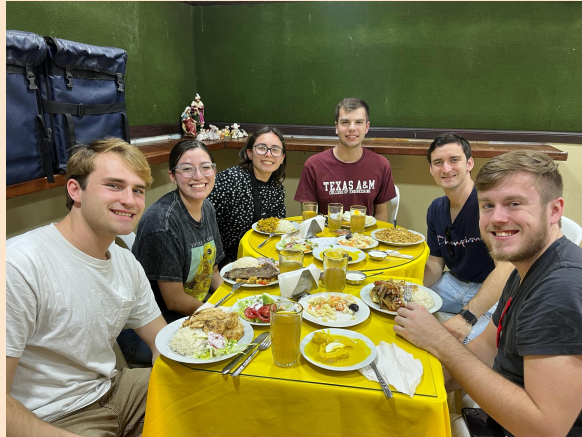
- Visited the art & culture of Baranco
- Got told we had 2 minutes before the sprinklers came on while eating pizza in the park
- Saw the beach once again ;)





## 12/29/22 - Historic Downtown Lima

- Dined at El Menu, amazing food, great price, bowels beware!
- Saw the House of Pizarro (White House of Peru)
- Climbed 9 floors to the top of a religious tower!



## 12/30/22 - Huaca Pucllana Diner - Senior Limon

- First multi-course meal at a cultural site
- TRIED CEVICHE, AMAZING <3
- Had.. a couple Pisco Sours.. Also amazing



## 12/31/2022 - New Years Eve!

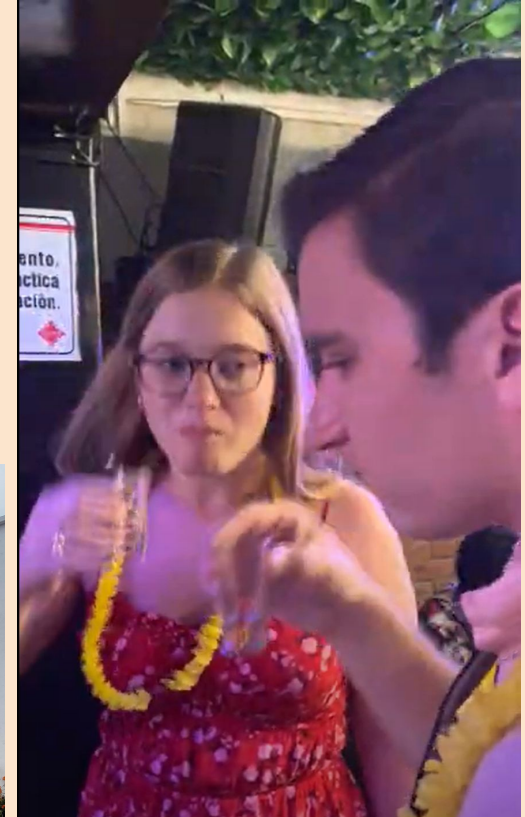


- Eating Chaufa & talking about goals for 2023
- Walking Allison from the beach to NM Hotel so she could rest & rally (We ended up winning a free shot at the bar - then ordered several more ;) )



# 1/1/2023 - New Years Day - Museo de Larco

- New Years with my New Favorite People
- Saw sensual pottery at Museo de Larco
- Walked 4 miles back because Uber was a whole 19 soles





## 1/2/2023 - Ceviche Class

- Holt, Cynthia, Louise & I learned how to cook Ceviche
- Learned about the difficulties of getting a Peruvian drivers license ;)
- Madam Tuscon dinner with the squad





## 1/3/2023 - Peruvian Dance Class

- My favorite was definitely the one that had the arm link and the da da da da da (ifykyk)
- 500 Grados with The Snakes
- Continually getting better at Spanish by practicing at the coffee shop





## 1/4/2023 - Rosa Nautica Dinner

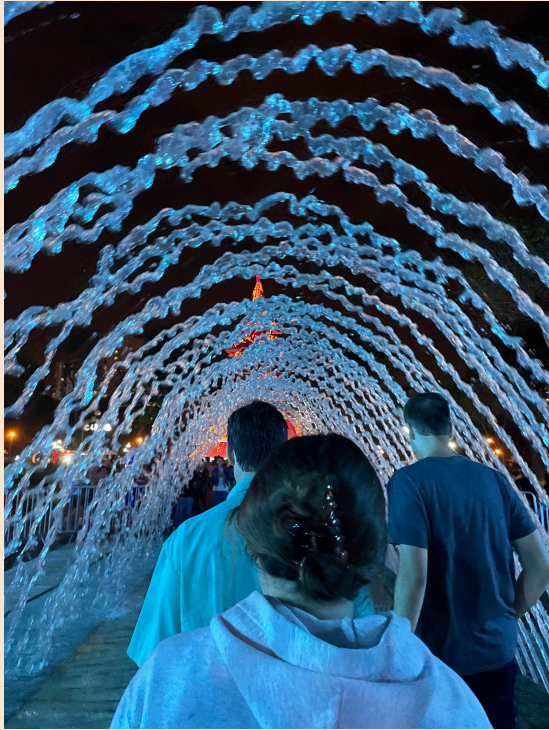
- PHENOMENAL food, Lomo Saltado amazing
- Somehow got ahold of 4 Pisco Sours that night
- Views of the sunset from here are unmatched



# 1/5/2023 - Paracas Trip!!

- Picked up by a guy named "In Da House" who said we needed to take a detour because of protests then sent a 2 minute long protest gif in WhatsApp
- The wildlife was beautiful, sea lions, jellyfish, birds
- Sand bugging was absolutely amazing, loved the thrill, saw an Oasis!!!





## 1/6/2023 - Water Fountain Show

- The water fountain show included SHIPS, I loved it so much
- Henry stuck his hand in the fountain (top left picture) and soaked us all :)



# 1/7/2023 - Cusco Excursion

- WE SAW ALPACAS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Toured Ancient Incan ruins
- Bought my first Chankana - apparently you're not supposed to buy it for yourself it's unlucky



## 1/8/2023 - Cusco pt. 2 :)

- The salt mine is absolutely beautiful
- Saw more ancient Incan ruins - every one of them is unique and they never get old
- Got lost in some ruins with Paco, Allison & Henry, twas a blast



# 1/9/2023 - Cusco Finale

- Ate at a Peruvian Steakhouse (only have videos)
- Went to a Peruvian club & played an hour long game of Peruvian beer pong - hit the game winner
  - felt like Messi after making the 4th shot in shootout, definitely ran around the club giving fives
- Introduced Rodrigo to an Irish Carbomb ;)



## 1/10/2023 - Cusco Departure

- Played an epic game of Spades in the airport on Paco's suitcase with Paco, Caitlyn, and Henry. Paco & I were defeated but will win the re-match
- Went to Plaza del Veo to test out the mixed drinks before 500 Grados





# 1/11/2023 - Central Dinner

- Second best restaurant in the world did not disappoint, if our table conversation ever came to light well..... ;)
- Restaurant by Casa de Cambios was stellar



## 1/12/2023 - Inca Market

- Bought all my friends & family the best Peruvian Gifts - used my newly learned Spanish skills to barter
- Checked out the Lima nightlife



# 1/13/2023 - Last Day in Peru :(

- Paco's famous photograph of our class
- Tried Guinea pig & the BEST Lomo Sataldo, guinea pig is like fried fried chicken, its great
- Last day of my Peruvian phone number  
#+51-955-785-503-forlife



## Post Peru :)

- The friends you meet on this program will be your FRIENDS FOR LIFE
- We've been back in school for 5 days and we've already hung out two of those days
- Shotout to Nick, I see that man EVERYONE, Zach, the Rec, walking on campus



## Advice for Traveling to Peru

1. DO IT - This is a trip & opportunity of a lifetime, you won't forget the memories you make here, EVER
2. If you want international service buy a Peruvian SIM card, it cost me about 45 soles for the largest data plan (~11USD) for 30 days. For reference Verizon charges \$10 USD per day whereas you could buy a SIM for \$11 for the entire trip. You have data and can make calls on WhatsApp - feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about this process, ask Paco for my phone number! This is super worth it if you are interested in international phone service!!
3. Wear sunscreen - In Peru the UV is deceptively high, the temperature is not hot but the UV is consistently 11 (very high) you need to wear it daily to avoid a sunburn.
4. Try as many unique restaurants as you can - food is super affordable in Peru and its amazing. You need to try Ceviche and Lomo Saltado.
5. The people you travel with become your family for a month, get to know them, it will really enhance your experience
6. Don't be afraid to practice your Spanish with locals, the more you practice the better you will get :)
7. Barter in the markets, it's common and can save you some soles so you can get your mom two gifts instead of one <3

## Final Thoughts

This trip exceeded my expectations in every way possible. I never pictured myself going to Peru and now I couldn't imagine my life without going there. Despite being there for a month it felt like a week, maybe a week and a half and now it feels strange to go to HEB or Target instead of walking to Plaza del Veo. Frequently, I have to remind myself that I no longer need a water bottle to brush my teeth.

Traveling to Peru has strengthened my love for traveling, experiencing new places, people, cultures, foods, and experiences. Peru is just the beginning!

*A special shout out to all of the people who made this trip possible and unforgettable to me.*

**Paco** - for accepting me to the program close to the deadline and sharing his passion and love for Peru with us.

**Cesar & Rodrigo** for always looking out for us, becoming our friends, driving Sara & I to the airport at 4 am, and just making sure we had the best experience possible.

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A FINAL THANK YOU TO ALL MY CLASSMATES AND NEW FRIENDS  
FROM THE TRIP

LOVE YALL <3



If you are from the future and want to reach out  
about anything, feel free, I'll give Paco my phone  
number

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