



My Trip to France (2023)

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Before the trip began, I spent 9 days in Paris with my mom. When the rest of the group arrived, we had 4 days left in Paris, and went all over the city seeing the sights.

Notable Spots:
Pachamama
Arc de Triomphe
Tour Eiffel

Paris



Aix en Provence



- ▶ After Paris, we headed to Aix, our home for the better part of the next 5 weeks
- ▶ Having no AC wasn't bad at first, but it started to heat up as it got later in the trip
- ▶ While in Aix, we loved to hang out in the dorms, visit the casino, and of course, go to the club
- ▶ Notable Spots:
 - Le Mistral
 - Italian Trattoria
 - Pasino Grand

Nice

- ▶ Nice was easily the most beautiful beach I have ever seen, the water was so clear that the one time I dropped my sunglasses, I thought they were gone forever, but when I looked down, I could see them clear as day on the ground below me.
- ▶ Must Do's:
 - Parasailing
 - bestroadtrip.fr
 - Eat Moule Frites





Switzerland

- ▶ My group spent the long weekend in Leukerbad, Switzerland and the surrounding area, and it was the most stunning place ever.
- ▶ Definitely an amazing detox after a long few weeks of school, and tons of awesome group bonding in the AirBnB. 10/10 recommend a large group trip on the long weekend.
- ▶ Favorite Activities:
 - Rock Climbing
 - Hiking
 - Card Games in the AirBnB

Marseille

The last few days of the trip were spent in Marseille, it was a very different experience from Aix. While it wasn't as safe and homey as Aix, there were tons of cool places for going out, just make sure you know which areas to avoid.

I had easily the best dining experience of my life and Un Jardin en Ville, if you get the chance to go, say hi to Jeremie for me.



Conclusion

- Overall, studying abroad was the best experience of my life, the friends I met were amazing, the opportunities to explore were limitless, and the way that you get to have involvement with your professor is unparalleled.
- I plan to go back to Arts et Metiers for the dual master's program, and can't wait to be back.