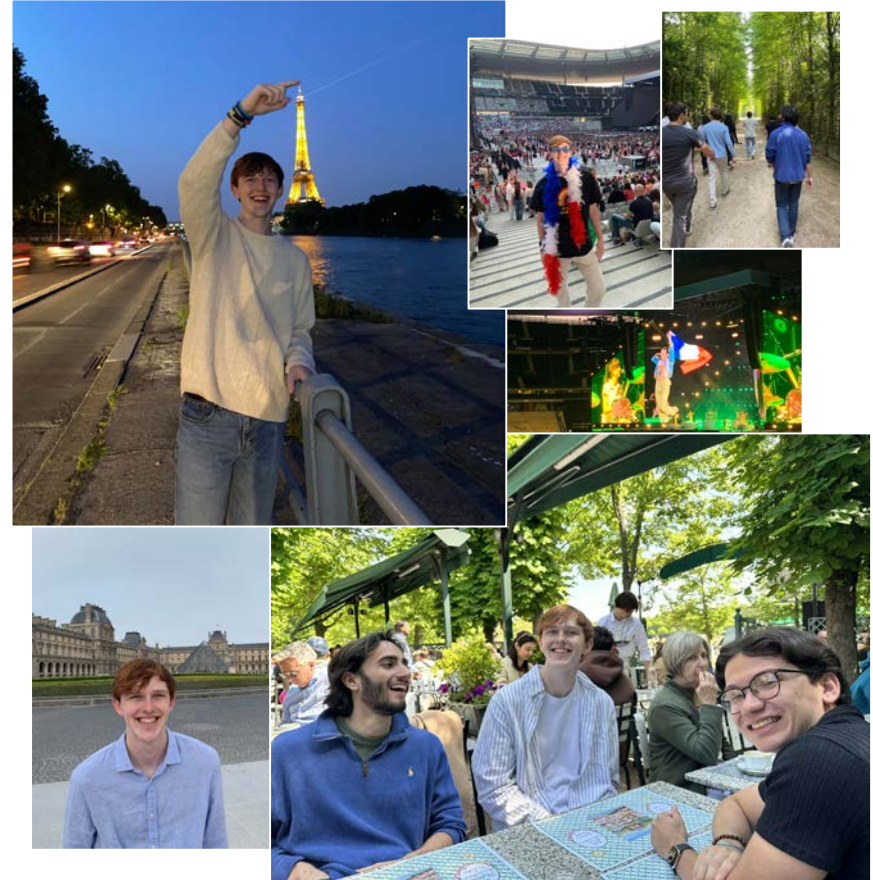

My Study Abroad Experience!

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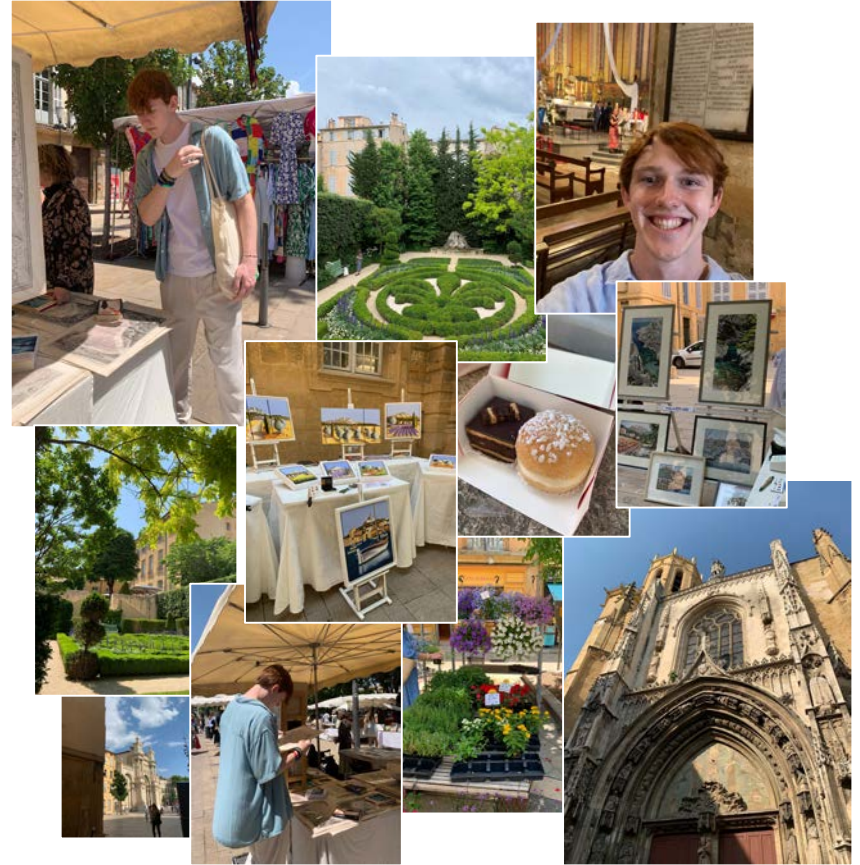
Paris

- Our program began with four days in Paris. During our time here, we took a city tour, visited Versailles, and viewed Monet's work at Musée Marmottan Monet. During my personal time, I explored the city and visited attractions such as the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. I also came back during my three day weekend to attend a Harry Styles concert.
- Favorite Things:
 - The architecture
 - Seeing iconic landmarks
 - Running into Emma Watson at the Monet Museum (She didn't allow photos to be taken with her)



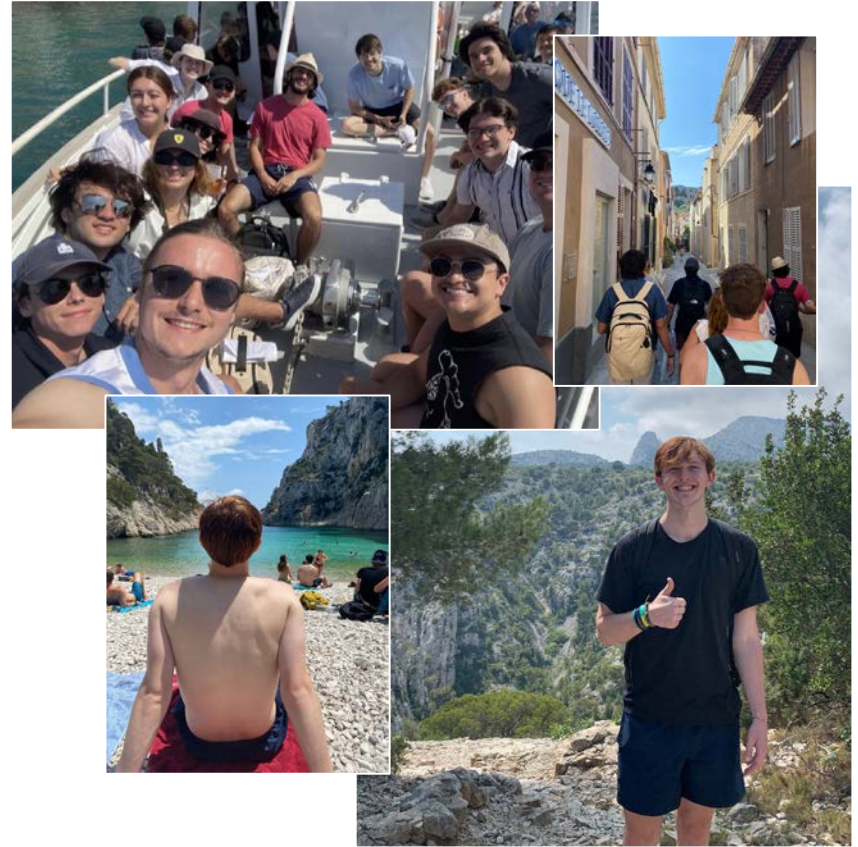
Aix-en-Provence

- Aix-en-Provence is where we spent the majority of our time. Aix is a city full of community, music, and both man-made and natural beauty. During my free time, I frequently visited the markets and historical sites throughout the city (such as the cathedral in the lower right hand corner.) I loved this town so much that I have genuinely considered living here after graduation.
- Favorite Things:
 - Having lunch in the gardens near the dorm and campus
 - Reading in Book in Bar
 - Stumbling upon art and music no matter where you turn



Cassis/Calanques

- This was our first group excursion after settling in Aix. The buildings along the port in Cassis were vibrant and contrasted nicely against the blue of the sea. From Cassis, we took a boat tour to visit the calanques and were given free time to explore the city after. I found the Calanques so beautiful that I returned the following weekend to hike and explore the beaches further.
- Favorite Things:
 - The VIEWS!!
 - Spending time with the group on the boat tour
 - The slushie I got after finishing the hike



Villefranche-sur-Mer

- During my five day weekend, I visited Villefranche-sur-Mer, a small village near Nice. This was one of my favorite places I visited. The food here was excellent and the buildings were very colorful and unique. In addition to this, the people were very accommodating and kind. I spent the majority of my time here lying on the beach or exploring the city.
- Favorite Things:
 - The food
 - The sea view from my Airbnb (flex)
 - The colors (buildings, flowers, ocean, etc.)



Verdon Gorge

- Verdon Gorge was our final group excursion. After departing from the bus, we rented kayaks and paddled upstream on the river, taking in the views as we went - until we reached rapids that were too fast to pass. We then stopped for lunch on the river bank before returning back to our starting location.
- Favorite Things:
 - Going under the waterfall (pictured to the right)
 - Spending the day on the water with the group



Marseille

- Marseille was the final city we visited as a group. On our first day there we took a bus tour throughout the city, with the last stop being a beautiful cathedral atop the highest point in the city. For the last day of our trip, I spent the day on the beach with the group and the night celebrating the end of the program with a group dinner, where the total bill was ridiculously high (pictured here).
- Favorite Things:
 - Closing out the program with the people I had become closest with
 - Getting a nice tan

