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Madrid Center, Spain

“It was the time of my life. I can’t even describe the best things I did, because there’s too many to pick from, but it was genuinely the best experience. I would recommend Madrid, because it allows you to be immersed in a different culture while also having access to American food if you get homesick. And, it’s a perfect place to be if you want to travel to different places, since it’s pretty central.”
-Angie Abatti, Junior



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Rome, Italy

“The food, culture and history was incredible. To be in a place that was so old and so many important things happened there for the world was hard to wrap my head around, for sure. I’d recommend Rome for this reason, also because it’s so easy and cheaper than other places to travel in and out of. Being so far away for so long in a place that is so different was definitely uncomfortable. It was a really challenging experience mentally and emotionally, but also really rewarding. I think I learned that I love pushing myself out of my comfort zone because when you find where you are comfortable, it’s such a great feeling.”
-Caroline Kirkpatrick, Junior



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Studying abroad gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves into a different culture, bringing them new experiences and new perspectives to connect with. USD is ranked in the Top 10 in the nation for study abroad participation by undergraduate students, and the deadline for the application is coming up soon for the fall 2024 semester — on Mar. 13, 2024. Students say it is a time for personal growth and discovery, which you can achieve by taking advantage of the various study abroad programs at USD. Students who have done semesters abroad shared their experiences and favorite photos during their travels.

Aix-en-provence, France

“Studying abroad gave me a fresh start and a new sense of confidence that came with feeling like I knew pretty much everyone at my school, and having such a supportive group of friends who really encouraged me to get out of my comfort zone. Having only four months there [in France], I really wanted to make the most of it and learned how exciting it was to say ‘yes’ to every opportunity and really live life to the fullest...With traveling almost every weekend and really trying to maximize my time abroad, it was nice to have a home base that had such a chill vibe but still had things to do. There were farmers markets almost every day, thrift stores and super cute cafes, museums and so much history there.”
-Catherine Mansour, Senior



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Florence, Italy

“I loved studying abroad in Florence, because it allowed me to connect what I was learning to places, art and stories and actually seeing and interacting with them rather than just seeing a picture on PowerPoint. The culture was amazing, everyone was so kind and the food was spectacular. I loved going to meals with all my friends, talking about the different things we learned and saw in class that day, and getting pizza and pasta too.”
-Madison Gambon, Sophomore



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Semester at Sea

“My eyes really opened up to the world during my trip. It’s funny too, because when I’m giving campus tours, the prospective students literally open their eyes real wide when I talk about my abroad experience, in disbelief that such a thing exists. I also discovered how valuable learning through experience is. I had a once in a lifetime kind of opportunity that has been my best educational experience yet. I also feel like I have a global network of people that I’m in communication with, keeping me in the loop of what’s going on in their part of the world.”
-Jacob Mushatt, Senior



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