



Student Quotes Marseille Spring 2011

OVERALL AUCP EXPERIENCE

I was definitely fully immersed in the French culture, or rather Marseille culture, and I will certainly come out richer for it. I feel lucky to have met all the people that I have and will certainly be keeping in contact.

Anne Muenchinger, Tulane University

Speaking nothing but French in class and at home was scary at first – but definitely a good decision and AUCP went about it in the right way!

Isabel Krome, Fordham University

SETTING

Why Marseille?

Because it is a vibrant city, dynamic and totally different. The city taught me a lot... It is not a city that's easy to understand, but Marseille is always surprising and interesting.

Devin Nadar, Colorado College

Marseille was the perfect link for what we came to do. It is a mélange of cultures, both foreign and from inside of France. In addition, it is such a beautiful city. I will miss Marseille a lot.

Isabel Krome, Fordham University

INDIVIDUAL HOMESTAY

The individual French homestay was integral to the learning / living experience.

Tanay Tewani, George Washington University

My host family was an important part of my experience in Marseille. My relationship with my host Mom took time and effort, but it resulted in a very close relationship, allowing allowed for a unique and very French experience.

Devin Nadar, Colorado College

The homestay experience can be a difficult one, especially for students who are used to being independent and having their privacy. However, it is very rewarding, especially when you feel like you are almost part of the family. Also, the immersion homestay is crucial to improving your language skills.

Michelle Gloster, Scripps College

LANGUAGE PARTNER

I became much better friends with my language partner than I ever could have expected. He was very supportive of me during this semester, and we will definitely be life-long friends.

Anne Muenchinger, Tulane University

Our language partners introduced us to some great places in Marseille, and some of my most unforgettable experiences were thanks to them.

Devin Nadar, Colorado College

Having French friends really enhances the immersion experience. When the language partners themselves become friends, it is easy to get a group together to do something on a Saturday night.

Michelle Gloster, Scripps College

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I decided to visit two elderly ladies, one of whom is 100 years old! They were both so sweet and have so much to share from their rich life experience. I am very lucky to have met them.

Anne Muenchinger, Tulane University

It was a pleasure and honor to serve the Marseille community.

Tanay Tewani, George Washington University

The community service component allows you to be a part of something in Marseille. Especially in a diverse city like Marseille, you have unique opportunities to contribute to the community and can form relationships with the people with whom you work.

Michelle Gloster, Scripps College

ACADEMIC PROGRAM/FACULTY

I learned more French here in one day than I would in a week at home. Honestly, my grammar reached a level that I never thought was possible before coming.

Devin Nadar, Colorado College

PERSONAL INTEREST ACTIVITY

It helped me stay busy and engaged.

Tanay Tewani, George Washington University

I met people who loved to jog, like me and I created relationships and learned lots of typically Marseillais argot!

Devin Nadar, Colorado College

I did Tango and it was one of the best part of my stays. I learned a special Argentinean dance with a woman from Argentina with a strong accent in French. But I wasn't bad and in any case it was a real pleasure each week.

Isabel Krome, Fordham University