

Retour d'expérience de ma mobilité internationale

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

Help: How was your experience abroad? If you could go back I time, would you go to this university and why?

I had an amazing experience in Argentina. If I could go back in time I would definitely go to the University of Palermo. All professors care about their students and there is a good communication with them.

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

Help: Do I need a visa? If yes, what is the process?

You can get a visa if you want. There was an alternative which I did. The law says that you can stay in Argentina just for 90 days, that's why before the 90 days had passed from my arrival, I went to Chile to get out of Argentina, and then I went back. I think is the easiest way as I stayed only for 5 months.

2. The flight

Help: what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket

I am from El Salvador, so I took the flight in my country with the company Avianca. I went in transit in Costa Rica and Bogota, Colombia. Even if I was on the same continent, it took me 11 hours to go to Buenos Aires, almost the same time that took for me to go to Europe.

3. My luggage

Help: what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)

In the second semester (March-July) there are two different weathers so it is important to take into consideration to bring two types of clothes for both weathers. I would like to take more clothes for cold weather.

4. Bank account

Help: did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.

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I didn't have a bank account in Argentina. My parents sent me the money through Western Union, it is the best option considering the change from euros or dollars to "pesos Argentinos".

5. Insurance

Help: What insurance did you subscribe to?

I had an international insurance from my country (El Salvador), it wasn't necessary to have another in Argentina.

B. Housing

1. Where to live

Help: Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend)

The best area to live is Palermo and Recoleta. I lived in Recoleta and it was the best decision.

2. Find a flat or a room

Help: How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation
I found my flat in Airbnb, I share it with another friend. I think it is the best option because we stayed just for 5 months and it would be more complicated if we rented an apartment (sign a contract for the apartment, a contract to have energy, wifi...).

3. Cost

Help: How much should I plan for a room?

I payed \$500 per month in average.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

Help: How was the process, what did you have to do?

I had an integration day online, the coordinator of exchange students explained to us everything. We had to go to the university before starting class to have out student card, as it is required to enter every time to the university.

B. Information on the university

Courses

Help: List the different courses, and for each course, describe the format, the content, the exam, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?

Marketing Digital: online course, I think this course is a must if you like the marketing area. You will see interesting topics that are important in business nowadays (influencer marketing, SEM, SEO, Google Analytics...)

Producción y servicios: logistics, how to know if your company is productive, some calculations to do but nothing really complicated

Comportamiento del consumidor: The course was about understanding the behavior and thinking about customers. We did a final project where we chose a specific segment and we study it. At the end of the semester, we present our work orally.

Integración, comunicación: The course was online and we have every week a task to do regarding the lesson of the week. We learnt about different tools to communicate better, to understand the job market, etc.

Comunicaciones integradas de marketing: The course was about advertising; we made a final project where we had to create a campaign. It was a very interesting project, I liked it and I worked on Netflix, we did a final presentation at the end of the semester. We had two exams during the semester and a final exam at the end.

Español: it was an online course. We learnt about the vocabulary, grammar, Argentina's traditions...

In each course we had 2 exams during the semester (one written and the other oral), and at the end of the semester we had one final exam.

2. Advice on "contrat d'étude"

Help: would you recommend for a student when picking its courses

I recommend reading the description that the university has on their website.

IV. When I life there

A. Safety

Help: Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid

I had not a bad experience in Argentina. However, people told me that in the streets I should avoid putting my cell phone in the pocket on the back of my jeans, or walking alone in the night. I think we always have to take precautions in every country.

B. Phone and Internet

Help: How to be able to call and have internet

I bought a SIM card in Argentina and I recharged it every month. I didn't get a contract with a company in specific because I stayed only for 5 moths.

C. Events

Help: How to know about the events?

I definitely recommend follow on Instagram: Bais Argentina. It is an organization for foreign students, they do a lot of activities every day (parties, visits to the museum, picnics, soccer matches...)

D. Sports

Help: What sport can I do? and how?

The University of Palermo has a lot of sports without an extra charge. For example, soccer, tennis, volleyball...

E. Eating

Help: Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. aninternational house buffet)
All the food is good in Argentine and very cheap. I recommend empanadas, and the desserts. I notice that there are a lot of French pastries (pain au chocolat, croissant, tartalettes...)

F. Go to the university: bus, car, bike

Help: How did you get access to the bus, car or bike

As I lived in Recoleta, I walked to the university, it was about 15 min walking. In Argentina there are not so much walking distance places, but the public transportation is very good (subway, bus).

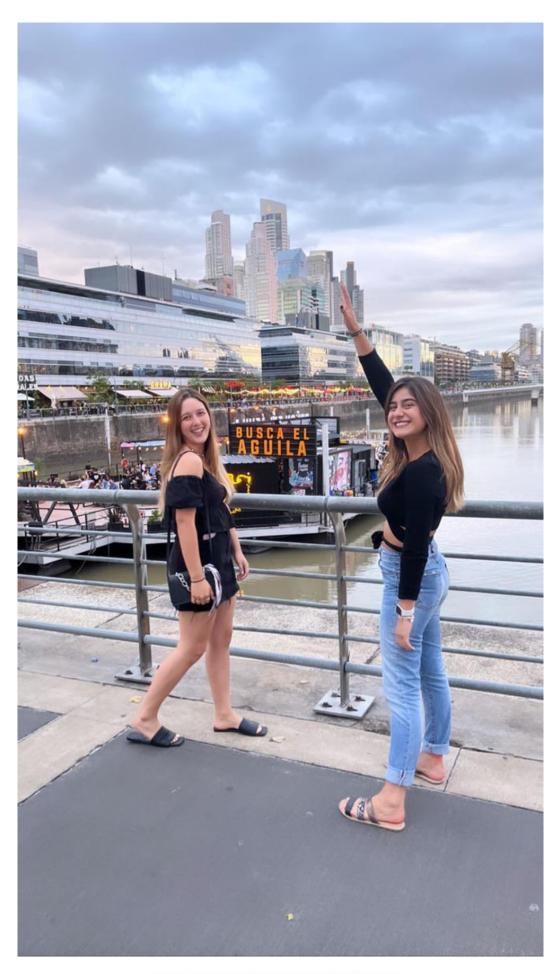
G. Travels

Help: What do you recommend and what do you not recommend
In Argentina there are so many places you can visit in the country (Patagonia, Salta,
Mendoza...). I also recommend visiting Chile or Uruguay. I went to Chile and I loved it, it
is more modern than Argentina.

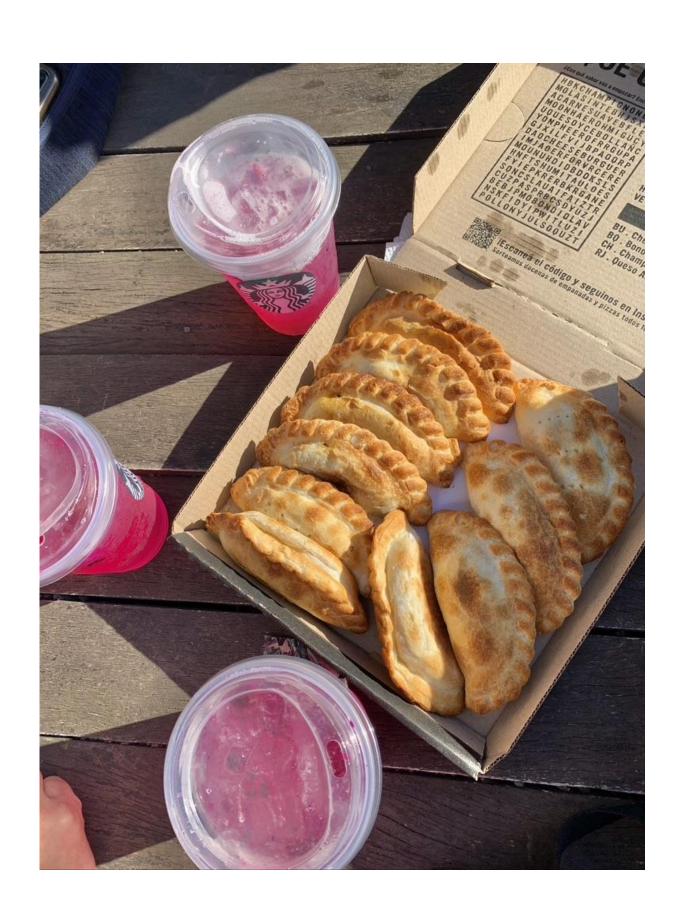
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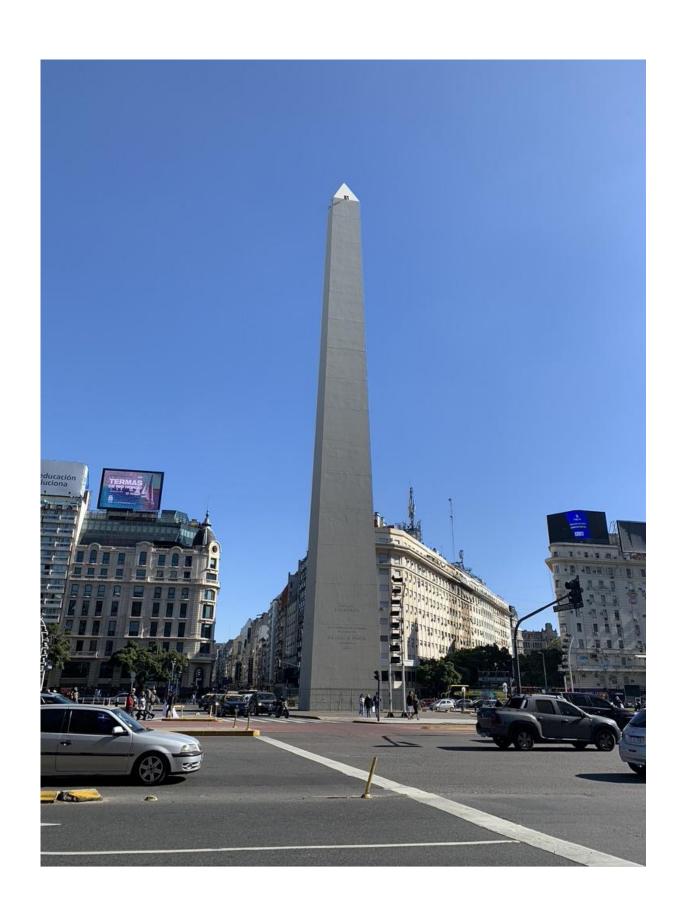
Help: What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time I hadn't the chance to visit other places in Argentina but if I could go back in time, I would do it.

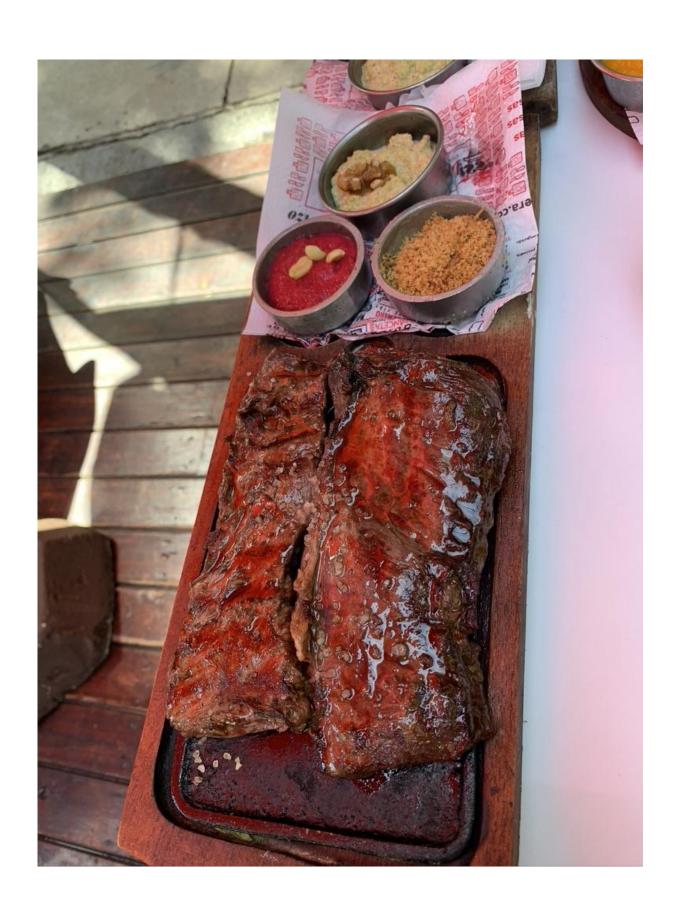
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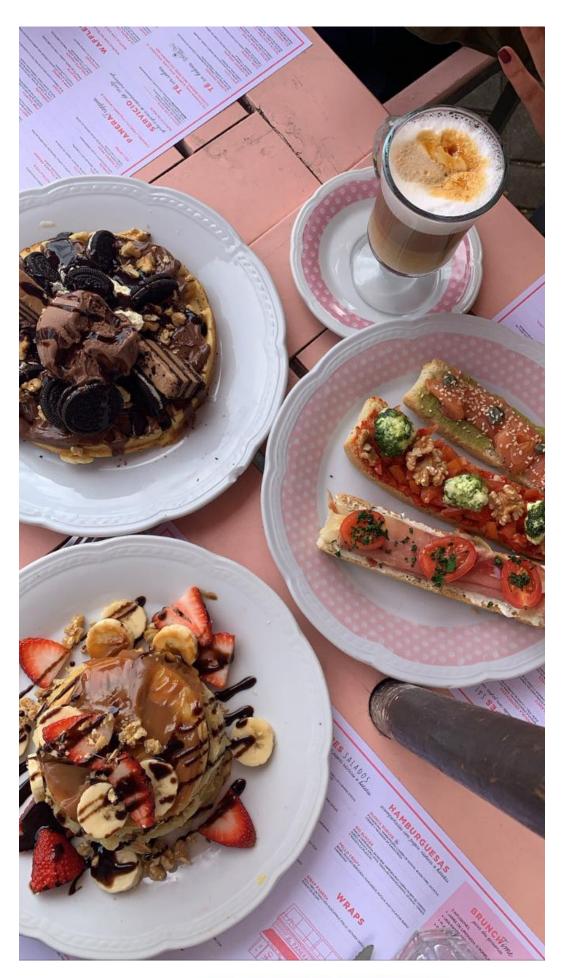
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