

**“Wish I’d Known” Survey
Vienna, Austria**

PACKING AND TRAVELING

Specifically, what kind of LINENS did you need to bring?

- Pillowcase, twin flat, twin XL fitted or queen flat for bottom

What are you glad you packed from home?

- Shampoo/condition, hair supplies, toiletries, and diary.

What do you wish you had left at home?

- Boots, long pants, sweatshirt, long sleeve shirts

Do you have any travel tips to pass on (planning advice, safety considerations, guidebooks, train vs. bus, etc.)?

- Rick Steve’s guidebook, antibacterial hand soap (travel size), and Kleenex

What places would you advise future students to see and why?

- Czech Republic, Prague, Switzerland—backpacking in the Alps. Croatia—developing country, beaches, Adriatic Sea

MONEY AND COMMUNICATIONS

How much money in U.S. currency would you recommend students have at their disposal for their whole time abroad?

- \$3000+

*How much money did you have in foreign currency when you left for your program?
Was it enough?*

- None, I went to the ATM right away

*How did you manage your money (credit cards, traveler’s checks, bank accounts etc.)?
How and where did you access your money?*

- Credit card and check ‘n cash card at Bancomats. I also used online banking for statements and bills.

How much money did you spend on books?

- \$60, I only needed one.

How did you communicate with the U.S.? What would you recommend to future students (e.g. calling card, set up e-mail account and where, etc.)?

- Email—the University set it up. Phone cards, but buy them there.

SCHOOL WORK

How did your academic experience abroad differ from your U.S. experiences concerning:

Relations with professors/Classroom Instruction?

- The same, small class size, able to meet and talk to professors easily if you tried and wanted to.

Grading?

- The same

Study habits?

- Much different. It was easier and I only had 2 classes and I only had one test in one class.

Library?

- Didn't really have one, but I never needed it.

Computer Access?

- Very nice computer lab. Open lab hours were very limited especially on weekends.

Other?

What enabled/hindered your successful academic experience?

- It was a small university, so it helped to be more personable.

SOCIAL LIFE

How did you meet students from your host country?

- Attended school functions/activities and in class.

How did you like to spend your free time and why? Is there anything you regret not doing more of in your free time?

- Relaxing, exploring the city, researching places to travel. I regret not seeing more museums even though I hated it at the time.

What opportunities for social, recreational, and cultural events that the host university or program offered did you like the best? Why?

- Volleyball, out to eat at Wine Vineyard, restaurants, clubs and bars. These places attract a college crowd and it's fun.

What piece of advice would you give future students regarding their non-academic life while abroad?

- Try something new, you are only there once (maybe...)

CULTURAL ISSUES

Are women treated differently in your host country than in the U.S.? If so, what advice would you pass on to women who are thinking of studying in your host country?

- No

Are minorities—racial, religious, sexual identity—treated differently in your host country than in the U.S.? If so, what advice would you pass on to members of any minority group that are thinking of studying in your host country?

- No

OTHER COMMENTS