

## **European Cultural History Tour**

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"This last fall I had truly the opportunity of a lifetime. I was able to participate as an International Touring Student all across Europe. I left In September to meet a group of nineteen strangers, that I am so blessed to now call my friends. We shared two straight months' together, moving cities every three to five days, living out of suitcases, in hostels, on college student budgets of Euros, Pounds, and Koruna. We saw what, at times felt like every museum, monument, and subway, in Europe, but we barely scratched the surface. We stayed in fourteen cities and ten countries across Europe in our time East of the Atlantic, all incredible and all unique.

There were so many stories, memories, tears, laughs, total emotional breakdowns and complete euphoric highs shared this semester that I cannot begin to do the tale justice here. I will say that I will ever be grateful to have been a student of the world in this way. There are no words that can reflect truly what I have received from this experience. As I was reminded on that very first Day in the Dublin Airport stairwell searching for our elusive gate, after 24 hours in airports and planes.

My hopes for you:

"May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine upon your face, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

Thank you for sharing in this Crazy Life with me!