

Summer 2008

The Study Abroad Handbook:

www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/Handbook2006.pdf

Follow-Up SATC:

www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/forms.html

Websites to explore

Great travel products:

www.umabroad.umn.edu/products/index.html

Articles on returning home:

www.glimpseabroad.org/

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STUDY ABROAD NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from OIE!

As the summer is now fast upon us, the Study Abroad staff members would like to bring you a special summer edition of the *Tartan's Travels*. In the past, this newsletter was sent only during fall and spring terms. However, as many students are choosing to study abroad in the summer term, we realized we needed, and wanted, to be in touch with those studying abroad at this time, as well.

To those of you currently abroad, to those of you who have yet to depart, and to those of you who have already returned; we welcome the opportunity to hear more about your experiences. Remember, we are always interested in [Student E-Peer Advisors](#). Likewise, for those who are Tartan Abroad Fund recipients, be thinking of how you can bring your experience back to campus and the local community. In addition to your poster presentation, get involved

in committee work for the International Festival, speak at our Women Abroad Lunch, or assist with our Photo Gallery reception.

In this issue we discuss a variety of topics; such as our Photo Contest, Career/Resume Building, transfer credits, as well as some Carnegie Mellon Study Abroad facts. Likewise, Carolyn Caranante, an Architecture student currently participating in the School of Architecture summer departmental study abroad program, provides a wonderful description of her experiences in Italy.

We also have had some changes in the Office of International Education. Eva Mergner, former Senior Coordinator of Study Abroad and Exchange Programs, has decided to resign her position and remain at home with her family following the birth of her daughter, Joy. We

wish Eva the best as she enjoys this special time.

Likewise, Emily Half, who was on leave at the end of the spring semester after the birth of her daughter, Madeline, has returned to the office as of July 1st. We welcome Emily back to OIE!

Finally, my temporary position as Coordinator has become permanent. I am excited to continue my work at Carnegie Mellon and I look forward to working with you, and to continued growth in the field of study abroad.

As always, we invite you to stop by and visit us in the Office of International Education. Remember to check out the OIE general calendar of events at www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie for our Welcome Back Workshop and fall event dates.

Café Abroad — student network

Join Our Online Study Abroad Community!

Starting this semester, we have created an online network for prospective, current and returned study abroad students. The website, powered by www.cafeabroad.com, works similar to many of the current popular online communities, so using it easy and intuitive. Below are the instructions on how to join the network and how to maximize your experience.

How To Join:

At this time we are asking all of our students to join the network, which you can do by following these instructions.

1. Go to www.cafeabroad.com. Choose the “register” tab on the top of the web page. Fill out all of the fields -- make sure to select the correct home university since that is how the system will associate you with the correct network -- then click “register” at the bottom of the page.
2. You are now a part of our abroad student network! To return to our networking page in the future, simply log in to the www.cafeabroad.com network using your email and password and click on our banner in the “programs” link, which will now appear on the left side of the homepage above the word “privacy”.

2008 Study Abroad Note Cards for sale

As you know, the Office of International Education holds a Study Abroad Photo Contest each February to give students who study abroad a chance to share their experiences with the campus community. We display the winning photographs in the University Center Art Gallery.

As with last year, we have created a set of eight note cards with the photos of our winning and honorable mentioned photographs. Quotations from the students on the back describe their experiences abroad.

The cards are for sale in the Carnegie Mellon Bookstore as well as online, <http://bookstore.web.cmu.edu>, so that we can share them with the broader community. Proceeds will benefit the Tartan’s Abroad Fund.

To look at more study abroad photos by Carnegie Mellon students check out the photo gallery on our website at: <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gallery.html>.

We hope these photos will inspire those of you who are currently abroad to **submit your photos for next year’s contest!**



*Danielle Saudino
Taupo, New Zealand



*Alexandra German
Giza, Egypt



*Diana Bush
Puerto Maldonado, Peru



~Brandon Perry
Ronda, Spain



~Vivek Raval
Lucerne, Switzerland



~Laura Horton
Simons Town, South Africa



~Jessica Nan
Suzhou, China



~Katie Menzies
Rock Islands, Palau

*winning entries

~honorable mentions

Italy ...from the blog of Carolyn Caranante

In the time I have been here thus far, I've read just about every guide book available, and seen almost every site. I haven't taken a gondola ride yet because apparently they cost an arm and a leg (about 80 euro/140 dollars to take a ride down the Grand Canal). Instead, I chose a fake version of a gondola ride across the canal; which lasted for about 3 minutes and which only cost about a buck. We've de-

cidied though, that at the end of our trip we will take one nice gondola ride down the canal and have someone sing to us. Won't that be nice!

If you are familiar with Venice, I'll throw out some names of sites I have visited.

I've seen Saint Mark's Square and the Museo Correr, which is apparently the museum Napoleon established during

his rule over Italy. Beautiful inside! I'm talking Frescoed walls, grand staircases - the whole works. Architecturally fascinating!

In terms of the works within; they are incredible. I'd say it houses semi-Renaissance, and a taste of Venetian, works. Many of the paintings encompassed Venetian scenes and sited contextual references. Similarly, the Accademia Museum, which is on the other side of the island, was beautiful and full of rich pieces by Renaissance masterminds.

As a class we've also been lucky enough to see a number of churches (Classic, Renaissance and Baroque inspired) dating back to the 1400s!

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Carolyn Caranante, Florence, Italy

Carnegie Mellon Study Abroad Statistics

CMU Top 10 Destination Countries (2006-2008)

1. United Kingdom
2. Spain
3. Italy
4. China
5. Germany
6. France
7. Australia
8. Japan
9. Hong Kong
10. Russia

When students study abroad:

- | | |
|-----|-------------|
| 40% | Summer |
| 28% | Spring |
| 18% | Fall |
| 7% | Mini Spring |
| 6% | All year |
| 1% | Mini Winter |

Top 5 outcomes from study abroad:

1. Knowledge of the country or culture where I studied abroad
2. Personal Development & Growth
3. Global Understanding
4. Cross-cultural skills
5. Foreign Language skills

Advice from returnees:

- Go!
- Do it. It will allow you to put school, friends, and life in perspective.
- Travel, travel, travel!
- Go with an open mind. Be kind, considerate, be yourself. And be ready for an amazing experience.

Career/Resume Building

Many of you are presently, or soon will be, considering careers abroad *or* careers with an international focus. As you enjoy your time abroad, think about how you can best utilize your experience to advance your career goals.

Skill Sets

- Academic accomplishments
- Cross-cultural connections
- Business interactions
- Language achievements
- Financial independence

Be attune to these skills learned overseas. Research shows that employers are seeking employees who have the skills and abilities to function in an international, multicultural environment. Keep this in mind during your time abroad!

Wanted:

Study Abroad Assistant

The Office of International Education is seeking to hire a Study Abroad Assistant for the 2008-2009 academic year. Other student positions also may be available in our office. Interested students should email goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu and look for the posting on [Tartan Trak](#) sometime in mid-August.

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Work Volunteer Research Study

www.cmu.edu/studyabroad

There are plenty of ways to bring your experience back when you return to Carnegie Mellon.

Attend the Welcome Back Workshop and the International Reception.

Help out with Information Sessions and Pre-departure.

Serve as an e-peer advisor

Publish your journals, short stories, or poetry.

Enter the Photo Contest in February.

Use your experience to complete a senior thesis.

Apply for a Fulbright, Rhodes or Marshall scholarship.

Continue your experience with an international internship.

For more details on how to further your study abroad experience when you return, to submit writings, photos or advice for publication in the next edition of *Tartan Travels*, or to share your suggestions on how to make this newsletter better, please send an email to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.cmu.edu/studyabroad

for helpful information on managing reentry shock. While you are there be sure to check out our Deadline Guide, which has information on university deadlines by department, and submit your photos to our Photo Gallery!

Useful Information

Contact Information:

Office of International Education
Phone: 412-268-5231
Email: goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu
<http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/>

Counseling & Psychological Services
Phone: 412-268-2922
www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/counseling

Housing Office, Lisa Dippold
Phone: 412-268-2139
Email: ldippold@andrew.cmu.edu
www.housing.cmu.edu

HUB & Financial Aid
Phone: 412-268-8186
Email: thehub@andrew.cmu.edu <http://www.cmu.edu/hub/>

UC Information Desk
Phone: 412-268-2107

Helpful Links:

Center for Disease Control
<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Disability Travel Resources
<http://www.makoa.org/travel.htm>

GLBT Resources
www.gaytimes.co.uk/HotSpots/GayGuide.html

Let's Go Travel Resource
www.letsgo.com

Pittsburgh Post Gazette
www.post-gazette.com/

Sexual Assault Advisors
www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/SAA

The Tartan
<http://www.thetartan.org/>

Travel Advisory Notices

www.travel.state.gov

Women's Resources

<http://userpages.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links.html>

Religious Groups:

Buddhism
www.buddhanet.net/

Christianity
www.uccf.org.uk/students/

Hinduism
www.hinduismtoday.com/

Islam
www.islamicfinder.org

Judaism
www.wujs.org.il/

Italy (cont.)

I've also been to see the Palladian Villas - in Padua and along the grand canals. We also went out for a friend's birthday to Santa Margarita square, and enjoyed some great lasagna and vino. So delicious!

However, by far the most amazing things I've seen have been the relics of Saint Theresa and Saint Zacharias (father of John the Baptist). I saw, in the Chiesa de San Zaccaria, the foot of San Giovanni e Paolo; and what I think was sup-

posed to be the body of Saint Zacharias.

I've also been to the Rialto Bridge, an ancient structure that had been renovated and which now holds a variety of shops and vending posts. It is a great spot for tourists, especially because it presents a magnificent view of the city!

My friend and I also took a "water bus" ride, which the locals call "the Vaporetto", all the way to Lido, which borders the Giudecca Canal

(approximately a 20 minute ride from where we live). The beach there was amazing! We went at night and were able to walk the beach and have a great dinner of Venetian style gnocchi (to die for!) and ravioli, with a bottle of red wine made right in the Veneto! On the way home we found this great place for gelato.

It definitely was the perfect ending to a great night.

Carolyn is studying with the School of Architecture's Summer Study Abroad Program in Venice, Italy.



Nicole Graycar, Diana Lui, Carolyn Caranante

**Transfer Credit: Follow-Up SATC's**

If you have made changes to your course registration abroad and have not already made arrangements with your academic advisor(s), please use this Follow up SATC Form to update your courses. This form can be found online at <https://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/satc/> and is ISO protected.

Please complete all categories, including URLs for specific courses. You will automatically receive an email with the changes you are proposing. Once we receive the completed form we will send it to relevant academic advisors. Advisors will review courses and send you confirmations of approval where appropriate.



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