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Translating My Passion To Real World Opportunities



I remember sitting in the passenger seat of my host dad's car the day I arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The air was thick and sweltering hot, yet no Argentine seemed to notice. I sat next to him, in bewilderment, staring out the window at high-rise buildings and massive city streets. His questions about my family and interests seemed simple, but were difficult for me to answer. I couldn't help but think to myself, what am I doing here?

Weeks later, my mind was in a different place. Meeting new people, exploring the city, and planning my next adventure took the place of my initial anxieties. I was energized! My time in Buenos Aires had its fair share of difficulties. Like most people I got lost, I felt the language barrier and I got homesick. But, I also met incredible friends, I saw some of the most beautiful places I have ever experienced and I grew immensely as a person.



Having the unique experiences I acquired from South America, I found that some of the most valuable skills I gained from college were those I developed while studying abroad. Living in another country taught me how to go for it; it gave me the confidence and the skills to pursue a career I truly enjoy. I am currently the Media Manager at Knowmad Adventures, a travel company focused on active, authentic and sustainable travel in South America. My job is to inspire people and get them excited about traveling and expanding their comfort zone.

I have a passion for culture and exploration, and studying abroad gave me the skills to translate my interests and passion to real world opportunities. Without my experiences abroad I wouldn't be able to do my job effectively, much less get the job in the first place!



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