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Spain Travel Study

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This was my first trip abroad and the exposure to the Spanish language and culture was invaluable to me. Highlights of the program include visiting the La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, taking a tour of the Museo Nacional Del Prado in Madrid, learning the deep history of the Alhambra, and how to flamenco dance in Granada. Most importantly, I had the fortunate chance to develop my Spanish speaking and writing skills. These skills have already helped me in conversation both in Spain and at home in Los Angeles.

I applied to this program with the hope of improving my Spanish language skills and gaining a multicultural perspective. I am very glad to say that my hopes have come true. I know that this experience has enhanced my understanding of global issues and will be very useful in my education. Being immersed in a foreign country and language has increased my ability to empathize with people of other cultures. This experience will help me as I continue on the path to medicine and healing as I have expanded my ability to communicate and relate to people beyond my own community.

Additionally, this study abroad trip has allowed me to meet and live among other students I may not have encountered in my regular course studies. I have developed friendships that I know will be long-lasting and memories too amazing to forget. That alone made the trip worthwhile.