

Eric Bender // New Zealand and Australia

What about the program appealed to you the most?

What was unique about this program was that we had the opportunity to travel and see/do SO much of New Zealand and Australia in our 5 weeks. We were driving or flying somewhere new about every 3 days – always seeing new landscapes or experience new environments. In our time abroad we experienced volcanos, geothermal areas, glaciers, tropical rainforests, the outback of Australia, surfing in Sydney, Bungee jumping in New Zealand, Scuba Diving the Great Barrier Reef, Hiking along world famous treks, backpacking, and more!

What was your most memorable experience?

My most memorable experience was having the opportunity to go backpacking in the outback of Australia for 3 days and two nights – hiking off-trail and truly immersed in nature. We were able and encouraged to sleep alone and I set up camp about a quarter of a mile from the group and slept on the ground under the stars.

Student Scoop

Major: Biochemistry

The advice he has for CBS students looking to study abroad:

Don't worry about the cost or missing classes / delaying your graduation. With proper planning you can easily still graduate in 4 years. Regardless of graduating, studying abroad is an incredible experience unique to university students. In the future, looking back, you will most definitely NOT regret studying abroad. If anything, you'll regret that you DIDN'T study abroad.



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