CBS Adventures Abroad

Jake Hjort // Galápagos Islands

Why should CBS students go abroad?
To gain once-in-a-lifetime experiences that you'll never be able to get back in Minnesota. Going to class and learning about all of the amazing things in the world is pretty near, but to actually be able to go out and see them is unforgettable. On top of that, you'll make great connections with others on the trip and I think that observing and immersing oneself in foreign cultures is crucial to becoming a good global citizen.

What advice do you have for CBS students looking to study abroad?
Do it. Speaking from experience, it can be a little nerve-wracking to sign up to travel halfway across the world into a completely foreign environment with a bunch of strangers, but I guarantee you that it'll be one of your best experiences in college.

What was your most memorable experience?
Without a doubt it was getting to swim with penguins. We did two snorkels everyday while in the Galápagos, and on (I believe) our third snorkel we had a group of penguins swim right past our group. Having a wild penguin swimming ten inches from my face is definitely one of the coolest moments of my life, and one that will be very hard to top.

Student Scoop

Major: Ecology, Evolution and Behavior

On his favorite food abroad:
Not really one singular food, but all of the various fresh juices that we got to try was definitely one of my best culinary memories from the trip some of them were really good (soursop juice, a native fruit that tasted a little bit like banana), some were ok (naranajilla juice, basically orange juice but a little sweeter), and some were pretty awful (tomatillo juice, vaguely tomato-like but a little more unbearable). Overall though, the juices--and fresh fruits in general--are one of the things I miss most from South America.