

1. Experience of being abroad

- What was your most impressive / meaningful / touching experience?

The most meaningful experiences that I had was going on the IAESTE weekends. The Zermatt weekend was the best experience I had in my life. We hiked on the mountains near the glaciers and I even went under the glaciers where the down streaming water melted out a cave in the ice. The Bern weekend was also fun. At the end we took a boat trip where we floated downstream on rubber boats. The water current was high and we also jumped out of the boats on occasion to swim in the river.

2. Experience at work

- What surprised you most at work in Switzerland?

The place where I worked at is a university where the cafeteria was closed during the summer. Because of that there was a barbecue grill where member of the faculty, including me, would buy meat from a store nearby and eat barbecued meat every single day throughout the whole summer.

3. Cultural differences / shock

- What will you miss most when back home?

The thing that I will miss the most is the weather. It is so warm and shiny outside for multiple days on end and when it rains there are a lot of thunderstorms. As it turns out, Switzerland has a lot of thunderstorms and the swiss go through a lot of trouble of grounding everything. Not too long ago, a lightning strike knocked out a power plant.

4. IAESTE

- What were the advantages of doing an internship through our exchange organization?

The advantages of doing an Internship with IAESTE is that you are not alone. IAESTE organises so much for so cheap that you should do the internship not necessarily for the work experience (although that is a valid reason) but to be able to participate in the IAESTE weekends and events. Check out the local IAESTE committee of the receiving country and see what they have organised in the past.