CONTACT AN AMBASSADOR - AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

NORTH AFRICA

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The Moroccan culture is unique because it is a cross between European and African cultures. I fell in love with being pulled out of my comfort zone daily through the people I met, the food I consumed, and the sights I saw. Riding through the Sahara Desert on a camel brought me into another realm of awe and humbleness.
I studied in both Russia and Morocco; when in Morocco I went on a five-day 20+ hour bus ride, visiting multiple cities, and ending up in, Merzouga, in the Sahara desert. We saw magnificent sights and many different cultures however, our focus was learning about religion. I left Morocco with a new eye opening perspective. While in Russia, I saw the dichotomy between Russian and American viewpoints on life and issues and was able to witness the reason for these divides between these two countries. I left Russia wanting to go back.

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon: a country of adventure, music, chickens, and forests. During my two months in the South West Region, I took a hiking trip where I saw thirteen monkeys scatter across a canopy over my head. It was a primatologist's dream come true! While studying, I was able to personally understand conservation's impact on human beings. The friends that I made left even more of an impression on me than the wildlife did, which helped me decide that Cameroon was a place to potentially call home.
South Africa

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South Africa is perfect for students who love adventures, history and culture. This country has the highest bungee jump in the world and shows great white sharks in action, it is nothing less than exhilarating. The historical and cultural experience is beyond what I ever imagined; they have 11 official languages and it is extremely diverse. Aspects like these gave me the new mindset that I love to learn.

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I loved every second while attending Nelson Mandela Univ. in South Africa. This country opens your eyes to the cultures of people in South Africa that are developed, and are still developing. Meeting and living with locals from different cultural backgrounds, was the most enriching experience I had. I bonded with people I would have never met if I had not studied abroad. Some of my best friends now live in places all around the world that include; South Africa, Germany, Malawi, England, France, and many more.