

PACK YOUR BAGS

Students and teachers share memories from their world traveling adventures

Q&A

When you travel, what is one thing you always bring with you?

"A necklace that my grandma gave me before she died."
--Jonathan Figueroa 25'

"Money because if you don't have money when you're taking a vacation, then you can't enjoy the trip."
--Ali El Seblani 24'

"I bring a snowboard everywhere."
--Eli Fernandez 23'

"I would bring my phone for the sake of capturing photos, so I can look back on these memories."
--Sophia Vasquez 22'

London, UK. "It was a lot of fun. I thought it was going to be more educational purposes, but it was fun. We got to see the guards. They definitely do not lose their role. They are always very serious."
--Evelyn Pacheco 24'

Paris, France. "It's completely different than America. They eat hot dogs and baguettes instead. Seeing the Eiffel tower was really cool. My mom is a hair stylist, and she went to this hair show. My mom surprised me and wanted to take me."
--Brooklyn Davis 22'

Netherlands, Europe. "I really enjoyed traveling around the world and going to different states in the US to race. My favorite moment was when I won a small little crit race. It was about 112 kilometers. I was able to finish the spinoff, and that was my first ever win in Europe."
--Jairus Escajeda 22'

St. Petersburg, Russia. "I remember the area around the docks being very typical of soviet Russia. The winters get so depressing, that there are city laws requiring the buildings to be brightly colored to try and boost people's spirits."
--Mr. Brian Engstrom

Toronto & Vancouver, Canada. "My family was involved in a Portuguese community theatrical piece and we took our group to perform in many Portuguese communities there."
--Mrs. Diana Sales

Nanjing, China. "In China, it was pretty good. We lived in a pretty good neighborhood. I immigrated here when I was in first grade. I enjoyed spending time with my parents and grandparents. We had lots of good times going to many different places, like the mountain areas."
--Justin Chu 22'

Yokosuka, Japan & Kaohsiung, Taiwan. "I lived and worked in both Japan and Taiwan for two and a half months each in the early 1990s. I installed navy missile test equipment used to test missiles for their warships."
--Mr. David Robinson

Portugal. "I was born in Portugal. I lived there for 3 years. We went out a lot, like outside to the beach because our grandparents owned a beach house. There was a huge private beach, and we would host parties every week on Saturdays and Sundays."
--Elton D'Souza 22'

Turkey & Egypt. "I went on a cruise to the Mediterranean for my Honeymoon (2008), which included stops at both places. I love ancient history and always wanted to see the pyramids of Giza and Hagia Sophia."
--Mrs. Alexis Guzman

Guatemala. "It was pretty nice, mostly because I was able to visit my family over there. I was able to see how different the culture is and how people live over there. Honestly, it was really nice being able to go to the beach. My favorite moment was when I went to a water park."
--Johanna Barrios 22'

Philippines. "It was fun. It's a really different culture because everyone is super poor, but everyone is happy still. Everybody is able to enjoy life. My favorite part was visiting the tropical islands. Very beautiful. My family is Filipino, so we visited some family."
--Malachi McMullin 23'

São Paulo, Brazil "The experience was good. We tried new foods, and they got nice beaches over there. Meeting new people and trying new foods was my favorite moment. I went there to explore a new country."
--Julian Molina 23'

Madagascar, South Africa, and Kenya. "Over the past 30 years, I have been to every continent except Antarctica."
--Dr. Wong

Sydney, Australia. "My boyfriend (now husband) and I were visiting his sister who transferred to Sydney, Australia for work. We got to ring in the new year at the Sydney Opera House. We went snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef. Australia is a beautiful country."
--Mrs. Shanette Encarnacion