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Study Abroad Counselor

Career/Education Background:

I am an experienced writer and cross-cultural advisor having lived in some of the world's most dynamic cities: Florence, London, Rio de Janeiro, Wellington, and New York. I started my professional career as a financial journalist writing in London and New York for IR magazine. I later moved to Wellington, where I held a position as a policy analyst for Statistics New Zealand. Upon arriving in New York, I looked for a position where I could inspire others to live abroad. Becoming a study abroad counselor at New York University proved to be the perfect fit, as my passion for exploring different countries grew after having studied abroad at NYU in Florence. I am fluent in Portuguese and Spanish and have a BA in journalism from New York University.

Why do you think students should study abroad?

I believe that students should study abroad to because it was from this firsthand cross-cultural experience that I developed a successful international career.

What advice do you have for students who are about to study abroad?

I advise students to always keep an open mind and be respectful to different points of view when living in another country.