Live the Adventure!

Discovering the Inca Country

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I wouldn’t be exaggerating when I say Peru has it all. From some of the tallest mountains in the world, to the vast desert coastline and to the deep, thick Amazon rainforest. But the amazing variety in this country isn’t just in the terrain. There are so many different indigenous cultures, languages, festivals and music. The food here varies in every city you go to. It is hard to believe that all of this can fit into just one

Although the semester has just begun, it’s important for students to begin preparation for their summer plans. Does one get a job, summer internship, or sit at home watching Law and Order marathons? UH Hilo provides students with the option of going abroad during the summer. Whether it’s an intensive language program, cultural tour, or studying in a different environment, UH Hilo’s programs can help you have a perfect summer. Learn more about it, turn to page 15.

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The people of the jungle are even warmer and friendlier than the coast, and way more relaxed. It's that tropical vibe but to the max! We found a nice lagoon to go swim in.

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country. But there is one thing that is constant throughout Peru: the hospitality and generosity of the people.

Before I came to Peru, I honestly did not know much about it. I just wanted to learn how to speak Spanish. I travelled here with my friend Adam Wilson. We decided to come here a month before our school started to explore the country before we had to settle down in one city. I knew beforehand that the waves are really good in this country, so Adam and I spent that first month just travelling along the coast looking for waves. The beaches here are beautiful and sometimes very isolated, so there aren't many people, but the water is cold!

After our month long surf trip we finally arrived to our new home of Piura, a small city in the northern part of Peru. It's about one hour away from the coast and it is in the desert. It is really hot! I lived with a Peruvian family, the Valladares, who have two sons, a daughter and another student from Belgium. My Peruvian mother, Marina, is one of the most amazing women I have ever met in my life. She is kind, intelligent, and understanding. She is the principal of an elementary school by my house. She is a well respected woman in this city and I feel so lucky to have her as a mother. She has made me feel like part of the family.

The university I have been studying at is called the Universidad de Piura. It has a beautiful campus and great professors. Everyday I have a Spanish class and I also help in the English classes with the Peruvian students. I have made a lot of friends helping out in the English classes.

One of my favourite foods in Piura is Ceviche. It's raw fish marinated in lime juice. It is then mixed with onions, hot peppers, cilantro and salt. It's usually served with sweet potatoes, corn and...
beans. They have different variations of ceviche all over the country, but my favourite kind is from the northern coast. Another one of my favorite foods is Anticuchos. It’s cow heart marinated in spices and then barbequed. At first I was a little scared to eat it, but once I tried it, I fell in love. It is delicious.

One of the best experiences I have had here was my trip to the Amazon jungle. I had a two week break from my school and went on a five day tour through the National Reserve Pacaya Samiria. It was beautiful. I saw monkeys, a sloth, a ton of birds, fresh water dolphins, turtles, crocodiles, amazing butterflies, snakes and a lot of bugs! I went fishing everyday and learned about many different medicinal plants of the rainforest. I also went to the city of Iquitos. It is the largest city in the world that can’t be reached by road. It is surrounded by a lot of lakes to swim in and has an entire market that floats on the river.

I have been having an amazing time here in Peru. At first I was so scared to travel in a foreign country, but this trip has been really empowering. I feel like I can now go anywhere in the world. If I had advice for anyone wanting to study abroad, I would say, be smart, safe and remember that it is a once in a lifetime chance. When I first arrived I felt really home sick, but then I realized that I am so lucky to have this opportunity and I need to enjoy it! Now I have made great friends and done some pretty incredible stuff. Now I am ready to travel the world.
Summer in Japan

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In the summer 2007, I traveled to Japan for the second time. I have never been outside the United States except for Japan. In fact, I am the only one in my family to ever have owned a passport! So you can imagine my excitement when I got mine. I felt like a new door of opportunity was being opened up. I come from a small town called Hawi in Kohala where it is a rare event for someone to be going abroad. So I consider it a great privilege and I feel very appreciative that I have had the opportunity to travel. Japan holds a special place in my heart and I’ll tell you why. This is my experience.

I knew from the time I started college at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo that I wanted to study abroad. I had many reservations but my family, friends, and teachers were very encouraging. I finally decided on the Summer Courses in Japanese offered by International Christian University in Mitaka-shi in Tokyo, Japan. This was a six week intensive Japanese language program. There I met people from all over the world. Most were from the mainland U.S. Others were from Germany, China, Korea, Russia, and one other student from Hawaii! I made many friends but of the two good friends that I made, one is from Canada and the other from Switzerland. Classes were hard but fun. I had a difficult time trying to balance everything because my host family kept me really busy and I attended the majority of the culture program classes. I started riding the bus to and from school and one time took the wrong bus. After that, I rode my bike to school everyday. Actually it was my host mother’s bike with a basket on the front and back. The humidity was hard to withstand and the temperature got up to a sweltering 104 degrees!

Of all the experiences, my most enjoyable were the ones I spent with my host family: host father Katsuya, host mother Shigemi, eldest host brother Satoshi, 23, other host brother Yuta, 21 and host sister Sumire, 17. I fell in love with my two “host cats” Kuro and Gon also. The whole family loves watching the Japanese soccer team play on T.V. My host mother and sister are excellent chefs. All three children are learning Spanish and the two boys are learning violin. Even my classmates at school were jealous that either they didn’t get a host family or that they didn’t get one as good as mine.

I couldn’t possibly pick one exceptional experience out of the rest but some of the best were going to a castle called Odawara-jo and staying at a ryokan (a traditional Japanese inn)
in Atami with my host family the day after arriving in Japan, dressing up in kimono for the first time, and going to an onsen (hot springs) in Kawane. My whole stay, I associated with the Momijigaoka congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. My family and I and my host family are all Jehovah’s Witnesses and I was constantly invited to numerous homes of families in the congregation. I was also taught by them how to make okonomiyaki (a Japanese dish from Hiroshima), and we did hanabi (fireworks) together in Tochigi. I also got to visit with my host family from four years ago.

If you are wondering if I experienced any culture shock, I can say that I did. It was the time I was squished tightly in the train. I had never felt like a sardine until that moment, but everything worked out okay. I also went to Costco in Japan and the famous fish market in Tsukiji, which is the biggest in the world. My host family and I would play card games together, exchanged music, and we would go out to eat a lot. Once we went out to a specialty restaurant to eat unagi (eel), my favorite Japanese food! I also taught my host family how to make Spam musubi and they loved it. They have tried Spam musubi when they came to Hawai‘i a few years ago where they stayed at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort. My host family had a little gathering at their house when I arrived but when I left, they had a big party with all of their friends that I met. During that party, I was dressed up in a furisode kimono (my favorite) and my hair was done in the traditional Japanese style. Of course shopping for gifts for my family was fun for me also!

Up until the last day that I was in Japan, friends from the congregation kept coming by to give me gifts. I cried a lot the day that I left. I didn’t want to say goodbye but I left them with the hope that I would be returning the following year as a participant in the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) program. I had another reason for being tearful when I arrived at the Kona airport: my parents and sister were waiting for me at the gate! Without them, I would never have been able to go to Japan, the first time or the second time. I know that wherever I go, Hawai‘i will always be my home and Japan will always occupy a special place in my heart. I will never be more in love with any other culture.
This past semester (Fall 2007), I had the wonderful opportunity to study abroad. I learned many different things about a variety of cultures, and I also learned to be more independent. Through my experiences, I’ve discovered that there is always somewhere new to explore, and someone new to meet.

Like most countries in Central America, Belize is very small. One convenient thing about it’s size, is that it’s very easy to travel to the surrounding countries. On the weekends, I was able to go to Guatemala and Mexico. Originally, I was searching for waves, but instead I found a small indigenous Mayan village. The people were extremely beautiful, and their culture was very fascinating.

Of all my experiences abroad, the best times that I had were on the weekends. The bus ride to the coast was particularly fun because I was able to meet many different types of people. On the bus, I was able to feel and experience the local culture, while interacting with a variety of colorful personalities. The bus ride was like a huge get together. People would sing and dance to loud music throughout the entire drive.
Almost everyone in Belize speaks English and Spanish fluently. They can also speak ‘Garifuna’, a combination of the two. Some of the older generation still speaks Mayan, but it is an uncommon sight at the University of Belize. Along with tortillas and rice, fruit is an important part of their diet. The most popular fruit are oranges, mangoes, and pineapples. Surprisingly, their mixture of green mango with salt and pepper is really good!

My study abroad has been rewarding, because I was able to study and experience another culture at the same time. I am an Anthropology and Marine Science major, and my study abroad contributed to both majors. My anthropological interests were satisfied by the knowledge I gained about Mayan culture. Almost every weekend, I went diving and viewed many different species of coral, sharks, and magnates. Overall, my experience in Belize was very fruitful. ♦

_Belize is Great continued (from page 6)_

Maite and a friend enjoy the beach

Maite and her friends spend a night on the beach
Rwanda: Global Youth Connect

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My first trip to Africa began by sending my application for participation in the 2007-2008 Global Youth Connect delegation to Rwanda. Genocide, if you know what it is, can grip you; perplex you while trying to fathom the shear volume of life lost. For some reason, maybe the morbid curiosity we all possess, I wanted to go to Rwanda to see it, study it, and feel its powerful effects. Rwanda had been an interest of study for me since my high-school creative writing class, when I watched Hotel Rwanda. For most students, the effect was profound but short term. But for me, the film stuck like glue, permanently embedded in my psyche. Surprisingly, I was given the chance to go to Rwanda, despite the competition, to represent myself and UH Hilo.

Upon arrival into Kigali the other participants and myself shared introductions, and just generally got to know each other and hang out. The next day drove around parts of Kigali, meeting people and socializing. After that, we received
our first reminder of many that we were in a post-genocidal
country as we visited the Gisozi genocide memorial in Kigali. The following day, we began our human rights conference

with 15 other native Rwandans. In fact, the last day was televised on Rwandan National Television, which was cool because we were all in a restaurant/bar near Tanzania when the aired the program. After the five day conference we met with USAID, and then with the head of the Rwandan National Reconciliation Commission. After those meetings, our group split up to work with different organizations. I worked with Never Again Rwanda, which is one of most influential non-profits in the country. Their job was to find genocide ideology being taught in schools, and stamp it out. After shutting down genocide teaching school, Never Again Rwanda would then set up after school programs and activities to promote reconciliation and inter ethnic youth bonding. For the last few days we traveled, visited hospitals, and went to different memorials throughout the country. We also, viewed the unique genocide trials known as Gaccaca, which in itself was an amazingly thought provoking experience.

My three weeks in Rwanda truly changed my views on East Africa and how I view international issues. Furthermore, I feel it changed my life and was sincerely the best time I have ever had in any particular place. I met people that I truly feel I will be in contact with for the rest of my life. That being said, if you are thinking about participating in a Global Youth Connect program, I highly encourage you to do so. They offer a variety of

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programs aside from Rwanda. You should visit their website: [www.globalyouthconnect.org](http://www.globalyouthconnect.org), to see when new opportunities are available. However, if you see something you like and are thinking of applying I would advise that you take an extensive amount of time on the application and have a competitive GPA, because you will be competing for limited spots against students from UH Hilo to Harvard and Georgetown, and many are graduate level students. Obviously in this brief outline I could not fill in every detail, if you would like to talk to me about GYC, or have any questions about Rwanda or my trip in general do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for reading and happy travels.
Current events and our media have created a somewhat negative portrait of the Middle East, yet the region is home to many different cultural, architectural, and historical treasures. Last year’s International Education Week held a Middle Eastern Night Celebration to promote education about the region. The local Arab community was very helpful in making Middle Eastern Night a success. Greg Trifonovitch, Ismail Abdolahi, Jamil Ahmadia, and Yousef Qattan offered their expertise about the region to inform the public of the area’s rich heritage. Arab clothing and art was available for viewing thanks to Ms. Jeannette Lesko and Ms. Suehere Shehata, and crafts from Ten Thousand Villages were sold. Guests also dined on delicious Middle Eastern cuisine. The Belly Babes performed several belly dances for the crowd.
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Semester at Sea
What in the world is this?

Hints:
- Name was inspired by the red hills that surround the site
- Is a UNESCO world heritage site
- Napoleon attempted to blow it up
- Poets describe it as “a pearl set in the emeralds”

Answer: Alhambra, Spain
Summer Abroad

Students who wish to improve their language skills or learn about a special academic subject in another country will benefit from ISEP Summer Programs.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, from January until May each year. Applications are due by May 1st unless otherwise noted.

Summer Programs Taught in ENGLISH:

ESTONIA: University of Tartu - D
- The Collapse of Communism and Beyond
  Dates: July 1 – July 20, 2008
  Cost: $3,000 for tuition and room
  Includes: airfare, meals, and other
  Application Deadline: April 1, 2008

FRANCE: Université de Savoie - D
- International Business Program at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels
  Dates: July 15 – August 8, 2008
  Cost: $3,400
  Application Deadline: June 15, 2008

GERMANY: Universität Hamburg - D
- Intensive German language program at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels
  Dates: July 15 – August 8, 2008
  Cost: $3,400
  Application Deadline: June 15, 2008

HUNGARY: Corvinus University of Budapest - E or I
- Eastern Europe Studies
  Dates: May 18 – June 23, 2008
  Cost: Includes tuition, room and board, and airfare
  Application Deadline: April 1, 2008

ITALY: University of Firenze - D
- Contemporary Italian Society and Culture
  Dates: TBD
  Cost: Based on tuition at home university

JAPAN: Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University - D
- Eight-week program provides an opportunity to study Japanese language
  Dates: June 4 - August 1, 2008
  Cost: $3,990
  Application Deadline: by February 1, 2008 to be considered for an additional semester placement

MEXICO: Universidad de Monterrey - D
- Spanish Language and Mexican Culture with Service Learning
  Dates: June 29 – July 25, 2008
  Cost: $2,490

NICARAGUA: Universidad de Leon - D
- Language and Culture Program
  Dates: April 4 – May 15, 2008
  Cost: $2,475
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

PORTUGAL: Instituto Superior Técnico - D
- Portuguese Language and Culture Program
  Dates: June 16 – July 12, 2008
  Cost: $2,475
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

SPAIN: University of Granada - D
- Language and Cultural Studies
  Dates: May 11 – June 29, 2008
  Cost: $2,490
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

SWEDEN: Uppsala University - D
- Scandinavian Studies
  Dates: June 1 – July 26, 2008
  Cost: $2,490
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

THAILAND: Thammasat University - D
- Business in Thailand
  Dates: June 25 – July 14, 2008
  Cost: Includes tuition at home university
  Application Deadline: April 1, 2008

UKRAINE: National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy - D
- Ukraine Studies
  Dates: July 21 – August 15, 2008
  Cost: $2,475
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

UNITED KINGDOM: University of Oxford - D
- Oxford Summer School in Economics
  Dates: July 9 – July 25, 2008
  Cost: $2,490
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

VENEZUELA: Universidad Central de Venezuela - D
- Latin American Studies
  Dates: June 29 – July 25, 2008
  Cost: $2,490
  Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

Foreign Language Option

Summer Abroad

Contact ISEP for more information and assistance with your application.

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Summer Opportunities

The summer programs listed here, are just a handful of the many available at UH Hilo. Please contact the Center for Global Education and Exchange for further information.

Chinese Culture Study Tour
May 20- June 15, 2008

In conjunction with Peking University, UH Hilo students will be able to travel through Tibet and China. Students who complete the program will receive 4 writing intensive credits, and be issued a certificate. For more information, please contact: Professor John Cheng, johnhlcheng@yahoo.com

Chung-Ang University International Summer School
Mid June- mid July

Participate in a three-week summer program (mid-June to early-July) studying at Chung Ang University in Seoul, Korea. The program includes Korean language and culture acquisition. The program fees of $1,000 does not include international airfare, housing, meals or field trip expense.

You will earn three credits for this program.

Ecology and Environmental Science: Belize
June 02-24, 2008

Study ecology and the environment while traveling along Belize’s rivers, through its tropical forests, and in its coral reef ecosystems. Mayan archeological sites and modern wildlife sanctuaries in the mountains, rainforests, and cayes of Belize will be used to explore the environmental effects of ancient and contemporary cultures. Study, live, and socialize side-by-side with Belizean college students. Earn 8 credits (take any two courses: __ENSC 1000/L Introduction to Environmental Science__, __BIOL 2800 Ecology__, __BIOL 4720 Community Ecology__, __BIOL 4950 Ecology and Environments of Belize__). Program fee of $3,050 pays for tuition (8 credits), in country transportation (bus, van, boat), meals, housing (dorms, hostels, camping), lectures, field excursions, Belizean guides, and insurance. Fees do not include passport and related expenses, travel to Belize, and spending money.

Applications are due by February 1, 2008.
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—St. Augustine

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