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ROVINJ, CROATIA

Ally's Major: Secondary Education-English, with European Studies Certificate

Program: Conflict and Culture (Summer)

Housing: We lived in a quaint two-story villa, hosted by an old Croatian couple. We each had a roommate and lived either next to or above each other. The Croatian woman took care of our laundry and the upkeep of our rooms. We each had a little porch or balcony attached to our rooms, and there was a little community lawn in the front of the villa that we would often utilize.

Advice for Someone Considering this Program: Croatia is such a small, little-known gem of a country that has such beauty! If you are interested in discovering the unknown – something new and exciting – Croatia is perfect! Also, you have the most perfect summer weather where the sun is practically always shining and you can swim in the Adriatic Sea everyday! The country is small and therefore very travelable – I would encourage you to see as much of Croatia as you can! It's so wonderfully unique.

Benefits of Study Abroad: I think that by traveling abroad, I am much more culturally aware, responsive, and appreciative. I want to learn new languages, taste new foods, dance to new music, and ultimately learn about different cultures. I think this new yearning to learn and be adventurous is unique to students who have taken the wonderful opportunities to study abroad.

“Going to Croatia made me so proud to be part Croatian, encouraged me to continue learning about the country, and helped me realize that this place was actually my second home.”