

IAP Parent Profile

Santiago, Chile



Margaret's daughter, Caryn, studied abroad during the Fall semester in Santiago, Chile.

How did you feel when your daughter first mentioned studying abroad?

Excited! Yet full of questions – how much? Why Chile, and not somewhere else? How will this affect your current plans for graduation? Lots and lots of questions.

Did you have concerns about Caryn studying abroad? If so, how did you overcome these concerns?

I was concerned about overall safety. I knew nothing about South America, Chile or Santiago. Learning more about the program and the city itself really helped me. I spent some time on the internet looking up facts and tourist information about Santiago and Chile.



What are the benefits of study abroad?

It was an opportunity to really let go and trust that our daughter could take care of herself. She gained independence and travel experience, adjusted to a different culture, was totally immersed in a foreign language, made new friends, and learned smart money management decisions – the list goes on and on!

What advice do you have for parents of prospective study abroad students?

Encourage your student to enjoy all aspects of their experience from the academic to the social to the recreational. Also, encourage your student to be patient throughout the process. If you have a student that is an "A" type personality, they could become frustrated at the pace of some of the programs.

