"There are endless quotes from authors and philosophers about getting out of one’s comfort zone, as this is where life begins. To some degree, this is what we have come to Canada to do."

-Kelowna student

Orientation at UBCO
Hiking Knox Mountain

First Days Abroad
"I hope to travel to more iconic or known places of Canada to get the full effect. The time I have in Canada will definitely be an experience of a lifetime." - Kelowna student
Exploring Kelowna

Kangaroo Farm
Myra Canyon

"Being in such an amazing place can be overwhelming but when you look around and realize the beauty of it you will appreciate it for all its worth."

-Kelowna student
Hiking Big White Mountain
Kelowna Rockets Game
Kasuagi Gardens
Ice Skating

"From exploring new parts of the world, I have learned how many places go unexplored and it gives me an outlook on how big our world really is."
-Kelowna student
Student Favorites - Walking to Campus

"A beautiful view of my daily commute up and down the stairs between classes and my dorm."
-Kelowna student

"This photo was taken outside of the Cassiar Residence Building. I'm glad I am able to be surrounded by such an ordinary yet beautiful view every time I walk out of my building."
-Kelowna student
Student Favorites - Downtown

"Here is a picture of the captivating periwinkle sunset in Downtown Kelowna! I really enjoy venturing out and seeing all the great details of this town with my friends. The mountains in the distance are breathtaking and seeing them daily is such a treat!"

-Kelowna student
"The view of Lake Country on the way out to the Armstrong Rodeo. This beautiful area is only 5 minutes out of Kelowna and has breathtaking scenery."

-Kelowna student
iCharleston
First Days Abroad
Hike at Howth

“... There are some days I crumble and just want to be back home, but then I walk outside and I realize that yes I literally am lost, I have no idea where I’m going, but I’m here and I’ve made it further than I thought I could. So even though I’m lost figuratively and literally it’s okay because I wake up everyday I find my way a little bit more.” - Dublin student
Living in Dublin

"Dublin has brought out a new side of myself. A side that loves to walk and take in every inch of this incredibly city. I am so lucky to call Dublin my home."

-Dublin student
Around the City
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"I find it so intriguing that even the smallest city streets are enriched with such a variety of Irish culture. I love that each time I walk down this little street in Dublin it provides such an authentic feeling of old and new, from the brick pavement to the colorful colors on the pubs and stores, and the flowers and flags hanging from above, it makes it almost impossible to take it all in at once."

-Dublin student
Exploring Ireland - Study Tour to Northern Ireland
Visit to Croke Park
Cliffs of Moher

"Advice I would give to future iCharleston students is to not stress so much about the little things, definitely explore the country and really get to know where your living and how amazing it really is."

-Dublin student
Visit to the Irish Museum of Modern Art
Aran Islands

"iCharleston has helped me to prepare for an American college experience by allowing me to gain the skills to interact and communicate well with others. I am more prepared for college now than I was coming into the semester flying into Dublin."

-Dublin student
Causey Farm
"My favorite part of Dublin so far is the graffiti. Walking around and seeing at the different art on the walls of Dublin is very interesting to me. I love art, so seeing street art in different countries is fascinating."

-Dublin student
Student Favorites-Blarney Castle

"This picture is from when I went to Cork City. We went there to go see the Blarney Stone and it was awesome. I enjoyed this photo because it focuses in on the castle and the Castle only. At the top of castle you can look out and see what Ireland is known for, the thousand different shades of green. It was truly a breath-taking view that causes you to focus on the moment and enjoy life."

-Dublin student
"This picture was taken on one of the bridges connecting North and South Dublin. Our time in Dublin has flown by, and it is pictures like these that will make me miss it. Walking 20 minutes through Dublin is not going to be a regular thing anymore which is bittersweet. Next stop, Charleston!"
- Dublin student
Student Favorites-Croke Park

"This was the most incredible stadium I have ever been too! I would love to go to a sporting event and will definitely do my best to attend one. Definitely a must see in Dublin!" -Dublin student
First Days Abroad - Buckingham Palace
First Days Abroad

Houses of Parliament
Orientation at FIE

"I came here because of the opportunity to immerse myself into a culture that I’m not comfortable in."

-London student
Living in London

Big Ben

Kensington Palace

St. Paul's Cathedral
"The important thing for me is being able to say with confidence that I did not just ‘visit’ London for a semester, rather, I lived in London for a semester."

-London student
Exploring London - Afternoon Tea
Olympic Stadium Tour

"I'm in a new city and who knows if this opportunities will rise again so I feel why not see every aspect of London and not just the tourist sites. My intentions are to see as much of London as possible in the time we have here and never turn down or say no to an idea."
-London student
Tour and Taping at the BBC
Day Trip to Brighton

"One of my biggest accomplishments this semester was simply getting out, site seeing with friends, and just putting myself out there. By doing so I have been able to make great friends and this will definitely help me to remember everything from this trip. I know that this will help me when I get to College of Charleston.”

-London student
English Football - Fulham FC
"Studying abroad in a different country teaches you about different cultures and to be more open-minded about life in general. I have stepped out of my comfort zone and I could not be more grateful for being here. London has changed me as a person and the way I think about everything. Other college students may not have this opportunity during their four years so in that case, I will not take this trip for granted whatsoever."

-London student
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
Ice Skating at the Natural History Museum

"I have been lost and completely panicked because I do not recognize my surroundings, or how to get back to a familiar place, but I have also embraced not knowing where I am going."

- London Student
"Two weeks ago I went to Tower Bridge with my family when they were in town. This is a great touristy spot, and I am surprised I had not been there sooner! It is a must- not only to see, but to walk across this beautiful National Landmark! Looking out over the bridge gives you a great view of the city and is one of my favorites things I have seen in London."

-London student
"This picture stood out to me because when I was walking through the street I didn't feel as if I was in London more as if I was in a quaint town in rural England. I took this picture by taking the tube to Earls Court with two friends trying to explore more of London that most tourists wouldn't have had an interest in exploring."

-London student
Student Favorites - Trafalgar Square

"This was what I encountered on my way to The National Gallery in Trafalgar Square for my art class. I really enjoy this picture because it shows all of the cool things I am able to see by just walking to class."

-London student
"This photo was taken on the roof of the Tate Modern museum. It stood out to me because of the wide view of the city it displays. I loved being able to come up here to see all the high rises and landmarks of London. I visit the museum frequently for the art, but the top floor has quickly become a favorite part of mine. You can walk around the whole perimeter of the building to see the view from all different angles as well!"

-London student
iCharleston Traditions
Thanksgiving Abroad
End of Semester Celebrations
Semester Reflections

“It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.” - Ernest Hemingway
"Although being a part of iCharleston is not what I would’ve pictured for myself originally, I am very glad that I was given the opportunity. I think that being on my in another country has opened up my eyes to a lot of things that I wouldn’t have understood or realized if I were at Charleston right now. I also feel that being in London has pushed me to mature, and is preparing me for adulthood and my future at Charleston.” -London student
I did not picture myself growing so much here and thriving as well as I did. I found myself; I have become independent, mature, more easy going, grew a love for traveling and I have become a better person in my opinion. Studying abroad has changed me as an entire person. I wish I could really explain how much this place has changed me; I have learned so much in 4 months that take others a lifetime to reach. I wouldn’t change this trip for the world, I am going to miss it.”

-Dublin student
"Being able to enter my second semester in college with the extent of knowledge that I have gained while traveling abroad is something that I am, and will continue to be extremely thankful for, as it provides new and unforgettable experiences each and everyday."

- London student
"It actually wasn't easy, but looking back, why would I have picked anywhere else? Studying abroad has always been what I wanted to do and I really didn't want to wait until my junior year... A year ago, I would not have pictured myself here. This was not even a possibility in my mind, but now that I am here, I couldn't be happier!"

-Kelowna student
Welcome to CofC!