



Reviews & Testimonials – Summit Brazil January 2014

“I loved all of the programming, there was always an option to dive a little deeper into Brazilian culture; big acknowledgement to Maike and Brian for that! I feel like I’ve done more in this one-month program than I imagined possible. ESPM has been a gracious host and its faculty are top-class.”

- Zach Miller, Miami University

“I would definitely recommend this program to future students, especially if they’re looking for a real cultural experience that’s different than theirs. I liked how there was something planned for us everyday, and it was always something fun and culturally enriching.”

- Bethany Miller, Miami University

“I would recommend this program to other students. I really liked the structure and how well we were able to view and capture all aspects of the country of Brazil. Something that surprised me were how nice Brazilians were. Everyone was really patient and willing to go the extra mile for us. These past three weeks have been amazing!”

- Kelly Marin, Seton Hall University

“I would recommend this trip to future students, as a comprehensive trip in Brazil would be beneficial for everyone. I particularly enjoyed all the sites we saw and the ready information at our disposal, along with the freedom with which we were permitted to pursue our interests. I would make the Portuguese language classes obligatory to some degree; most regret missing out!”

- Valentina Iricibar, Argentina



"I would 100% recommend this program to other Iowa students. I have learned so much about Brazil and will carry that with me for the rest of my life. Brian and Leo, my professors, are nothing but professional in the classroom and make for a great learning atmosphere. Outside of the classroom, they are fun and friendly; The perfect mix!"

- Ryan Burton, University of Iowa

"Things I loved: (1) The staff – Maike, Brian, Leo, Daniella, our professors were the best anyone could ask for. (2) How much we did – I never stopped doing. I was never, ever bored on this trip. There was so many great suggestions and places to see. (3) Brazilian students – invaluable to the trip and learning experience."

- Will Martinez, Hofstra University

"Yes, I would recommend this program! I liked the length of time we got in each city, not constant movement, but not too static. I liked the mix of planned events and freedom to explore on your own. Also, Paraty was way more awesome than I expected! I love cities and did not expect to love a colonial town as much as I did!"

- Marissa Horwitz, Miami University

"As a Brazilian this program was a great opportunity to travel without leaving my country. I learned more about Americans and the way they see business and the world in general, and I hope I helped them to learn more about what it is like being Brazilian. I made some great friends; people that I hope I can keep in touch and meet again soon. That's what surprised me the most, because I was not expecting to make such great new friends in just one month!"

- Joana Passos, ESPM Rio, Brazil



“Yes, I would recommend this program because I think it’s amazing what you’re offering in this program. At the same time, you can study and get the credits that you need, and you can also know the country. I liked the fact that you don’t just take them to the main places in the city, but also you try to show the group places that people who live in Rio go. I also liked the fact that you show the truth to the group; Rio has poverty, it’s a part of who we are, and I think it’s important to show that. I was surprised with the freedom that the students had and how great the professional visits were!”

- Thadeu Valpasso, ESPM Rio, Brazil

“There is no doubt that I would recommend the Summit Program. I thought the flow of the program as perfect, not too overwhelming but always something to do. It’s important to find that balance in a study abroad program and I think Summit has managed to do so. I truly believe this is one of the best programs out there. Thanks again!”

- William Croghan, Miami University

“I would recommend this program to future students because there are a lot of amazing things to see and do in Brazil, and this program allowed us to spend time in 3 cities. I also think the balance between time in school and time experiencing the culture was very appropriate. My favorite part of the program was the diversity of activities. I had the best times on the boat, and the visit to Globo.”

- Jeff Vaughn, Miami University