

BU Madrid In a Word
Spring 2020



Picturesque



“Spain is beautiful...for the stunning landscapes, historic sites, and the Spanish people themselves. Thank you, Madrid, for the adventure of a lifetime.”

-Madeline Ahern

Whoa



"In my first week in Madrid, I was exploring the streets of Lavapies, in awe of everything, and was so in shock to actually be in Europe for the first time. I looked up at this one large building, and it had these three large words painted across it. I thought, "whoaaa"that's a powerful statement. Fast forward to March 10 (I think), the day we got the program cancellation email; we were on a street art tour with Isabel in Lavapies, and we all heard the news and hung out together in an alleyway for a while, sort of in disbelief. I walked back to the Metro to head back to my host family house, and as I rounded a corner, I came across that same building, with the three big words, that I'd seen during my first week. The three words: Usted Esta Aqui. Again: "whoaaa." That made me really emotional. Sort of an image of beautiful irony to encapsulate my time in Madrid. I will never forget seeing that."

-Derek Crosby

Unforgettable



-Jean-Marc Achkar

Familia



"I chose familia because although I was really excited to travel, see new sites, and explore the different cultures, looking back now, I feel like the biggest thing I gained was a new family. Not just being really welcomed and appreciative of my host family, who have become my real family, but building relationships with professors that really care and pay attention. Or even the friends I traveled with and dined in 100 Montaditos feel like we'll always share a different, closer love. Being abroad in Madrid made the introduction to mi nueva familia, and for that, I'll always be grateful."

-Rehnuma Kabir