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## **Impressive memories and inspirations of Down Under**

My name is David and I have been to Australia for 7 month from February until August '19 and had some impressive experiences during this time.

I thought a lot about what is home and where I belong to. And even what my homeland is.

Of course, the land and nature always play an important role when it comes to homeland and belonging. As the terms homeland or motherland illustrate very well.

I did not get to know the Australian culture since my childhood, but was suddenly allowed to immerse myself in a completely new and foreign culture. Therefore, I found this experience very intense.

The theoretically learned knowledge about belonging or getting to know a new country is not very understandable for me as such. Especially when people tell their experiences they gained when they have been abroad.

This means to me that the sense of belonging and the real experience is more an emotional sense rather than an intellectual understanding. Hence, the feeling of belonging can have different meanings for everyone and everyone has different interpretations of their homelands and their affiliation.

Personally, I do not have a fixed place which I would designate as homeland because I feel home where my bag is. And my bag can be anywhere there are friendly and kind people.

Therefore, I now briefly report on a very significant personal experience for me and how I experienced the feeling of belonging in Australia. This occurred during the 5-day trip to the Australian Outback.

During the study break in week 7 I flew to Alice Springs with a group of 18 international students and from there we explored the area around Uluru in the Northern Territory. We slept in swags and had no shower facilities for the first three days and sometimes our only sources of energy were campfires.

Therefore, we explored the country largely without technology and modern tools and I was able to concentrate on the essentials.

The most intense experiences I had were in the afternoons and evenings when we returned from our explorations to camp and we processed the impressions of the day. On some evenings, I wandered so far from the camp that I could no longer see any lights and no longer hear any voices and only the land and me with my thoughts existed. In this overwhelming loneliness and endlessness of the country I was overcome with feelings that I had not experienced before. Through the vastness and sheer endlessness, I suddenly felt like part of the country without ever having been there before. And though I was so lonely and abandoned in the distance, I felt very secure. I felt a close bond with the country. On some days, this feeling overwhelmed me so much that I got tears in my eyes.

When I think of Australian music, the Australians in the Sirius College where I lived at and the typical Aussie food, it is possible for me to recall that feeling a bit.

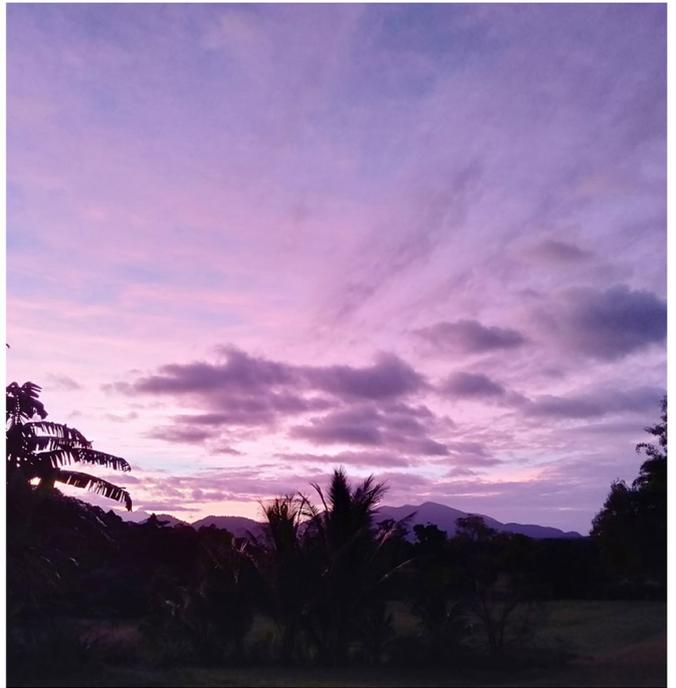
But will never be forgotten though...

...Australia you stole my heart...

So to conclude studying abroad can be much more than just an experiencing of a foreign culture and country it also can give you the opportunity to find yourself, to find out what really matters in life. And to gain experiences that exceed your imagination that you couldn't have dreamed of before.

It's worth it and you'll definitely not gonna regret it ;-)







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