

Postcards from

Around
the
world

Postcards from

South

America



Guatemala

Greetings from Antigua!

Hola Students!

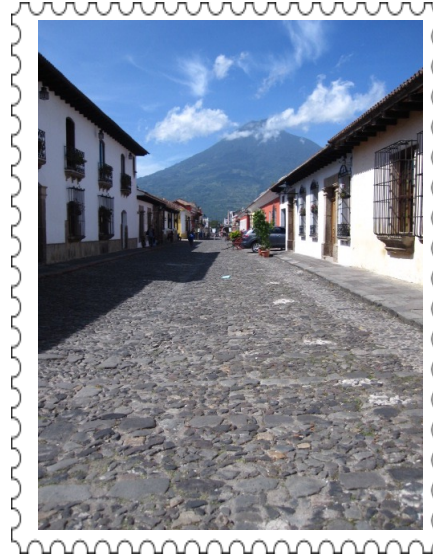
I have arrived in beautiful Guatemala and plan to stay here for a few days. This country is full of volcanoes, mountains, and beaches.

I am currently staying in Antigua, which is not the capital of Guatemala (Guatemala City is the capital). This city is really interesting, because it is surrounded by 3 volcanoes. Tomorrow I am going to Lake Atitlan. This lake was created over 840 000 years ago, when a volcano exploded. It is the deepest lake in all of Central America.

While I am here I am practising my Spanish skills, and I am learning a lot about the Mayan Civilization. Today in Guatemala the Mayan people wear beautifully coloured clothing just like their ancestors did. The wildlife and plant life here is as beautiful and as colourful as the Mayan textiles!

I hope that you are all doing well.

Yours Truly,





Peru

Greetings from Cusco!



Hola Students,
I write to you from 3400 meters high (that's over 2 miles). I am in Cusco, Peru, and I am getting ready to hike to Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu is a famous ancient city built by the Inca people.

Almost half of Peru is covered in the Amazon Rainforest (the largest rainforest in the world). In the Amazon you can find animals and plants that are not found anywhere else in the world. When I was there I saw incredible pink dolphins in the river. They were truly pink. It was quite a sight.

In addition to rainforest, there are also many mountains in Peru. They are called the Andes mountains. The Andes were so large that the Ancient Inca People believed them to be Gods.

I cannot write for too long, because I need to pack up my gear and find the alpaca that will be walking with me up to Machu Picchu.

Adios!

Yours Truly,



Brazil

Greetings from Rio De Janeiro!

Olá Students,

I write to you from the vibrant and lively city of Rio. De Janeiro. There is so much to see, do, hear and taste here. Did you know that Brazil is the largest country in all of South America? It is so big that there are 3 separate time zones in the country. Unlike, other South American countries Brazilians speak Portuguese, not Spanish.

There are some very interesting animals in Brazil including armadillo, tapirs, jaguars and pumas. Because I am in the city, I haven't seen any of those yet.

In Rio I have visited the beach, and climbed to see the big Jesus landmark that overlooks the city. I have also gone to see some Samba shows. Samba is a beautiful and energetic Brazilian dance.

I am off to explore more of this fantastic country!

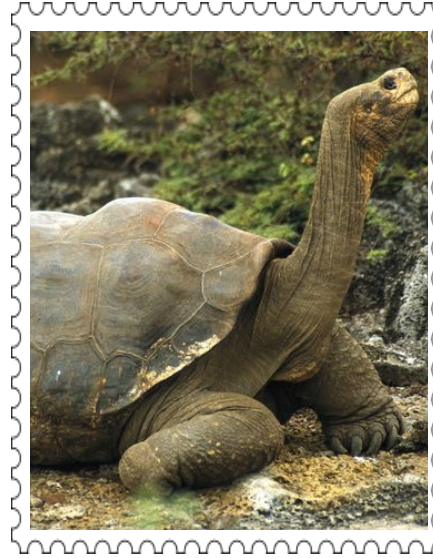
Yours Truly,





Ecuador

Greetings from Galapagos Islands!



Hola Students,

I am travelling now in a very unique part of Ecuador, called the Galapagos islands. These islands are famous for the many species of wildlife living here. Charles Darwin visited this island in 1835 and learned so much about how animals adapt and change over time. A lot of what we know about animal life is thanks to that trip.

I was pleasantly surprised when I got here to see how carefully the people take care of the wildlife. They do everything they can to protect nature here. I think that is part of the reason why some of the animals are so comfortable with humans. I had a sea lion come right up to my boat and hop in! She wasn't scared at all.

The islands are situated along the equator line. That means the climate is quite hot all year round.

There are so many amazing animals to go see. I will write again soon!

Yours Truly,

Postcards from

North

America

Canada



Greetings from Canada!



Hello/Bonjour Students,

I am writing to you from Vancouver, Canada. It is not Canada's capital, but it sure is a beautiful city! This city is so unique because of all of the cultures I see around me. Even though English and French are the country's official languages, I can hear many more languages spoken on the streets.

Canada is known for its many freshwater lakes, numerous rivers, majestic mountains, rolling plains, and forested valleys. Canada has such varied landscapes because of its size. Canada is so big that it would take me 2-3 YEARS to walk across it. It takes more than 9 hours to fly across the country!

Canada is famous for its delicious maple syrup, which is tapped straight from their maple trees. The maple leaf is also part of their flag.

I hope that you get to visit this welcoming (but cold) country one day.

Yours Truly,

Mexico



Greetings from Chichen Itza!



Hola Students,

I am writing from the ancient city Chichen Itza in Mexico. Chichen Itza is a very popular place to visit in Mexico. It is considered one of the seven wonders of the world.

This city was built by the Ancient Maya people. The most famous thing here is the “Castillo”, the pyramid like castle with staircases on the outside. You cannot climb on the stairs. They do not want the historical sight to be worn down by people walking on it.

I spent a few hours walking around this town, and seeing the castillo. Afterwards, I joined a friend for some sweet jugo (juice) and gorditas (a corn patty with different toppings). All of the food here is full of flavour and a lot of it is made with corn. They put sauces on everything!

I hope that you are doing well students!

Yours Truly,



U.S.A

Greetings from the Grand Canyon!



Hello Students,

I am writing from the Grand Canyon, one of the most breathtaking and popular sights in the United States of America. The U.S.A. is a really huge country, and I will not see too much of it on this trip, but I just had to stop here. The Grand Canyon is located in the state of Arizona.

There is a river that runs through the canyon. As well, there are many different types of rocks here. The rock at the bottom of the canyon is estimated to be about 2 billion years old!

I have been hiking around the canyon for 3 hours, and I still have so much to cover! Although I am pretty tired from the hot sun and long walk, I knew I had to send a postcard from this amazing place. I think the sunset was the highlight so far! (A picture of it is on the other side of the postcard).

Yours Truly,

Postcards from

Europe





Spain

Greetings from Barcelona!



Hola Students,

I am writing you from the beautiful city of Barcelona! This city is so full of life, delicious food, and beautiful buildings. I have visited some apartments built by the famous architect, Antoni Gaudi. Did you know Antoni Gaudi began building a cathedral in 1882, and it is still being built today? It is Sagrada Familia. People estimate that the cathedral be finished in 2028. That is 146 years of building!

Barcelona is a city in North Eastern Spain known for it's small winding streets, and delicious tapas food. Tapas is a style of food that is all small dishes. I have eaten so many delicious tapas in this city.

In most of Spain they speak Spanish, but here people speak Spanish and Catalan.

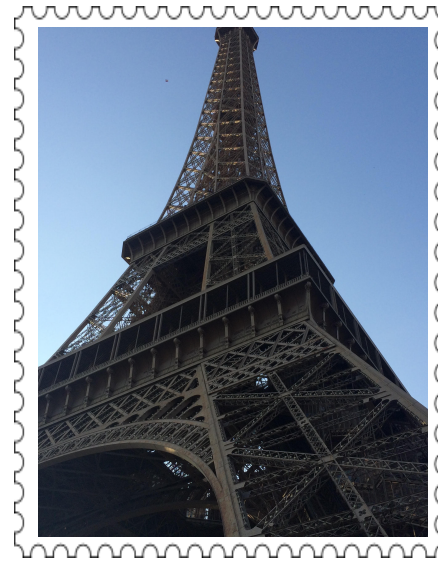
I hope that you are all doing well. I look forward to getting your letters soon.

Yours Truly,

France



Greetings from Paris!



Bonjour Students,

It is hard to write as I hold my fresh baguette and brie cheese, but I will do my best. I have arrived in the romantic city of Paris. The sun is shining and illuminating the Seine River, which runs through the city.

This morning I visited the Eiffel Tower, and ate a crepe as I sat in the park beside the beautiful structure.

Tomorrow I plan to visit the Louvre Museum. It is one of the largest and most impressive art museums in the world. Amongst its thousands of art pieces, stands the Mona Lisa, DaVinci's most famous paintings.

This city is full of romance and beauty. It is so lovely to hear the elegant French language being spoken everywhere I go. I hope that you can visit it one day!

Yours Truly,



Iceland

Greetings from Reykjavik!

Halló Students,

I am writing to you from Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. It is nicknamed 'The Land of Fire and Ice' because it is covered by ice, glaciers and geysers. Iceland has got more than 20 active volcanoes. Despite all of the ice, Iceland does have some farmland where you will see many sheep. Sheep are the most common farm animals here. In addition to sheep, I have seen many seabirds including the adorable puffins!

I just finished an Icelandic lunch which consisted of Skyr (sort of like yogourt), rye bread, and pickled herring. It wasn't my favourite food, but it was alright. There is a dish called Hákari, which is rotten shark. I don't think I will try that as the smell is too strong for me!

Tomorrow I am going to one of the many natural hot springs that are all over the country and I am going whale watching after that. Hopefully I will spot some Humpback whales.

Yours Truly,



Scotland



Greetings from Tantallon castle!



Hello Students,

I am writing from the hilly land of Scotland. This country is a place where old meets new. I have spent many days exploring the medieval castles and the Scottish highlands. Most of the big cities, however, are located on the lowlands.

Today I am at Tantallon castle. It was built in the 1300s by a nobleman. Since then, it has been sieged and taken over many times by various people. The castle itself is quite magnificent and only a few hours from Edinburgh.

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, and is also the most populated city in all of Scotland. When I was there I heard the bagpipes being played, and I of course saw some people wearing kilts. This has been a really interesting country to visit!

Yours Truly,

Postcards from

Asia



India



Greetings from Mumbai!



Namaste (नमस्ते) Students,

I am writing you from the bustling streets of Mumbai, India. This city is so busy and full of life. On the streets of Mumbai I have been eating Vada Pav (it is like a potato sandwich) and Chai tea. All of the food here is cooked with many spices. The flavours are very strong. There are many languages spoken here, but the most common one that I hear is Hindi.

Two days ago I visited the Taj Mahal and it was spectacular! The Taj Mahal is actually a Mausoleum (tombs for the deceased). Taj Mahal translates to "crown of palaces".

One of the most famous Indians in history is Ghandi. He was known for his non-violent protests which helped India gain independence.

Although the hot weather makes my walks very sweaty, I have enjoyed exploring the bustling streets of India!

Yours Truly,



Vietnam

Greetings from Hanoi!

Xin Chào Students,

I am here in the impressive country of Vietnam. This country has as much natural beauty as it does culture. I have explored all the way from the Mekong River in the South to the Red River in the North, and everything in between!

Thanks to these 2 rivers, the land here is very lush and perfect for growing rice. That is why rice is a staple in many Vietnamese dishes.

Right now I am in Hanoi, the capital city, sipping on a delicious bowl of Pho (traditional Vietnamese rice noodle soup) as I watch the thousands of motorcycles whiz by. There are 92 million people living in this fairly small country, so the streets are always packed!

I am having a fabulous time in the city. Tomorrow I will head to the beaches of Nha Trang for some rest and relaxation!

Yours Truly,





Japan

Greetings from Tokyo!

こんにちは Kon'nichiwa Students,

This letter is coming all the way from Japan. I am currently in Tokyo trying to eat as much delicious Japanese food as I can. Japanese food is not just Sushi. There are so many delicious foods- many which use vegetables and fish. My favourite is Okonomiyaki a savoury pancake filled with cabbage and other delicious ingredients.

Japan is an archipelago, or string of islands, on the eastern edge of Asia. Most of the country is covered in Mountains. Mount Fuji is the tallest one in the country. Did you know that some people in Japan believe that Mount Fuji is sacred (holy)?

I have found people here to be very kind and respectful. Many people have stopped to help me find my way when I have gotten lost.

Yesterday I visited the Tsukiji fish market. I had to wake up at 5 a.m. to get there, but it was worth it. It is the largest and busiest fish market in the world!

Yours Truly,





Thailand

Greetings from Thailand!

Sà Wàt Dii (สวัสดี) Students,

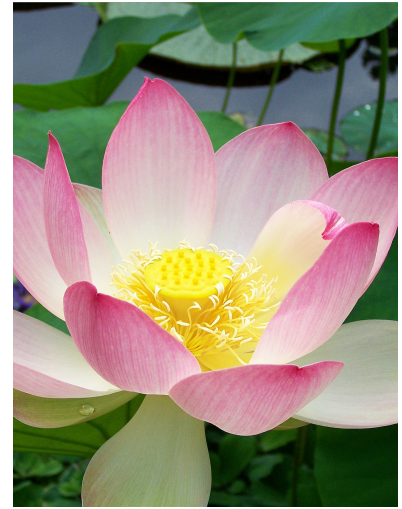
Thailand is just fabulous! I am loving every minute in this exciting (and very hot) country. Right now I am in the capitol city, Bangkok. I have been indulging in the delicious local dishes including Pad Thai (a rice noodle dish), and green curry.

Did you know that the most popular religion in Thailand is buddhism. There are also a lot of Muslims living in Thailand. I have visited a few Buddhist structures with ornate decorations and graceful pagodas. I have also seen some massive Buddha statues.

Because there are lots of canals in Bangkok, it is sometimes called the 'Venice of the South'. I went to a floating market on one of the canals where all of the stalls are on boats!

Because it rains so much here from May to September, there is a great amount of of plantlife. One of the most popular and common flowers is the Lotus flower.

Yours Truly,



Postcards from

Africa





Kenya

Greetings from Nairobi!

Jamba Students,

This letter comes all the way from Nairobi, Kenya. Nairobi is the country's capital. This country is just majestic! Kenya is located on the equator, so it is very hot here year round.

Kenya has some very large and powerful animals including lions, giraffes, rhinoceroses, leopards, elephants, and many more. The Kenyan government has set up reserves to protect these animals from harm.

School in Kenya is free. However many kids are not able to go to school because they have to work and help out at home. Hopefully one day all kids here will go to school. One of my favourite things about the Kenya culture is their love of stories. Storytelling is used to teach kids lessons, history, customs, and for entertainment.

Yours Truly,



Morocco



Greetings from Marrakesh!

Salam (مرحبا) Students,

This letter comes all the way from Marrakesh in Morocco. Marrakesh is not the capital city, but it is a fairly big city. The streets in Marrakesh remind me of a bowl of spaghetti. They wind and turn like crazy. I have gotten lost every time I've gone for a walk. But the people here have been kind enough to help me find my way!

One of the most amazing things here is the market. The market here is jammed with stalls selling everything from clothing, spices, food, textiles, and more. When I get tired of walking around I sit down at a cafe for delicious mint tea or freshly squeezed orange juice. I have also been eating a lot of couscous and different tajines.

Even though Arabic and Berber are the official languages here, I hear a lot of French and Spanish being spoken as well.

I hope that you are enjoying reading about my travels as much as I am enjoying writing about them!

Yours Truly,



Egypt



Greetings from Cairo!



Al-salamu alaykum (السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ) Students,

I am currently in Cairo, the capital city of Egypt. It is hot and dry here, which makes sense since most of Egypt is desert. The official language here is Arabic. Today I went for a walk along the Nile River. It the second longest river in the world (The Amazon River is the longest). Every year the Nile floods and the water spreads over the farms along its sides. This helps the crops to grow successfully.

Egypt has a lot of VERY interesting history. Most people who travel here come to see the pyramids. I always knew they were big, but I never could have really imagined their colossal size. It is quite a mystery how they were built.

The food here is delicious! I have eaten a lot of kebabs, falafels, and baklava for dessert. Baklava is a delicious pastry dipped in honey. It is very sweet!

I will write again soon.

Yours Truly,

South Africa



Greetings from Table Mountain!



Hello Students,

This postcard comes from the Southernmost country in Africa- South Africa. This morning I climbed Table Mountain (a mountain that is flat on the top) to overlook the city of Cape Town. South Africa has 11 official languages, but there are many more language spoken here. Isn't that amazing?

There are many types of animals in South Africa but the animals need to be protected from hunters and poachers. If the country doesn't work hard to protect the animals, many of them could go extinct.

One of the most famous South Africans is Nelson Mandela. He was once President of South Africa, and created equality for all citizens living there. After being President he continued to work on bringing peace to his country and to the world.

I hope that you are well!

Yours Truly,

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