

World travelers

Two student
photographers
describe their
experiences abroad
in words
and pictures.



Joanna Ouellette /
Contributing Photographer
A side street in Florence
leads toward the Pitti Palace.



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A fidler entertains people at the Yellow Bar near the Duomo in Florence, Italy.

With her eyes she saw the world. And with the world she saw herself.

Angie Gaul, a sophomore photojournalism major, considers the essence of life to be the appreciation of sheer beauty. Holding onto this notion, traveling alone in Europe on her summer internship abroad was complete bliss.

Surrounded by foreign beauty and content to enjoy it, Gaul traveled the European countryside by train, absorbing every stop. Her travels were based in Prague, but she ventured to Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Munich and Venice.

"The disadvantages of traveling alone are that it can be scary and lonely," Gaul said. "When I was traveling alone on trains and I hadn't talked to anyone in a long time, I found myself talking to myself."

She thought it odd to be a "young girl alone on a train, muttering in a foreign language."

Gaul had two rules for traveling - "Always move in a positive direction, and don't be stupid," she recited. She feels that she always managed to

move in a positive direction, but she regrets allowing her defenses to have been lowered enough to lose some money to a pickpocket on a train to Venice.

Despite the limited loneliness and pickpockets, she values her experiences.

"Traveling alone is great because the sense of adventure is always clear; you don't have to be looking for adventure. You can do exactly what you want-spend as much time as you want sitting by a fountain or wandering through an art museum," she explained.

"(When traveling) you come in contact with so many elements of different cultures, different foods, different smells. These are reasons why traveling is such a good channel for aesthetic experience," Gaul said.

Beyond appreciating the beauty, Gaul recommends a traveler follow a few guidelines when enduring such adventure: "Observe and respect local customs," and get lost, she instructs.

"(Being lost) leads to all sorts of adventure."



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Gondolas are a popular form of transportation for tourists in Venice. Venetians use water buses because gondolas are too expensive.



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An old shack is nestled between two peaks in the Austrian Alps.



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Communists gather for a rally in Prague's town square.

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