

I learned that I can meet new people and explore new places without having the security of people that I have known my whole life.

I have grown as a person, and I have learned to appreciate things and people in a way that I thought I would never be able to do

This trip has made me more adventurous, bold, outgoing, and less scared.

The most valuable lesson I thin learned is that I want to cherish my time more, do more inspiring things, enjoy nature more, and never stopping pushing myself to be the best version of myself.

I like the days when you're excited to wake up because reality is better than your dreams.

Places of higher vantage point give inspiration through feeling small. From this view, the care and life that feels overwhelming disappears as our bodies and our thoughts are taken to a higher plane. We see things new ways and with fresh eyes from a view that makes us feel small and large all at the same time.

The gardens increased my desire to learn about as much as I can.

Rousham was personally a very special place for me. As we split up to walk individually around the garden, I found myself alone for the first time in a little over two weeks. This was truly a spiritual experience for me, as I got to relish my alone time, think and honestly just talk to God without the distraction of trying to be social or aware of other people. I felt like I could just explore this garden and figure out its secrets for myself instead of hearing about them.

This trip taught me a lot about arts and gardens, more than I ever thought I could have learned, but the lessons it taught me in regards to my relationships with people is something I will always carry with me for the rest of my life, and it was all because of this tip.

I didn't realize how much talking about gardening and plants could help bring people together, and we began talking about past life experiences and funny stories.

Another valuable lesson I learned was how important it is to gain knowledge from many different educational areas. I am a marketing major, and taking this course I realize how necessary it is to know about culture and other areas outside of my major.

I have also learned the importance of flexibility and that not everything will go perfectly, and have learned to be okay with that and to quickly adapt.

I think the most valuable lesson I learned was the value of doing something by myself without the security blanket of my friends by my side. I met so many amazing people on this trip that I know will be lifelong friends, and I'm not sure if we would have been as close had my friend gone with me. Being in a completely different environment, with a different culture and people that I had never met taught me more about myself than anything else could. That is a lesson that will stick with me for the rest of my life.

I was able to discover the world of horticulture and classics on a level that no classroom could ever come close to.

The biggest lesson I learned is to always have a positive attitude even when things don't go as planned. Before this trip, I was tied to a schedule and when things didn't go according to plan I was easily frustrated. But this trip made me realize that a plan or a schedule is just a guide. If I hold too tightly to it, I could miss out on a lot. I have learned how to be more spontaneous and flexible

I feel so fortunate to have taken part on this Grand Tour. I have grown so much as a person and as a lifelong learner. I have expanded my horizons and gained a deeper appreciation for the arts and gardening. The folly that we sat in reminded us of the pumpkin carriage from the Cinderella stories. This was a very fitting scene for this conversation because this trip has been very magical and enchanted.

Dr. Smalley was always telling us to be "curious" and push ourselves to be adventurous. After going on this trip, I developed a passion for discovering the world, which could be the most valuable life lesson all. There is never an end to travel, you can always see more. And just because you are in a certain location that could be considered "traveling" you haven't fully checked the box until you become engaged. What impact did this place have on the world?