Colby Around the World. The OCS blog

Tips for writing a good blog post:

• Keep your posts brief, conversational, and fun!

• Be honest and authentic.

• Try to write about a single experience (trying a new dish, going to a concert or festival, an encounter with a local, or any of the topics listed below) instead of cramming your entire study abroad adventure into 500 words.

• Reflect on your experience. What you did that day or that week is always a good starting point, but try to go deeper. Instead of just documenting your adventures, ask yourself what surprised you or what you learned. Writing can help you digest your experience as you live it. And who knows — once you’ve returned home, your thoughtful blog could allow you to better articulate what you learned to a future employer.

• If you’re stuck, try writing a list — they are a helpful way to organize your ideas and share them with others.

• Share photos. Photos are a great way for your readers to get an inside look at your studies abroad, and could even help you boost your resume (really!).

• And remember, HAVE FUN!