



"Most people may look at this picture and just see an overcrowded bicycle shed. But I see **something spectacular: efficiency**. Never before in my life have I seen such a prominent use of bicycles, along with infrastructure and policies to promote their use. With so many people using bicycles, an unprecedented amount of greenhouse gases are prevented from entering the atmosphere and contributing to environmental problems such as climate change and super storms. I just wish this practice was promoted in the U.S., but unfortunately it would be impractical due to poorly planned cities, which make the use of cars a necessity. But who knows? Maybe things will change with our generation for the better, and more people will be inclined to use smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles as time goes on. There's hope yet!"

Alex Morales

Muhlenberg College in Maastricht Fall 2013



"Maastricht is simply a beautiful and charming city, and my time here has been amazing. From meeting new people and forming new friendships to seeing first-hand through my travels the beauty of Europe, my stay in Maastricht has truly been the experience of a lifetime. While impossible to represent this experience in a single photograph, the one I have chosen, while seemingly insignificant, is special to me because of when it was taken. Just when I thought my love for Maastricht was at its peak, I was exploring on my bicycle and stumbled across several sites that were new to me. The only problem: I had already been here for over two months! Maastricht has so much to offer that even once I thought I had experienced all the beauty available in Maastricht, I realised there was so much more I was missing. Now **I just want to keep exploring**... Do I have to leave so soon?"

Jonathan Haab

Muhlenberg College in Maastricht Fall 2013



"Abroad is an exploration not only of a new place and studies but also of yourself. I have been to **so many great places** and met so many great people through my programme that I will take with me the rest of my life!"

In the photo: Sharen Resnikoff and myself in Brugge, on a horse-drawn carriage.

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