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# Studying abroad

in Durban, South Africa

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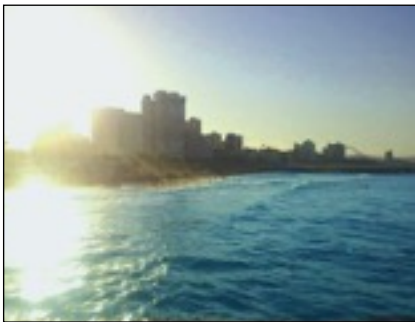
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## Introduction

Durban is South Africa's third largest city and home to the largest Indian population outside Asia. It is basked in the warm sun of the alluring South African coast in the province of KwaZulu-Natal and has a population of almost 3,5 million. Despite all its troubles and sordid history of Apartheid, South Africa is now one of the most important, democratic countries on the African continent. When 1994 Nelson Mandela, the anti-Apartheid activist who was imprisoned for 27 years, was elected president of the country, the country got its independence and a political and cultural fortune back. Today Durban is one of the main tourist destinations in Southern Africa with its soft, sandy, swimming beaches, great surfing, and warm weather all year round.



### Why studying in Durban?

My name is Vanessa Feuerstein and I am a German architecture student. I'm 20 years old and I am having my 5th semester abroad in Durban, South Africa.

I chose to study abroad, because I see it as an important period of anyone's life. It donates you lots of exposure, experience and personal development.

Architecture means for me an expression of a society's culture, it becomes more and more important as globe becomes a smaller place. For me as an architect, it is pivotal to learn and see as much architect as possible. I don't only want to learn from my german professors or only see the european architecture. When I study abroad I discover new methods of study and research and broaden my mind in many different ways. It will help me to understand the foreign building style and gives me a valuable knowledge of the new environment.

I am really happy to have the chance and opportunity to study in South Africa. Therefore if you have the chance to study foreign I think everyone should capture this huge chance and learn and see as much as possible.

