

Austausch St. Ursula Aachen – Ursuline Academy Cincinnati 2016 Erfahrungsbericht einer amerikanischen Schülerin



This past summer, Martha Reifenberg '17, along with nine other Ursuline students, had the opportunity to participate in Ursuline's German-American Ursuline Exchange Program with St. Ursula Gymnasium in Aachen, Germany. Many thanks to Martha for sharing a reflection on her experience:

"Three weeks was not nearly enough time to explore Europe, so we filled every valuable minute. The majority of our time was spent in Aachen, the city of our sister school. We were able to travel as a group during the school day to major German cities like Monschau, Bonn, and Cologne. On our train ride home from Cologne, I somehow found myself in deep conversation with the stranger next to me. I talked, in a mix of German and English, for over an hour with a woman from Bonn with old hands and kind eyes. The experience was mysteriously ordinary and life-changing at the same time...

"I firmly believe in the importance of having an awareness of the world around you. The world is filled with so many beautiful things; it is an epic adventure begging to be written. I like to think Aachen, Germany, is where my epic adventure begins. I saw Aachen through the eyes of the people who lived there and felt like I was part of the city. Its history became part of my history because being there caused our stories to intertwine. Life is these individual stories, woven with time, that change, intentional or not, because of experience."