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A photograph of a cityscape at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and blue. In the foreground, a large, ornate building with a dome and arched windows is visible. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The text 'INFORMATION PACK' is overlaid in white at the bottom center.

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CONNECT-123
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INTERNSHIP,
VOLUNTEER
AND SERVICE LEARNING

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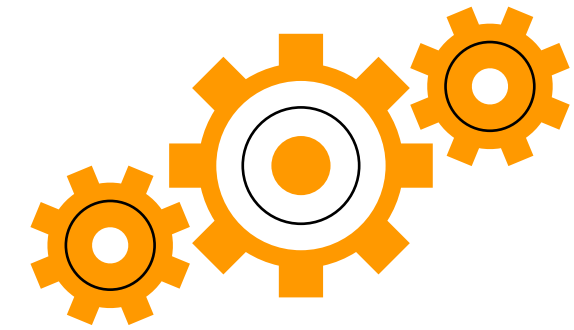
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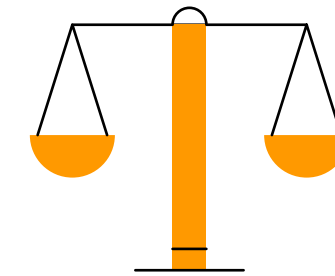
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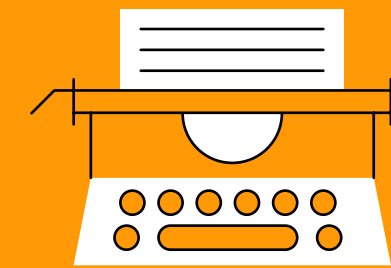
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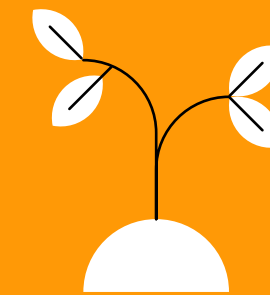
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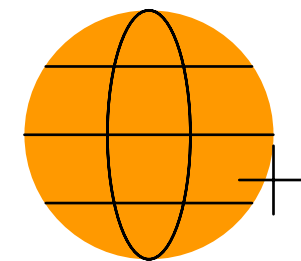
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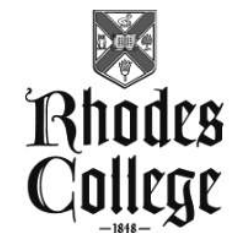
Since 2006, we've worked with thousands of students from over 600 universities. We also have extensive experience in running both faculty-led and semester-long programs for universities including:



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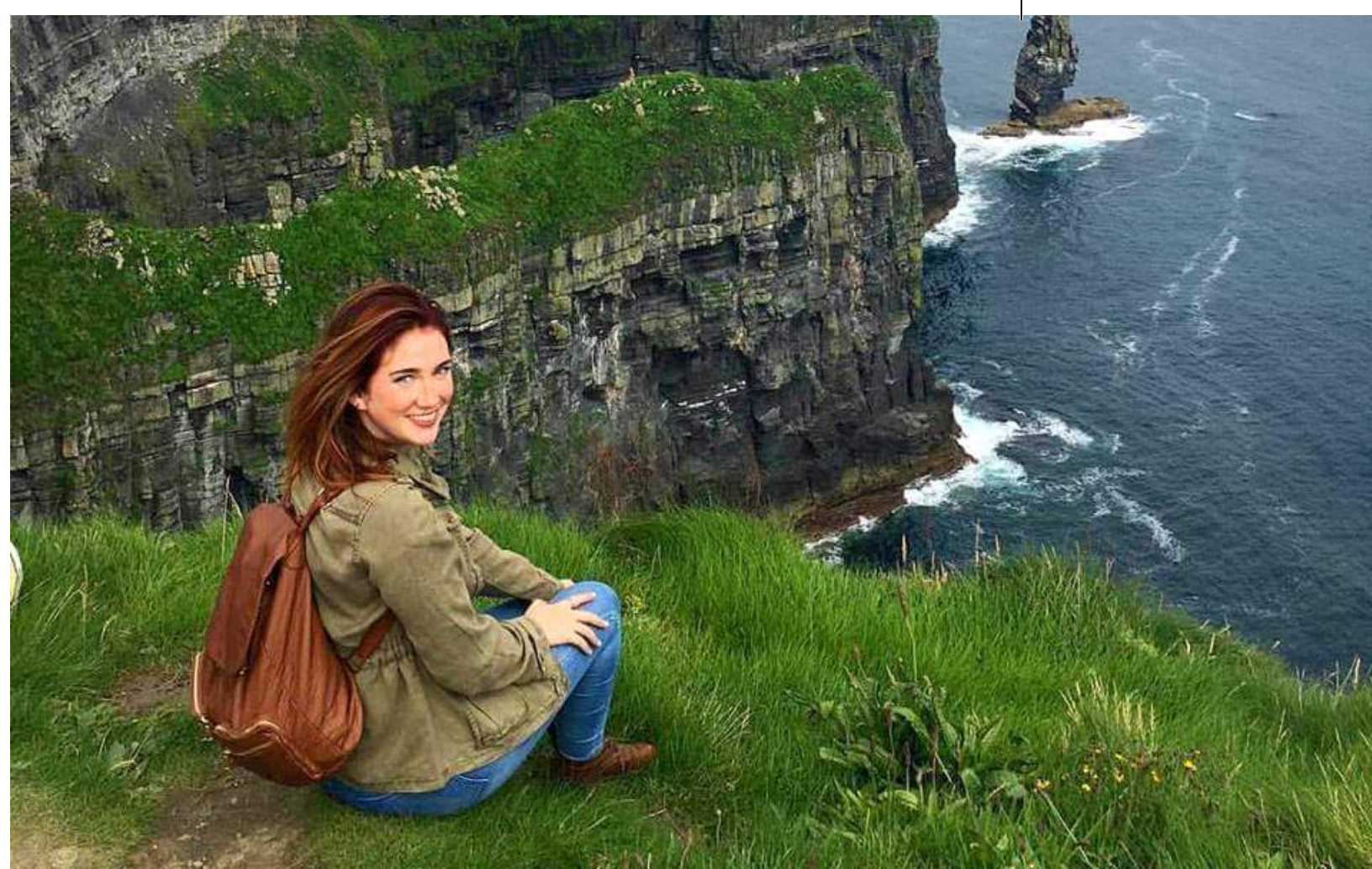


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WHY INTERN



OR VOLUNTEER ABROAD?

Every Connect-123 experience is custom-designed according to your interest and abilities. We aim to create equal value for both you and your host organization.

Real work in the real world. Get invaluable experience in your chosen field, or try out a new one.

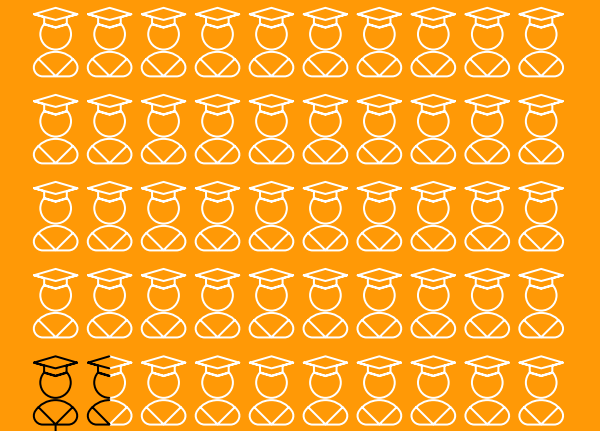
International travel. Whether learning a new culture or improving your language skills, international travel broadens your horizons and deepens your global network.

Jumpstart your career. International intern and volunteer experiences make you more valuable to future employers.

Self-discovery. Help answer questions including: What am I passionate about? What fulfills me? Where do I want to be in 10 years?.

Fun! Meet incredible people and have a life-changing experience.

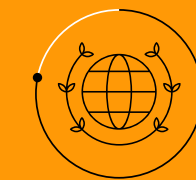
An international internship or volunteer experience is the easiest way to separate yourself from the pack.



Only 1.5% of all students study abroad (and that includes intern abroad).



95% of employers want college graduates with experience.



78% prefer hiring those with international experience.



Which is why college grads are 38% more likely to have a job offer if they did an internship.

Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), The Class of 2014 Student Survey Report.

WHY CONNECT-123?

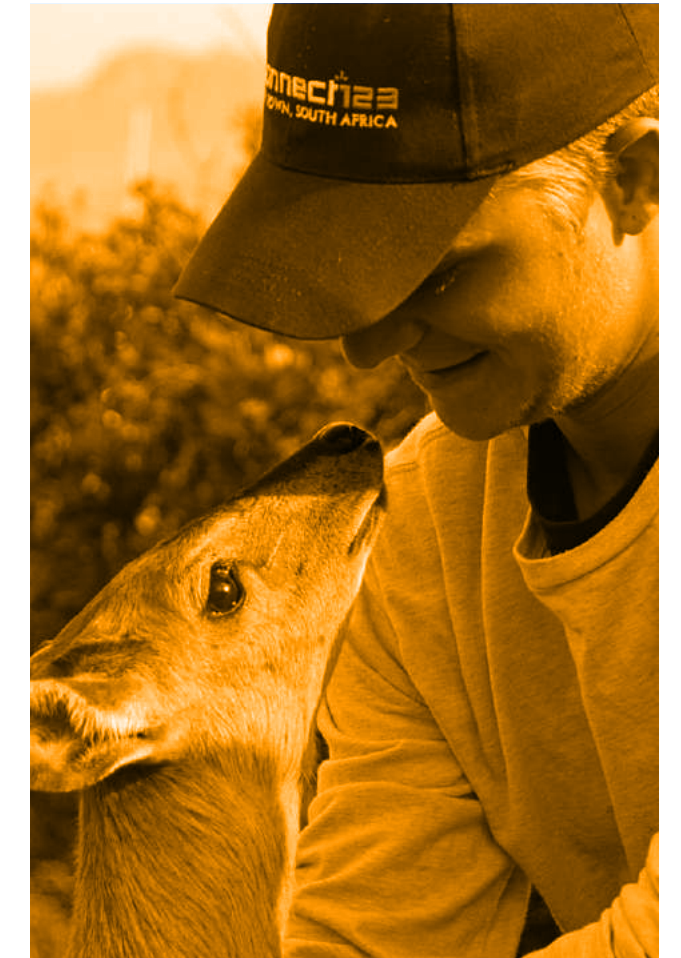


The Connect-123 difference is evident from the very beginning. We are interested first and foremost in our students as individuals: What has motivated them to explore an international opportunity? What are their learning objectives in terms of career, personal and academic development?

We take great pride in our extensive network of contacts within local companies, non-profit organizations, schools, research institutes and health care clinics in each of our destinations. Drawing on our local knowledge, students get access to the best opportunities to suit their objectives and academic goals. In each location, dedicated and enthusiastic Connect-123 staff provide students with the support they need.

Please note that these full-time positions are unpaid. This allows us to make the explicit demand of our host organizations that our interns and volunteers are given challenging tasks and receive proactive mentorship. It helps us ensure that these are not "coffee and photocopy" positions, but rather will give you valuable working experience.

Programs are available throughout the year, and dates and durations are flexible according to your schedule.





THE

CONNECT-123 EXPERIENCE

We take the time to really understand your background, skills, and goals, and then work to find you the optimal position—but our service goes far beyond matching you with an internship or volunteer opportunity. Here are some of the other services included in the Connect-123 experience:

- The flexibility to set your arrival date and program duration.
- Safe, conveniently-located housing (optional).
- Advice on visas, academic credit, and travel arrangements.
- Airport transfer on arrival.
- Detailed on-site orientation.
- Ongoing monitoring and support.
- Access to weekly social events and cultural outings.
- 24/7 emergency support.
- Certificate of completion, reference letters.
- Alumni network membership for ongoing career advice and jobs.





HOUSING



In Buenos Aires, Barcelona, Dublin, Shanghai and Sydney, students can choose to live with a homestay family or share apartments with other program participants. In Cape Town, students stay in apartments in a large, centrally located residential building with 24-hour security, pool, wireless internet access, and twice-per-month housekeeping service. Depending on the apartment configuration, students share each apartment with up to three other Connect-123 participants.

For a virtual tour of our Cape Town housing, please see:
<http://tinyurl.com/c123cthousing>





AND SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Business Consulting/ Communications/ Social Entrepreneurship / Marketing / Venture Capital

Examples of past projects include reviewing business plans at venture capital firms, conducting market research, developing export strategies for entrepreneurs, and doing PR for both local firms and agencies.

Community Service / Education / Social Work

Opportunities include mentoring street children, teaching English, caring for infants and toddlers at orphanages, helping to build schools and houses for disadvantaged communities, and assisting with the overall operations of education and social work programs.

Medical / Public Health

Customized clinical programs can include attending ward rounds, observing surgeries, helping the nursing staff, and visiting local communities. Projects related to medical research, AIDS education and awareness, occupational and physical therapy, and specialist practices are also available. Past experiences have included helping to conduct health care-related workshops in local communities, assisting with the development of a pediatric pain management manual, and studying the effectiveness of epidurals.

Law / Human Rights

Opportunities include working at a legal advice center, assessing the impact of community-based interventions, helping with HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, assisting case workers at refugee centers, researching human rights-related legislation both locally and internationally, and writing research reports. Projects range from research to on-the-ground training and support. Connect-123 students in the past have had their research published.

Journalism / Film / Photography / Design

Opportunities are available at newspapers, magazines, publishing houses, graphic design agencies, and local film studios. We also have created unique "journalist in residence" positions at select human rights-related organizations. Past students have published frequently.

Nature / Marine / Wildlife

Programs range from working to restore and improve local parks and nature reserves to helping to rehabilitate endangered species.

Sustainable Development / Engineering

We have both for-profit and non-profit partners who have projects for chemical, mechanical, and civil engineering students as well as for students interested in the environment and sustainable development. Examples of past opportunities include project management in the diamond mining industry and assisting with the development of solar energy devices.

Additional Opportunities:

Since each placement is developed uniquely for the program participant, we can accommodate a wide range of opportunities, including many that are not listed here. Past students have completed internships and volunteer projects related to **fashion, hospitality, technology, youth leadership, sports, animal science, and architecture**, among many others!

FEEDBACK FROM PAST PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:



Kaitlin O'Brien

Child Life/Play Therapy Intern, Dublin / George Mason University, USA

"To say my choice to intern in Ireland with **Connect-123 was the best decision of my entire life** would be an understatement. I learned so much about what I want to do with my life and where I want to be. **I was able to meet some of the greatest people I've ever known** through Connect-123 and I was never lonely or out of people to explore Ireland with. I can't recommend this company enough! If you are looking for a life changing experience, look no further."



Alessia Gisi

Health Care Intern, Buenos Aires / University of Basel, Switzerland

"**Every day on my way to the hospital I felt so excited** because I knew that I would learn something new and see incredible things that I would never have the chance to see in my home country. It made my dream of becoming a doctor even clearer and I am so eager and committed to start med school after this internship. **Connect-123 made it very easy** and helped me a lot to feel at home and feel supported in a new country. I would recommend Connect-123 to anyone who is looking for an "out of their comfort zone" working experience abroad."



Julianna Choi

Nursing Intern, Cape Town / University of Pennsylvania, USA

"**I had an incredible experience as a Connect-123 Intern.** My internship pushed me as a nursing student and provided opportunities that were unique and specific to my interest in Midwifery. After one month working in a township clinic, I helped deliver over twenty babies. **I loved my time living in Cape Town.** I met some amazing people, visited the safari and wine country, hiked mountains, browsed markets and museums, and through it all developed a good understanding of South Africa's complex politics and culture."



James Sapali

Human Rights Intern, Cape Town / Malmo University, Sweden

"I am very grateful to Connect-123 for attaching me with a refugee centre where I spent five months sharpening my skills. **Here I learned more than during my whole studies.** I learned how to organize my work, how to deal with a variety of situations and I improved my communication skills. Generally, **this internship was the best choice ever.** I got new friends and most important experiencing the beauty of Cape Town. Thank you very much Connect-123 staff to let my dream come true."



Ben Waters

Sports Intern, Buenos Aires / University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

"Getting to live two months in the middle of **Buenos Aires has been one of the most remarkable experiences in my life** and I can't imagine how it would have turned out without the guidance of Connect-123. My internship was the highlight of my time in Argentina. I had the opportunity to work with children ages 7-14 as an athletics assistant and I had a great time doing it. **Connect-123 also does a great job** of finding activities to help their students experience parts of the city and culture that one would normally not experience."



Tiana Winstead

Law Intern, Shanghai / Rhodes College, USA

"Shanghai—I could find myself bargaining with street vendors, eating giant ice-cream macaroons, climbing the stairs of a Buddhist temple in the rain, or sitting on the rooftops enjoying the sunset over the skyline. However, the best experience was my law internship with some of Shanghai's top-notch international lawyers. My time and experience with these lawyers has by far been my most valued personal and professional exposure. **My internship opportunity would not have been possible without the help of Connect-123!** I was picked up from the airport with ease, lived in an amazing apartment, and landed the internship of my dreams."



Rana Mahmoud Samy

Architecture Intern, Barcelona / Lebanese University, Lebanon

"The architecture internship was better than I expected, I was working with a team of passionate people (small office, big projects & even bigger minds), I had the chance to experiment, to design, and I was trusted and given big tasks from the get go. I can say that I truly LIVED in Barcelona, I walked every street, met so many people, worked till my eyes shut closed, danced till my feet hurt, sang at every corner, laughed and cried my heart out... **it was one of the most intense periods of my life, I loved every second of it, and I will do it again in a heartbeat!**"



Isabella Sheehan

Communications Intern, Barcelona / University of Texas at Austin, USA

"The things I learned both in and out of my internship will last a lifetime. At the agency I was quickly integrated into the team and given numerous projects. I wrote, edited, pitched, and researched, sometimes all in one day. Before I had even finished I was offered a paid internship back home in the States, where I'll work throughout my senior year of college. I wouldn't trade my time in Barcelona for the world. I owe a lot to Connect-123, and **I encourage all who have the opportunity to take a chance and apply.** You won't regret it."



Mariam Said

Architecture Intern, Dublin / London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

"Dublin! **THE best decision I have made to date.** Not just because I was in a beautiful country with beautiful people but because Connect-123 introduced me with the best intern firm EVER! The most terrifying thing about working abroad is if you will like your workplace, but Connect-123 made sure that they put me in the best environment possible. My advice is "don't think about it too much, experience makes you wiser. Whether it is a good or bad one, always learn something from it." **Just do it,** especially with Connect-123 they are truly the best! Honestly, Connect-123, THANK YOU SO MUCH!"



Pico De Lucchi

Business Intern, Shanghai / Rotterdam School of Management, The Netherlands

"I am the kind of person who is always extremely skeptical of testimonials especially when they are filled with praise. I must admit the irony now as **I can only praise my Connect-123 experience.** I was connected to a handful of very interesting local consulting firms, all of them fitting the exact requirements I demanded without any slips. All in all with Connect-123 you gain a couple of guardian friends that you can depend on and you can be sure that will help you out without hesitation way beyond the official business side. These people really care, all you have to do is let them."

More reviews

For many more alumni reviews and specific information about their experiences, please visit these 3rd-party sites:

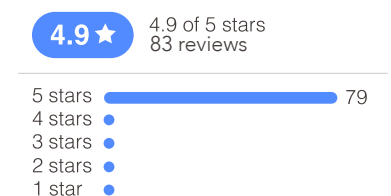


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 laurenrabort

Last adventure here in Cape Town!
 Heading home tonight! #butfirstparis
 #connect123 #capetown



 rupy_xox

Celebrating 1 month of living in South Africa with a hike to Wally's Cave
 #connect123



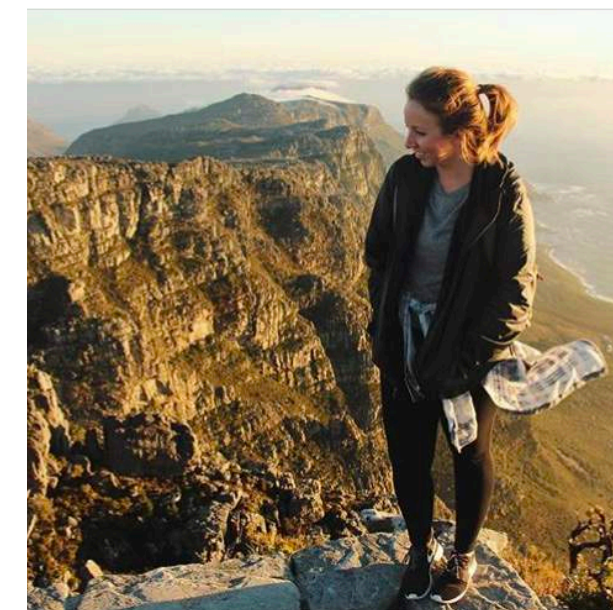
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From awkward strangers to comedically comfortable friends in a matter of weeks. Thanks for all the laughs, pals
 #SeibsInternational #lekkerconnectors
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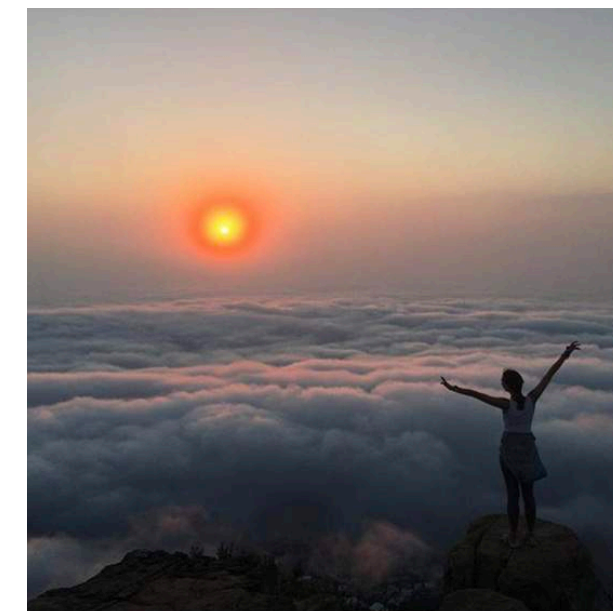
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After a 20 hours bus ride from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, the view was totally worth it, even if I was only there for 7 hours. #gogreen



 triciaroselyons

My favorite place in Cape Town is above the clouds. #tablemountain
 #lekkerconnectors



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E volavo, volavo felice più in alto del sole ed ancora più su, mentre il mondo piano piano spariva lontano laggiù
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