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My semester in Innsbruck was incredible. I had so many memorable experiences, and I still can't believe I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend 4 months there.

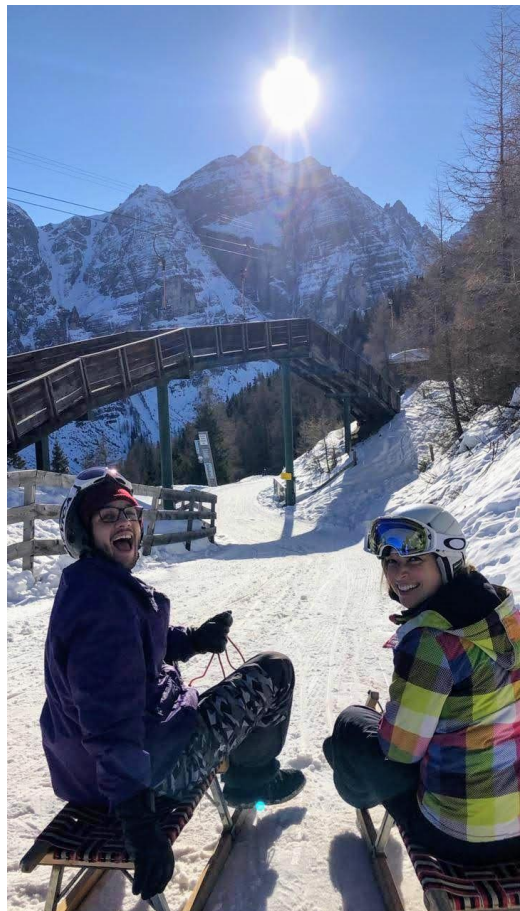
Innsbruck is a beautiful, colorful little city and the capital of the Tirol region in the Austrian alps. It's full of impressive historic sites and interesting buildings, surrounded by breathtaking nature. There's a river that runs through the city, and it's the perfect place for outdoor activities, any season of the year.

The university has a lot of students from abroad, so you're constantly meeting people from different parts of the world. Since university students make up about a quarter of the city's population, there are plenty of activities and events targeted at young people. Of course, the AIANI team made sure to organize get-togethers and was always available to help out and give advice when needed. They connected us to local Austrian students who had been to Israel before and showed us some of the city's special spots. One of the courses I took (called "Central Europe/Austria/Tirol") included visits to museums and other important landmarks. It was a good introductory course and familiarized me with the history and culture of the area.

Learning German for beginners was also fun, and enabled more authentic encounters with locals.



This was my first time in Innsbruck, but it will definitely not be my last. :)



I made lots of good friends during my time in Innsbruck, local as well as international. I loved the mountains, and enjoyed sightseeing, hiking and skiing whenever possible. Sledding along an 8 km route was definitely a highlight, too!





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