

VICTORIA, BROOKLYN, NY



This program has taught me to be more punctual and prepared for everyday. We had a strict schedule. We had to keep track of our time so that we were never late to any of our meetings or classes.

I learned the traditions of a Russian person's everyday life. How their younger generation lives and realized that they are not that different from me. I also learned a great deal about the Russian capital and its traditions and government. Every day I am amazed by the trips in my sightseeing class. Not only do we go to the main sightseeing places but we go to places normal tourists would not see. This is definitely the best experience I ever had.

I have managed to make friendships with a lot of the people. Some very close friendships. The host family bonding also created some long lasting bonds and opportunities. Making friends with the ballet students made me want to try out ballet even though my age prevents me from ever becoming professional. Living with the ballet students also made me want to strive to be something like them. Their love and dedication for ballet is just incredible.