What experience had the most impact on you?

Getting to interact with local students and having them show us around so that I got more practical insight into the culture rather than just being lectured about it.
What were your expectations for the trip? How did your experience differ from your expectations?

I didn't know what to expect for Taiwan, I knew their history and I assumed that culturally they would be like China. In fact they were very warm and open, they also had extremely good English. I knew a lot more about Japan so I thought I knew what to expect but I was wrong. I thought they'd be more resistant to foreigners or at least tired of them but while they wouldn't approach you if you asked them for directions or opinions they were very nice (though it helped if you spoke Japanese).

What were some of the biggest cultural differences you witnessed or experienced while abroad?

While at a few restaurants in Japan we saw professors out to dinner and drinking with their students, something that apparently happens quite a bit. Also in Taiwan, after graduation from High School you get together with your old homeroom classmates once a month for essentially the rest of your lives.

What surprised you the most about your time abroad?

The amount of contact we had with local students was amazing, especially in Taiwan, and we had them showing us around on our free days and we still keep in touch several months later.
Has this experience changed or had an impact on you? If yes please explain how.

Yes, I've traveled before but I didn't get as much of a chance to bond with locals. The program reaffirmed my choice of an international business major and has given me unforgettable memories.

Blog, YouTube Video, or website link about your experience?

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Willing to be contacted by prospective study abroad students about your experience?

Yes