## **Adventures Abroad**

Studying abroad is an exciting opportunity for students to encounter new cultures and experiences. While many study abroad applicants go to Europe and the United States, there are also many more unusual places that students can explore.

Some study abroad programs can take students to very remote countries. One program can send you to Irkutsk. Irkutsk is located in frozen Siberia, and it is a great place to practice Russian and learn Russian history. For something warmer, you might want to go to the blue waters of the Maldives. The islands are surrounded by marine life, which makes them a popular destination for biology students. They are also said to be among the most beautiful locations on earth.

A study abroad program shouldn't just be a long vacation though. Bamako, Mali, is a city in Africa. In Bamako, students have a chance to observe a very different lifestyle. The city is crowded and unhealthy, and not everyone has access to safe water. Students there can learn how this city deals with complex problems.

For a truly remote experience though, it's hard to get farther away from civilization than McMurdo Station, Antarctica. A typical program lets students survey the coldest place on the planet while they help scientists make discoveries about climate change and the environment.