



Santiago, Argentinian Student.

Rob I've met people from all over the world in Brittany but I've never met an Argentinian until today. I'm with Santiago from Argentina. A young man who has come to visit and stay with Emma's family. Santiago what brings you to Brittany?

Santiago So, I am here taking part in an exchange programme and as you say I'm from Argentina, from Buenos Aires. Arrived here a month and a half ago and so well here I am.

Rob So you're from the City?

Santiago No, actually not. I live in the province – not in the City.

Rob So, you're in the middle of Brittany here. How does it appear in comparison with your home?

Santiago Actually, it's not that different. I mean in Argentina I live in a little town, so I'm kind of used to this, but yes, here it's small.

Rob We're on a farm here aren't we – are you used to that?

Santiago No. It's totally new for me.

Rob So, you're here for how long?

Santiago I am going to stay here for one year.

Rob During your stay here what will you be doing?

Santiago Well, first of all, learning French. I hope so. I'm doing my best. So I want to meet as much people as possible. I'm here with the Rotary and I spend weekends with people from all over the world, so it's part of the experience.

Rob Have they shown you around a little bit of Brittany?

Santiago Yes.

Rob What have you seen so far, in the month and a half you've been here?

Santiago I've been in Vannes.

Rob In Vannes?

Santiago Oui, in Vannes, and then we went to an island, but I don't know the name. I've also been in Mont Saint-Michel, last weekend – it was perfect.



Rob Do people in Argentina know about Brittany?

Santiago I don't know. I mean I've never heard about Brittany – not before.....????????? So it was France and then Brittany.

Rob What differences did you find when you came here?

Santiago Well, first of all, we can start with food. Food in Argentina it's way too heavy – here is light for me but is normal. I mean I'm the problem – because we eat so much in Argentina and it's so heavy. Well, then about people, I feel as though I was with Argentinians since the first moment. I mean the same way everyone is friendly, kind, polite.

Rob So that is no difference to home.

Santiago No. No. I'm glad it's the same way.

Rob You're living with a family, so it's total French?

Santiago Yes total French. Actually no.

Rob You speak Spanish too.

Santiago Yes I speak Spanish with Emma, but with the rest of the family I do my best with French, and if I can't understand, they explain me in English.

Rob Did you speak English before you came?

Santiago Yes, yes I've been studying English for 13 years, I think.

Rob But French less.

Santiago No. Nothing French. When I arrived, nothing.

Rob So what do you hope to do in the next year while you're here?

Santiago So, this year well what I hope to achieve is to build up my skills and know more about everything. About myself, my values. Who I am, where I am. What I want to be. So it's kind of deep I guess. I have time to think about it...so.

Rob Can I ask you how old you are?

Santiago I'm seventeen.

Rob OK. Well I hope you have a brilliant time the rest of your stay here – and I'm sure you're being well looked after here.



Santiago Yes.

Rob And I wish you the best of luck.

Santiago Thanks.