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## Not your average Rocky Point spring break-er

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Spring break is next week and you all know what that means—ROCKY POINT 2018.

Just kidding. I will be in Flagstaff working, studying and being lame.

Rocky Point, Mexico, has been a staple of the NAU college spring break experience for as long as I've been here. College students go to Rocky Point for two reasons: one, it's five and a half hours away from Flagstaff, and, two, the drinking age in Mexico is 18.

What more do you need?

But that's not really my scene. For my first college spring break, I went to Tucson with my best friend/cousin to visit my grandparents. It was kind of like Mexico, except a lot of virgin piña coladas and pool-lounging with the folks. So, actually, not at all like Mexico.

Then sophomore year, a group of my friends and I took a road trip to California to go to Six Flags, lounge on the beach and explore different coastal cities. So a bit more like Mexico.

Junior year I was living in Europe, so for my spring break—which wasn't actually spring break—I went to Prague and Berlin. Better than Mexico.

And now here we are, spring break 2018, senior year. No Mexico.

So long story short, drinking margarita after margarita for a week straight and dancing my worries away on a beach is not my ideal vacation. Yes, every once in a while I can get on board with that, but I've made it this far without the classic spring break experience, so I think I'll be OK. I have different vacation ideas.

At a young age, I caught the travel bug, which basically means I want to go everywhere and anywhere, and learn about different cultures from all over the world. I want to try unusual food and push my body to its limits by hiking in the Alps and the Himalayas. I want to pet an alpaca in Peru and an elephant in Thailand. I want to road trip across the United States and visit an African village.

There are so many things I want to do and so many things I want to see, it almost feels like a waste to bum it at Rocky Point for a week when I could be seeing Prague and Berlin or exploring different cities along the California coast. My ideal spring break involves seeing things I've never seen before, rather than killing my liver with endless shots of tequila.

With that said, I am in no way judging the lifestyles of college students who chose tequila for their spring break. May the odds be ever in their favor.

But to you, avid readers, I recommend you try something different this spring break. Hop in a car with a cooler full of food and a trunk full of camping gear, and see what happens. Bring back the disposable cameras from the '80s and only capture your experience through the disposable lens. Unplug. Be with friends. Live your best life.

I could continue with more clichés, but I think you get the idea. If you can, travel this spring break—do it for those who are stuck in an empty Flagstaff.

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