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opposed to the other four countries where the people had more similarities with each other. Of course there were differences as they are with all people, but in Brazil these differences were more prominent and noticeable.

As I mentioned in the paragraph above it was very easy to compare each country to America and what it lacked or what comforts we missed from home. However, the country I was most impressed with was the one that might have been least like America. My favorite place that we visited was Peru. It was absolutely gorgeous there, the mountains were breathtaking, and it was clear to me why the Incan people valued their home so much. The mountains were so commanding and beautiful and caused me to feel very small and with that my problems became small as well. In turn, I was then able to see the world in a new perspective.

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experienced. It was something so simple but I happened to think it was one of the coolest moments I have had in a long time.

While in Peru I was awestruck by nature, Buenos Aires left me impressed by its complexity and how it moved. It was like perfect chaos; all the people cars were going their own way, doing their own thing, and contributing to the heartbeat of the city. Buenos Aires was probably the most sophisticated city of the trip. It reminded me of a mix between Washington, DC (my home) and New York. I greatly enjoyed my time in that city and being a part of the flow of life.

However, while the places and views were practically indescribable, what I think I will remember from this trip for the rest of my life was the culture and the people. It was so incredible to be immersed in an environment where all I heard was Spanish. While at times it was frustrating to not be able to communicate everything I wanted, it amazed me how I surprised myself with what I did know. This trip pushed me to use my limited Spanish skills in a fun, friendly, real life environment and I think by the time the month was over I was more confident in speaking and even more in love with the language.