

# Cross-Cultural Experiences

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# Agenda

- ▶ Why interact with people at all?
- ▶ Why interacting with people from different cultures is so unique!
- ▶ What are the challenges behind cross cultural experiences?
- ▶ A mistake I made when interacting with other cultures!
- ▶ Moment of Culture Shock
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## Why interact with people at all?

- ▶ Culture and history cannot be lost to time.
- ▶ Grow cultural awareness as well as prepare for future interactions with other cultures.
- ▶ Help break down cultural barriers.
- ▶ New ways of thinking, approaching and solving problems can be learned.

## Cross Cultural Experiences = Unique!

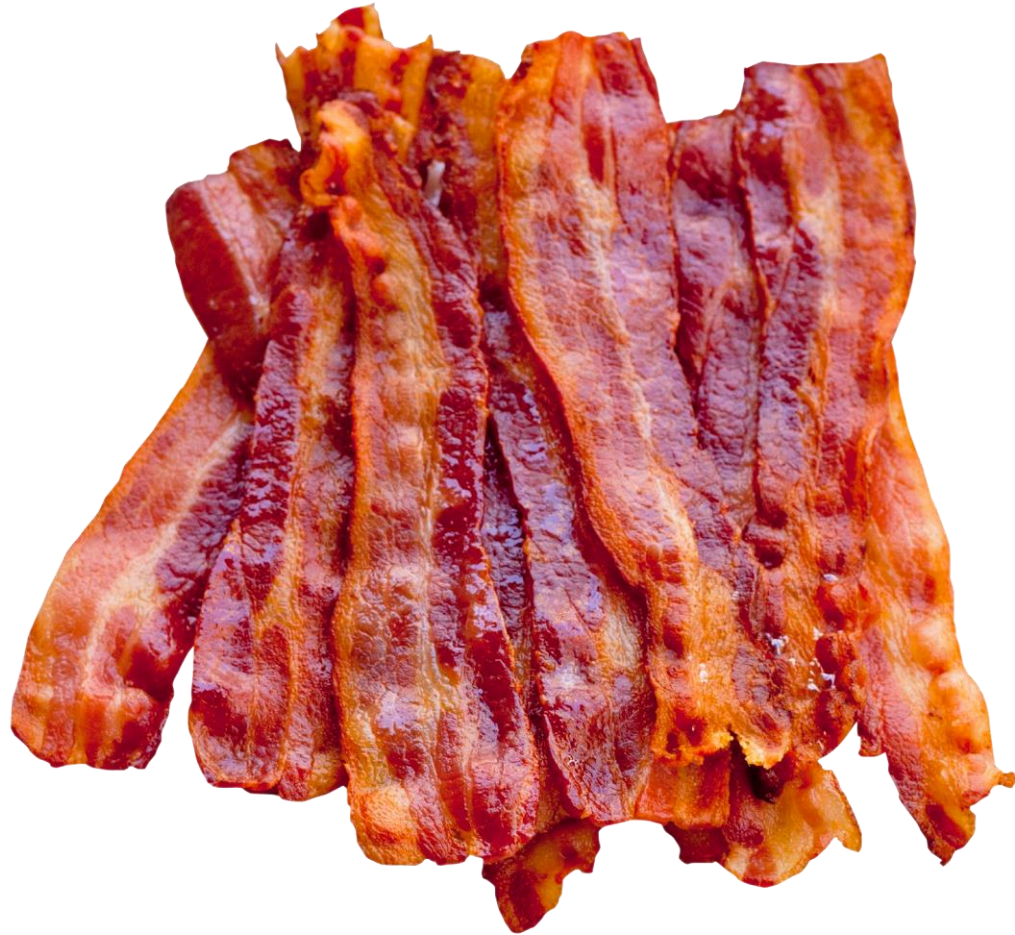
- ▶ A lot of thought is required into carrying a conversation.
  - You must consider their beliefs as well as their feelings.
- ▶ It's a nerve-wracking experience for myself personally.
  - This is because I am usually not prepared for interactions with other cultures. (yet.)



## What are the challenges behind cross-cultural experiences?

- ▶ The challenges include:
  - Learning how to go about their daily activities in a new environment, around new people, etc.
  - Language barriers can become a large hurdle for doing the simplest things such as shopping.
- ▶ The best piece of advice....  
**PREPARE!**





## A mistake I made interacting with another culture.

- ▶ I offered to bacon to someone who does not eat pork.
- AFTER he already told me he does not eat it.
- ▶ One of my most embarrassing moments, like EVER.
- ▶ I learned from this experience as I was able to learn to accommodate for other cultures and establish a genuine understanding.





Since we are talking about cross-cultural experiences. Here is a picture from one of my only trips outside of the country.

The Dominican Republic.



## A moment of Culture Shock.

- ▶ I haven't left outside of the country to anywhere besides the Dominican Republic.
- ▶ Due to it being a spot that gathers many from around the world, I witnessed a horrible sight during my time there.
- ▶ **MANY** topless women walked around the beach like it was nothing. I know it's a cultural difference but that's a hard one to understand haha!



# Closing Remarks

In conclusion, interacting with other cultures is:

Unique!

Difficult and  
Challenging!

Full of  
Knowledge!

Rewarding!

If you made it to the end....



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