

## [Post-Costa Rica: Continued Learning](#)

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Since arriving from Costa Rica, I have gotten used to people asking "Andrew! How was your trip?" and replying "It was absolutely phenomenal." Short and sweet. I couldn't imagine trying to show someone a glimpse of what I experienced while maintaining their attention. Some people seemed genuinely interested though. But now you could say I'm almost drained from talking about it.

I'd say that within 20 hours of my arrival in Moncton, my life kicked into overdrive. I've been going nonstop with barely any breaks at all. Don't get me wrong—I love my job—but with that, painting my new apartment and moving in, the five day course in Québec and now uni...I miss having time to just *chill*.

Life in Juanilama was the complete opposite, and I'm now finding myself seeking to swim out of this ocean of stuff to do (just finish moving in, go to the gym and study). I'd like to save unscheduled time where I can just do whatever the Hell I want. I miss reading for leisure, talking to my friends (I avoid msn and facebook a lot lately), going to the beach...

Here's something cool, it's happened twice at work; I've served customers from Latin America...in Spanish => Let's just say they were surprised and tipped accordingly!

Lastly, I'm finally getting unpacked in my new apartment. It's a decent sized one for just me. I put in a lot of hours just to clean and paint the place. It looks way better than the pigsty I agreed to rent. As long as I keep paying pigsty-priced rent, I'm happy as a clam.