

SUMMER GLAU GLOWS AT THE ME FCC

This year marks the Middle East Film & Comic Con's fifth anniversary in Dubai, with thousands upon thousands of comic book, genre films, animation and television fans visiting the large convention.

The event had a lot to offer, with high-profile celebrities and vendors over the busy weekend.

With celebrities such as Nick Frost, Run-DMC, Christopher Lloyd, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau , Randy Orton and more, the event lived up to the hype with many visitors vowing to return to the internationally recognized comic-con each year!

Amongst the prestigious panel of celebrities was none other than beautiful American actress Summer Glau, best known for her role as Cameron in Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, and River Tam in FireFly.

ExpatWoman got an exclusive interview with Summer, to learn about her expat experience and how she copes with being away from home.

Being her first trip ever to the Middle East, Summer was in awe by the beautiful UAE culture and hospitality:

"It's my first time in Dubai, I'm so excited to be here! We wanted to make the most out of this trip, so we've been researching what we want to do and trying to maximize our time here. There's so much to do and so much to eat here. Too much to eat!" she said.

EXPATWOMAN : Is the Dubai culture different than what you expected?

SUMMER GLAU : It's more international than I had envisioned. I have not been to the Middle East before, this is a dream come true for me. As soon as we arrived to our hotel, I could not believe the different nationalities that were presented, how many different languages were available to speak, how well everyone worked together and how inviting, kind and accommodating everyone was.

You can tell that the population and the nationals here are passionate about hosting it [Comic Con], and I could feel that.

E : How do you cope with homesickness when you are travelling around the world?

SG : I take my family with me everywhere. I think that one of the biggest luxuries of my life is that.

My husband is in the business as well. He's not an actor, but he's part of the crew, so he understands this kind of lifestyle. When I work [abroad] he tries to come with me, so that we can be together. Of course I do get that little feeling of homesickness now and again, and butterflies before I leave my home. I always make sure my house is clean before and I leave and I remind myself that I'll be back soon, but at the same time I love traveling. I was telling my husband actually, when we first arrived and I was putting all of my things away into the drawers, I already feel that this hotel room is our nest and I feel comfortable and safe here.

E : Have you ever lived away from home?

SG : I've lived away from home for months at a time. I lived away when I was shooting projects but I haven't had the chance to really immerse myself into a different culture.

E : Did you ever wish that you could experience living abroad and being an expat?

SG : I've lived away from home for months at a time, but my sisters, went away for school and I will say that for my sisters, when they moved away, they were young but they grew into women when they came back. There is something about going somewhere on your own and immersing yourself into a new culture and making it in and making it work for them that just made them bloom and become women. I find it really inspiring and I'm so proud of them and happy for them and a little bit jealous of them that they got to do that.

E : You are known for doing a lot of social work, what got you into social work?

SG : I try to contribute to anyone who approaches me, all different types of foundations. My sister's a doctor, so I'm very passionate about doing my part to help hospitals and other foundations, and she inspires me to do this. I try to help out as much as I can and I think the greatest blessing is, how much you can contribute to the community. I think it's very important

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