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Gap Programs



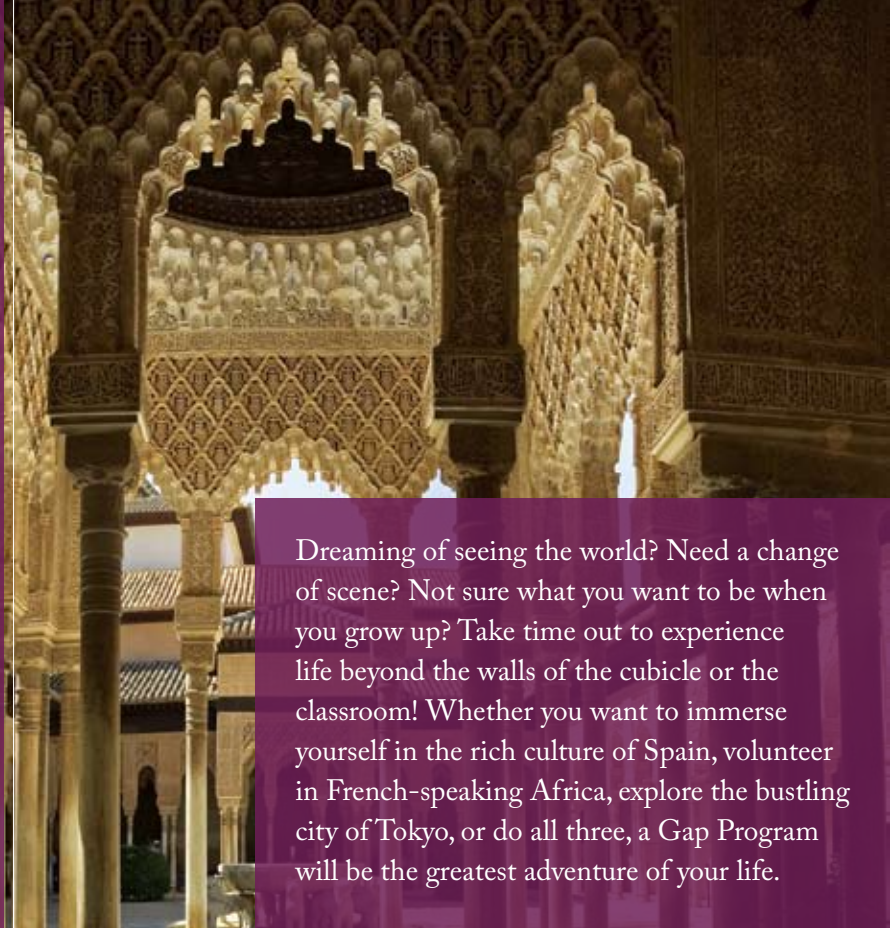
Travel outside the box.



A Division of the Center for Cultural Interchange



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Dreaming of seeing the world? Need a change of scene? Not sure what you want to be when you grow up? Take time out to experience life beyond the walls of the cubicle or the classroom! Whether you want to immerse yourself in the rich culture of Spain, volunteer in French-speaking Africa, explore the bustling city of Tokyo, or do all three, a Gap Program will be the greatest adventure of your life.

Gap Programs aren't just for students! People at all stages of life are taking time off for international travel.



Welcome to Greenheart Travel!

At Greenheart Travel we are passionate about helping teens and adults reach their full potential through unforgettable experiences abroad. Our staff are enthusiastic and experienced globetrotters who will help you fulfill your dream of international travel, whether that dream is to boost your resume with an internship in London, perfect your Spanish in Buenos Aires, or give back through volunteering in West Africa.

Greenheart's commitment to international travel is matched by our commitment to the environment. Our concern for the welfare of the planet drives our passion for helping responsible travelers satisfy their thirst for adventure while respecting the environment and unique cultural heritage of the destinations they explore. Whether they are rolling up their sleeves to plant trees in Tanzania or supporting local businesses in Turkey, our participants can help ensure that our favorite places to visit today are there for the travelers of tomorrow, as well as for the people who call them home.

About Us

Greenheart Travel is a division of the Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI). Established in 1985, CCI is a nonprofit international exchange organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural understanding, academic development, environmental consciousness, and world peace, and has served thousands of participants.





Recent Grads

If you're not ready to jump into college studies or a full-time job, a Gap Program offers the chance to gain valuable life experiences, learn more about yourself and the world, and return home feeling more motivated, focused, and ready for challenges that lie ahead.

Career Breakers

Whether you are between jobs or just need a break from the daily grind, taking time off to travel can give you a fresh perspective, a chance to hone new skills, and might even lead to a new career path.

Life Gap—Programs for Adults 50+

Many adults put off travel to raise their children or develop their careers. It's never too late! Take advantage of this time in your life to fulfill lifelong dreams of travelling the world and experiencing different cultures.

Design your own Gap!

Our friendly, knowledgeable staff can work with you to customize your Gap Program and help you decide what itinerary works best for you. Select from our diverse programs to create a trip that fits your interests and timeframe:

Volunteer: Give back in over a dozen countries worldwide by volunteering in environmental conservation, social services, health care, or education. (2–12 weeks)

Internships: Enhance your career skills through increased language proficiency, professional development, and international understanding. (1–4 months)

Language Schools: Experience life in another country while you learn French, Spanish, Italian, German, Japanese or Mandarin. (3–4 weeks)

Independent Homestays: Experience family life in one of 18 countries. Immerse yourself in their culture by joining them in daily activities, meals and conversations. (1–4 weeks)

Ready-made Gaps

OCEANIA GAP ADVENTURE: 12 weeks

Delve into the lives and traditions of Maori society, trek through one of the most biologically diverse countries of the planet, and gain invaluable work experience in the land Down Under.

2 week Maori Culture course, New Zealand

2 week volunteer in New Zealand

8 week Internship in Sydney, Australia

SOUTH AMERICA GAP ADVENTURE: 16 weeks

Explore the lands of ancient Incan ruins, protect the rural rainforest and its inhabitants, and traverse the Andes mountains helping communities in need.

4 week Language School in Cuzco, Peru

6 week volunteer in Ecuador

6 week volunteer in Costa Rica



“My host parents are two of the most inspiring and helpful people I have ever met. They were made me feel like I was one of the family from day I stepped into their home.” *Ricci, volunteer in Kenya*

EXPERT SUPPORT

As a Greenheart participant, you'll benefit from a comprehensive support every step of the way. Our staff are experienced travelers and will assist you with questions and concerns as you prepare for your adventure abroad. Our overseas partners will provide in-country support throughout your stay.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND VISAS

Once you've decided on your itinerary, we'll guide you in making your travel arrangements and applying for any visas you need.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

12 weeks prior to departure date.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Most programs include host family accommodation

Programs run year-round with flexible start dates to fit your schedule

Program fees depend upon the type of programs, countries visited, and length of stay.



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CCI is recognized by the U.S. Department of State as an official exchange visitor program, has been granted full listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) for junior programs from 1997 through 2008, and is a member of the World Youth Student and Educational Travel Confederation (WYSE).



**Begin your
journey now!**
Contact Greenheart Travel for more details.