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### Expand Your Career Opportunities As You Travel

When you're traveling, you don't have to put the rest of your life on hold. In fact, traveling gives you the opportunity to think about where you want to take your life and perhaps what you want to do when you get home. One thing that it's hard not to think about while traveling, is work. You need money to survive, which often means [working while you travel](#) or [returning home to work in between trips](#). Coming home from traveling might seem to leave gaps on your CV, but it can actually help you to make it more interesting. If you want to expand your employment prospects as you travel, there are lots of ways you can do it.

#### You'll Get a Work Experience

Working while you travel might not be your first choice for how to support yourself. But it's often necessary, especially if you want to be able to [travel long-term](#). If you want to be able to work legally when you're traveling, you will usually need to make sure you have the right kind of visa. Many countries have working visas available for anywhere from a few months to a year or even more. Of course, if you're an [EU national](#), you can work within the EU without the need for a visa.

#### Volunteering Can Boost Your CV



If getting paid for your work isn't a top priority, volunteering is another option. You don't usually need a special visa to volunteer, although it might be necessary for some places. [Volunteering](#) can give you the opportunity to try new things and do some rewarding work in different fields. No matter what type of volunteering you do, it's something that you can talk about with employers when you get home. It could help you to discover a new career path or show you what you really care about to help you decide what you want to do next.

## **You Can Study Online While Traveling**

Staying connected online gives you lots of opportunities while you travel. One of the ways it can help you to improve your employment prospects is by offering online study opportunities. There are all kinds of things that [you can study online](#) and in your own time, from short courses to degrees. You can even take a course from a [personal training school](#) online, without having to have lessons in a classroom or at a gym. Keeping up your studies can help you to grow your career prospects. It can also help you to learn new skills that are useful to help [you earn money while you travel](#).

# You Will Meet Interesting People

[Traveling is an excellent way to make new connections.](#) You can meet lots of new people while you travel, including both friends and professional connections. The people that you meet can help you in a number of ways. They could help you to find work while you're traveling, [connecting](#) you with job opportunities. Or they could prove to be useful when you get home and start looking for work. Maybe you're even planning a more permanent move to one of the places that you traveled to, and your new connections can help you to plan your life there.

# You Will Gain Valuable Life Experience



[Traveling the world](#) gives you a chance to experience things that you might never experience at home. Even if the things you do are things that you could technically do without traveling, the experience of traveling often pushes you out of your comfort zone and encourages you to try new things. Your travel can help you to gain valuable new life experience, which can help you look good to employers when you're ready to [find new job opportunities](#). When you're asked to

give examples of when you've shown certain qualities in interviews, stories from your travels can be useful.

## **You Can Learn New Languages**

Having an additional language can be an excellent asset when you're looking for work. Even if you only have conversational skills in another [language](#), it can still help to give you new work opportunities because it means you can communicate with more people in their own language. An additional language can be especially useful for customer service roles or for working in a company with close ties to another country or language. [Learning a language](#) while being immersed in it is the best way to pick it up quickly and to learn how to speak as native speakers do.

## **You Will Grow Your Confidence**

Traveling is an excellent way to improve your confidence. It makes you step out of your comfort zone and take on new challenges in ways that you might not at home. When you're at home, it's easy not to push yourself. However, when you're traveling, you often have no choice but to step up and try new things, unless you just want to sit in a hotel room for your whole trip. You can return from your travels a much more confident person than you were when you left.

## **You Will Expand Your Cultural Awareness**



Another way that travel can teach you something new is by helping you to [expand your cultural awareness](#). When you're at home, there are various ways to learn about other cultures, but it's not like actually experiencing them. Learning new things about different cultures can help you to be more culturally sensitive and to understand how to work within different cultures. This can be useful in many types of job, from customer service to marketing or working in healthcare.

## **You Will Open Your Mind to New Career Paths**

You might also find that you start to think about new [career paths](#) while you're traveling. Experiencing new things can get you to consider careers that you might not have thought were for you before. There are always job opportunities out there, but you could be limiting yourself by thinking that some jobs aren't right for you. Experiencing new things on your [travels can show you that the right career](#) for you might not be what you thought it was.

Travelling doesn't mean putting your career on hold. You can expand your career opportunities as you travel.