

Gap Year

10 Reasons to take A GAP YEAR

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WHEN GOING ABROAD
MEANS A LITTLE BIT
MORE.

ABOUT US

LETZ LIVE

It all started in late 2004 when our founder, Nick Hare, returned home from a year-long stint working as a gap year assistant in a boarding school in England. Hungry to get the next generation of youngsters experience life outside of Australia, he planted the Letz Live seed whilst juggling a University degree – all at the spritely age of 18.

In addition to offering gap year placements in the United Kingdom and Australia, Letz Live also ventured into opportunities in Southeast Asia along with various working holiday and community (volunteering) projects.

TUTORS WORLDWIDE

Having taught for 20 years (in both the UK and New Zealand) several of which were spent as a boarding housemaster, company founder Robin Finney decided on a slight change of direction, driven in part by seeing the frustrations encountered by pupils trying to organise their own gap years overseas.

With the aim of offering a truly personal and “individual” service, Tutors Worldwide was established in 1997, offering placements between hemispheres to students from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the UK, all of whom were ensured face-to-face interviews! From small beginnings the enterprise took on its own momentum, able to offer schools the specific expertise and experience they required, and students the best match possible.

TOGETHER

The recently-formed partnership between Letz Live and Tutors Worldwide now offers you a better opportunity than ever. Our joint operation has created one of the most respected and experienced gap-year organisations in the world. A combined 50+ years of experience in education and gap years, with staff located in Australia, New Zealand and the UK means that we are in the best possible position to provide you with the life-changing experience you've been dreaming of.

We can provide unparalleled insight into the education world and the thrills and spills of such an adventure. Who better to guide you through the whole process than someone who's done it before you?



why us?

1

WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE

Every single one of our team has either completed a gap year, or been a housemaster/headmaster at a boarding school. This gives you access to a deep well of knowledge, which our team is always happy to share!

3

WE'RE TRUSTED & RELIABLE

We've become industry leaders because we've put a huge amount of effort into building up an outstanding reputation. Our hundreds of school, community and business partnerships are testament to that.

5

WE'VE GOT CONNECTIONS

We've worked hard to develop a widespread network of placements, allowing you the greatest choice in international gap years.

2

WE'RE HAPPY IF YOU'RE HAPPY

We want you to have the greatest experience possible, which is why we work extremely hard to get to know you, and understand exactly what you're hoping to gain from your placement.

4

OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

While we pride ourselves on our pre-placement service, our job doesn't end when you board your flight. We'll keep in touch with you, and be there to help and guide you whenever you may need it.

6

WE'RE YOUNG BUT EXPERIENCED

We like to think that we've managed to hit the perfect balance between youth and know-how. Our mix of young staff and experienced directors will be able to handle any query or issue that you may have.

GAP QUALITIES

What makes for the perfect gap assistant? We're looking for candidates with integrity, maturity, initiative, enthusiasm, flexibility, commitment, communication, motivation, reliability, responsibility and kindness, as well as a sense of adventure.



The Role

Wherever possible this will reflect your interests, strengths and ambitions for your gap year. Schools will have requirements too, and it is our aim to match a school's needs with your aims and talents, whatever the age range of the school. Responsibilities will often include boarding house duties, classroom assistance (including admin tasks) and supervision, help with after-school activities such as sports coaching, music or drama.

THE TASKS

Sports coaching, games/PE supervision, activities supervision (day & evening), swimming pool supervision, classroom, mealtime, transport and general supervision, helping at school functions, assisting with the grounds keeping (boys only), filing, photocopying and general office tasks, computer-literacy tasks, music and drama assistance.

WORKING HOURS

5-6 days a week
Often including some weekends.



REMUNERATION

A weekly allowance, food and accommodation during school terms, the opportunity to travel during school breaks and a chance to learn, grow and make new friends.

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01. TAKE A BREAK

Just as you've managed to get through the academic stresses and pressures of the last year of school, university comes along. Why not rest that weary head in between, and enjoy the following 9 reasons to take a gap year?

02. GAIN INSIGHT INTO YOUR PREFERRED FIELD OF STUDY

It can be a hard ask for a young person to commit to one field of university study or career without having experienced much of the world. A gap year may give you the clarity and experience you need to make such a pivotal decision. Many universities have reported that gap year students achieve better results and are more committed! Experience suggests that you will be more than ready to study again.

03. GO ON AN ADVENTURE WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG

You're young. You're almost free of responsibility. Why not make the most of it? When else in your life will you be free of work, study, a mortgage, a family and all that other adult seriousness? The answer is never.

04. GAIN INDEPENDENCE

By living in another country, you're forcing yourself to take charge and gain independence. While we'll be on hand to offer guidance, the thrill of blazing your own trail and making a life for yourself in a totally foreign setting is enormous, and the personal growth that you'll experience is immeasurable.

05. LEARN WHAT'S IMPORTANT

By living and breathing the realities of another culture in another part of the world, you'll gain an enormous amount of perspective. A gap year offers the chance for you to see what is truly important in life. It gets you to think globally, not just about your own backyard. If gap years were mandatory, the world would be a far better place!

06. COLLECT STORIES AND EXPERIENCES

The stories and experiences that you collect on your gap year are invaluable – just ask our team! Who knows what you'll get up to, and what stories you'll collect. The possibilities are endless. We can guarantee one thing though – you'll be starting a lot of sentences with "this one time on my gap year..."!

07. GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO PONDER LIFE

Travelling the length and breadth of your new home environment will give you a lot of time to think. What do you want from life? What is important to you? How will you go about achieving your goals? Without the constraints of home, your mind will be able to wander freely. Combine this with your new experiences, and who knows what insights you'll gain.

08. GAIN BROADER, MORE WORLDLY KNOWLEDGE

You can now regain that knowledge you missed out on by sleeping through geography or history class! Basing yourself in a faraway land offers stunning opportunities to learn. What's more, you'll get the local perspective on slices of history and current issues.

09. MAKE NEW FRIENDS

It's pretty cool having friends from all over the world. It especially comes in handy for that second, third and fourth time you want to head back abroad and need a couch to sleep on. Plus, their unique perspectives on the world will add to your growth.

10. HAVE FUN

The most common comment that we receive from our gap assistants is "that was the best year of my life!" You'll explore the world, you'll meet awesome people, you'll collect unbelievable stories, and, most of all, you'll have fun.



GAP YEAR PROGRAMME

Dense tropical rainforests, bone dry deserts and crisp white beaches; Australia has it all. And what better way to experience the land down under than to live it. Our Australian gap assistant programme offers participants the chance to work at one of Australia's leading boarding schools, under the guidance of both the welcoming school staff and our local support team.

And along with the gap assistant experience, the school will provide our participants with a steady and secure base from which to launch all manner of Aussie adventures during your time off and school holidays. There's a lot of this wide brown land to cover, and our school partners will be happy to share their local knowledge, to ensure that your Australian gap year experience is everything that you'd hoped it would be.

Our Australian gap year is an opportunity to live life like a local. So, pack the beach towel, the sunscreen and the corked hat; Australia is calling your name!

DEPARTURE & DURATION

Our Australian gap year programme is traditionally a 12-month commitment. Commencement dates and durations are as follows:

- Late July to late June (typically for Northern Hemisphere residents)
- Late January to early December (typically for Southern Hemisphere residents)

COSTS

All our gap year programmes are subject to an application fee and programme fee (only charged once an applicant is successfully placed).

REMUNERATION

Participants should expect to receive around AUD\$150.00 to AUD\$250.00 per week as an allowance in addition to free food and accommodation during the school academic term.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be aged between 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into Australia
- Have a valid passport from your home country
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions
- Have no criminal record (evidence will be required)
- Have completed (a minimum of) secondary schooling prior to arrival in Australia
- Be willing to undergo a medical examination as part of the visa application (this will depend on whether Australian Immigration authorities require it).

"I left home for Australia almost a full year ago now, and I've never looked back. The year has gone so well for me. I was actually offered a chance to continue my job in Queensland, which I've accepted, and I'm now awaiting my new visa to become a permanent Australian resident. I've had some amazing experiences over the last 12 months. Coming here was one of the biggest and by far the best decisions I'll ever make in my life. The weather's great, the people even better, and within half a year I already knew I'd need more time to explore this wonderful corner of the world."

-Joe M

"This was a brilliant program, I met great people from around the world and it was a great opportunity to work in an overseas school. If I could do the programme again I would!!!! During my time I travelled to various places around Australia and then went on to New Zealand and Fiji. The programme gave me the confidence to travel. The team and the school were great."

- Megan O



New Zealand



GAP YEAR PROGRAMME

Whether it's the fact that it is so far away from everything, or that it can simply slip under the radar, New Zealand is a true hidden gem. The country's incredible natural beauty has to be seen to be believed, and with our New Zealand gap assistant programme, you could be seeing it and believing it sooner than you may think!

We offer the incredible opportunity of a placement as a gap year assistant with some of the country's leading boarding schools, allowing you to experience that trademark Kiwi hospitality and relaxed way of life first hand. And when school's out, you get the chance to explore all the wonders that the Land of the Long White Cloud (Aotearoa) has to offer.

Are you an adrenaline junkie? Check out the extreme sports playground of Queenstown, home of phenomenal skiing in the winter and almost every outdoor activity imaginable for the rest of the year! Or perhaps you'd rather a more leisurely experience? Get on location for some of the most memorable scenes from the Lord of the Rings or the Hobbit, or strap on some ice cleats and go wandering on a Kiwi glacier. On a New Zealand gap year, the choice is yours.

DEPARTURE & DURATION

Our New Zealand gap year program is available as an 11-month commitment. Commencement dates and durations are as follows:

- Late July to late June (typically for Northern Hemisphere residents)
- Late January to early December (typically for Southern Hemisphere residents)

COSTS

All gap year programs are subject to an application fee (non-refundable) and programme fee (only charged to successfully-placed applicants).

REMUNERATION

Participants should expect to receive between NZD\$150.00 to NZD\$200.00 per week as an allowance in addition to free food and accommodation during the school academic term.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be aged between 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into New Zealand
- Have a valid passport from their home country
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions
- Have no criminal record
- Have completed (a minimum of) secondary schooling prior to arrival into New Zealand
- Be willing to undergo a medical examination as part of the visa application (this will depend on whether New Zealand Immigration authorities require it)

"Doing the Gap assistant programme this year has been nothing but awesome! I've had no regrets doing it and would certainly recommend it for anyone in decision whether to go ahead with it. I've made lifelong friends with many people I've met here, from all over the world- some Kiwi, English, Australian and South African. Also learnt many important life skills- interacting with adults and learning how to operate in a professional workplace. Lastly, school holiday times have been a great chance to travel both the South and North Island of New Zealand, the East Coast of Australia and even Fiji."

- Lewis B

"I would recommend a gap year to anyone who is finishing school, who either needs a break from studying before going on to University, or who doesn't know what they want to do yet. Besides gaining independence, you also gain some of the best experiences and memories of your life. New Zealand is undeniable a stunning country and travelling around with the people I met and the other gappies in Christchurch was so much fun!"

- Rosina M



United Kingdom



GAP YEAR PROGRAMME

Once ruler of an empire that covered half of the world, the United Kingdom is a country that is steeped in history and tradition, but is at the same time a modern and vibrant place. It's a land of contrast, where accents and scenery change from town to town, but where warmth and hospitality are universal. And with our UK gap assistant programme, you'll be in the perfect position to experience everything that the UK has to offer.

We partner with some of the UK's top boarding and day schools to offer a gap assistant programme that is safe, secure and fun. And on your time off and during the school holidays, you'll be given the opportunity explore all that the UK has to offer. Sing along with 30,000 football fans at an English premier league game, check out the latest stage shows in London's West End, or hike through the stunning Scottish Highlands. And don't forget, the whole of continental Europe just across the Channel!

What's more, our team are there to provide all the assistance, support, and local knowledge you could hope for. It's the opportunity of a lifetime - why wait?

DEPARTURE & DURATION

Our UK gap year program is available as a 12-month commitment, commencing in the first week of January and concluding a week or so before Christmas in December.

At this point there are no shorter-term placement options available.

COSTS

Our gap year programs are subject to an application fee (non-refundable) and programme fee (only charged once an applicant is successfully placed).

REMUNERATION

Participants can expect to receive around £100.00 per week as an allowance during the school term, as well as the free food and accommodation that is included.

ELIGIBILITY

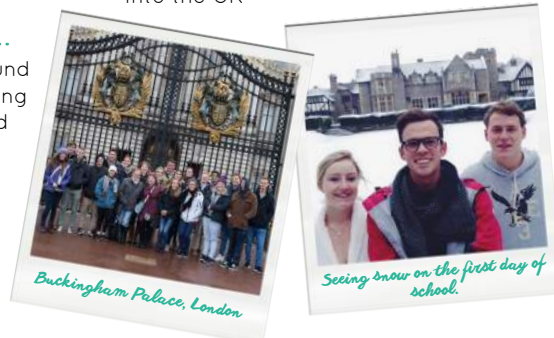
- Be aged between 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into the UK
- Be an Australian, British, Canadian, European, New Zealand, or South African passport holder OR have grandparents who were born in the UK
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions
- Have no criminal record (evidence will be required)
- Have completed (a minimum of) secondary schooling prior to arrival into the UK

"They gave me one of the most memorable years of my life to date. They helped me set up everything for my gap year from the get-go (visas, passports, what to expect etc.). Countless experiences were made including Paddywagon (still the most fun and wildest week of my life to date), Topdeck, snow skiing in the French Alps, La Tomatina and many more adventures. It's still crazy to think I packed all of this (and more) into a number of months! I highly recommend as they will set you up for a year of no regrets!"

- John H

"My gap year in Scotland was, undoubtedly, the best year of my life, filled with an abundance of impulsive traveling, cultural exploration and a wealth of new friendships. I irrefutably recommend a gap year to any prospective student as the friendships that will be shaped along the way will last a lifetime and span the circumference of the globe. I will always look back on my year away with fond memories of laughter, frivolity and growth, and I am thankful that I was given this chance to change my life forever."

- Felicity C





Thailand

GAP YEAR PROGRAMME

When you close your eyes and think of Thailand, you may imagine incredible tastes and smells, gorgeous tropical beaches, and vibrant cities buzzing with activity. And you'd be exactly right.

Our Thailand gap assistant programme will give you the opportunity to live life as a Thai local. We deal with only the most respected and reputable of Thai boarding schools, where English is the first language of all students. Our schools are guaranteed to provide you with a clean, safe and secure placement, and there's more-often-than-not a strong contingent of Western staff that will be eager to help you acclimatise to your new Thai surroundings.

During school breaks and your time off you are free to explore the length and breadth of this magical country. Laze around on a secluded beach, surrounded by some of the most stunning coastline that the world has to offer. Learn the ways of the local Thai hill tribes, and get lost in Thailand's wildlife filled wilderness. Or simply experience the thrill of burning around the streets of Bangkok in a tuk-tuk. Thailand is a country of possibilities, it's up to you to make the most of them.

DEPARTURE & DURATION

Our Thailand gap year programme is available as a 12-month commitment. Commencement dates and durations are as follows:

- August to June (typically for Northern Hemisphere residents)
- January to December (typically for Southern Hemisphere residents)

COSTS

All gap year programmes are subject to an application fee (non-refundable) and programme fee (only charged to successfully-placed applicants).

REMUNERATION

Participants can expect to receive between AU\$350.00 and AU\$600.00 per month as an allowance during the school term, as well as the free food and accommodation that is included.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be aged between 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into Thailand
- Have a valid passport from their home country (United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada or South Africa)
- Have no criminal record (evidence will be required)
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions

"When I first arrived in Phuket, I had no idea what to expect, but from my first day here I have loved it! The school is great and all the staff are really easy going; many are from Australia and the United Kingdom. The students are also really friendly and are always smiling. As are most of the local Thai people for that matter!"

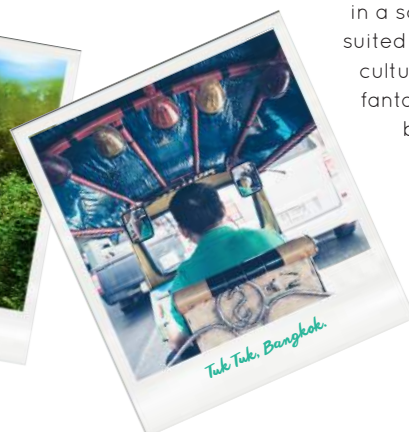
- Carl P

"They organised everything for me; from reassuring my worried mother that I would survive four months in Asia, to placing me in a school that was not only amazing but suited my interests and abilities. Thailand's culture is so different to Australia - it was fantastic arriving with someone who had been there before, especially when it came to bartering."

- Ellen F



Elephant Ride, Thailand.



Tuk Tuk, Bangkok.

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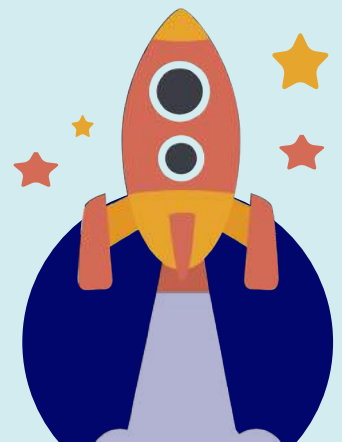
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Interview



Take Off!

- 1 Jump onto one of our websites and fill in the online application form (make sure you don't miss the application closing date!)
- 2 Be as detailed as you can when you fill in your application form – the more we know, the better we can help. Once you've filled it out, pay the application fee and submit!
- 3 Once we receive your application, we will contact your three nominated referees and ask them to complete a confidential online evaluation form regarding your suitability for the program.
- 4 Upon hearing back from your referees, we will send you an email confirming a time and date for your face-to-face interview.
- 5 Once we've talked to you face-to-face, we hope to be in a position to find a suitable school for you. We'll seek to generate an offer for you to accept.
- 6 Once accepted, you can look forward to packing your bags and getting ready for one of the most exciting year of your life!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the likelihood of being given a placement overseas?

This is a tough question to answer. Whilst we cannot guarantee placements (as we are not the employer) we do have an impressively high success rate. If we can't offer you a placement on this program, we can always look at our Working Holiday or Community Placement options for you too. Essentially, the more flexible you are with regards to a placement, the better the chances of being placed are.

Do I have a preference of where I will be placed?

We do ask our candidates for their preferences in terms of location and ideal age group to work with. While we obviously take these preferences into consideration and do everything we can to meet them, we must stress they are a preference and not a stipulation, and our schools have their own set of requirements that we must also do our best to meet. Again, flexibility is a key quality!

What hours will I work?

All school assistant jobs are full time, with generally 1-2 days off a week. Normal school hours, plus a few hours devoted to after school activities can be expected.

I'm worried that if I take a year off, I won't come back and study.

It's a natural worry - and for parents too. We have found that the vast majority of our students return to their studies with renewed vigour; some continue on the path that they were on before, others find a new direction.

But you should be seeing the gap year experience as one that will allow you to open your mind to a world of possibilities. It gives you the opportunity to learn and experience new things, and to grow as a person. While the future is always uncertain, we can guarantee you this; you'll know more about yourself and where you are heading after an international gap year than you would've known otherwise. And that can only be a good thing.



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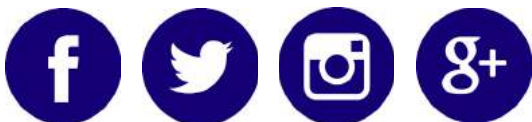
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