

The Best Chance of a Lifetime: International Travel as a Graduate Student

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Traveling overseas is best done during the graduate school years. While going abroad is enlightening and worthwhile at the undergraduate level, the most rewarding experiences in international travel come during graduate school. With the understanding and background of bachelor's degrees already behind them, graduate students are more aware of how their travel will enhance their education in particular and their lives in general. Various commitments and increased responsibilities after graduate school make international travel more difficult.

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