

## Miro Siegel's real world-schooling adventure

A few years ago, Miro Siegel and his mother set off from their home in Los Angeles and began traveling. Since then, Miro hasn't been to school – he is being educated through 'worldschool'. Homeschooling Teen magazine asked Miro about his experiences ...

**How many countries have you visited? Which one(s) did you like best?**

I've been to 14 countries, and Guatemala and Peru are at the top. Guatemala for its colorful and vibrant culture, and Peru for its outstanding archaeological sites.

**What other countries are on your list of must-see places you want to visit?**

Greece, Turkey, Japan and India.

**What do you like best about traveling?**

Definitely the freedom that comes with it. The world is full of places to explore, and I think it's foolish to stay in one place for the majority of your life.

**Is there a negative side to being a world traveler?**

The largest problem I can see is that there's a severe lack of community whilst traveling. I have yet to meet any other like-minded people my age during my five years on the road.

**What do you like doing in your spare time?**

I read, write, or play video games. We're currently living in a mountain town and I enjoy hiking up the mountains.

**How would you describe the concept of 'unschooling' and what it means to you?**

Unschooling simply means I have the freedom to do what I want. I'm in charge of my own education, so I can study what I want, when I want and how I want.

**Do you have any favorite subjects?**

Literature is certainly at the top, and I like mythology.

**What have you learned from your adventures?**

I've learned that the world is a safe place, and that everything will work out in one way or another.

**Where do you see yourself five years from now?**

I honestly don't know. I haven't planned that far ahead yet. Eventually I want to become a writer, but I don't know how that's going to happen.

**What would you recommend to other teens who might like to travel?**

Don't be afraid, and pack light. Those are the two keys to travel. Be open to new experiences, and step outside of your comfort zone.

**Comments**

 **BlueSkyAnnie** Sounds fantastic! Life's a journey – if you don't travel, you won't know what you're missing! Where are you going next?

 **JoGo** My parents have decided to take me and my sister on a trip to Asia. 😊 We're going to Thailand and Vietnam and we aren't coming back until August. Our plane leaves on Monday – I can't wait!



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## Unit 6 Reading and Critical thinking

### 1 Skim the text and circle the correct option.

- 1 Miro is traveling because he's ...
  - a on a school trip.
  - b a 'world-school' student.
- 2 Miro's experience of traveling has been ...
  - a more positive than negative.
  - b more negative than positive.

### 2 37 Read and listen to the interview.

Then write:

- 1 two countries Miro has already visited  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 other countries he'd like to visit  
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- 3 four of his hobbies and interests  
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- 4 his favorite subjects  
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### 3 Read the interview and comments again.

Correct one error in each sentence.

- 1 Miro started traveling last year.
- 2 At the moment, Miro and his mom live in a big city.
- 3 In the future, Miro wants to be an engineer.
- 4 JoGo and her family are traveling to America.
- 5 JoGo is setting off on Saturday.

### 4 Read the sentences from the interview.

Are they facts or opinions? Do you agree with Miro's opinions?

- 1 'I've been to 14 countries.' *Fact*
- 2 'The world is full of places to explore.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 'It's foolish to stay in one place for the majority of your life.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 'There's a lack of community while traveling.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 'I can study what I want, when I want.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 'The world is a safe place.' \_\_\_\_\_