

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

- 3 four of his hobbies and interests

- 4 his favorite subjects

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.' _____