



Big ideas for a big year off

Whoever says 'it's a small world' has clearly never taken a Big Year Off. Whether you want to pull pints in a London pub, teach snowboarding in Canada, or even take a big hearted adventure looking after elephants in Asia, STA Travel has a range of BYO/Gap Year options to suit everyone.


Ten of the Best

- Situated in the heart of fashion and design capitals Milan, Rome, Florence and Turin, you are studying in one of the most prestigious Italian group of private schools at Instituti di Design in the fields of fashion, design and communication.
- Travel to parts of Russia rarely visited by Westerners and teach some of the thousands of children

who head off every year for summer camps to exotic Lake Baikal and along the Black Sea.

- Pig and Whistle, The Fat Lady's Arms, The Rooster and the Toad. In England every pub is unique, each with its own quirky history and set of regulars. Work in a pub, learn some history and meet some local identities.
- It doesn't matter if your name is Sven or "Smithy" as all keen skiers have the chance to live the dream and become an International Ski Instructor. The Ski Instructor course takes place at the famous Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort, in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.
- Put your journalism skills to the test by writing about local developments in Bolivia's La Paz newspaper.
- Work in a melting pot of cultures

along the borders of Burma, Laos and Cambodia by teaching local children English in exchange for a first hand experience of ancient customs and traditions.

- Hang ten in Hawaii, want to ride the pipeline like a pro. Learn to surf with locals who know all the best breaks and can guide you safely through the most menacing.
- Live on a tropical island and help save Fiji's coral reefs from extinction. Learn to dive and join the scientific research team, making a difference to the livelihood of the local community.
- Desire for an extreme culture exchange? – become a writer and / or photo journalists in some of the most bustling, dynamic exotic cities in Sri Lanka including Colombo, Bandarawela and Gampaha. 

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