

4. ...to *prepare yourself* (mentally), it's always good to **make a pro-and-con-list**. This also may help to organise the first two steps.

pro	con
-new <u>experiences</u>	- <u>homesickness</u>
-help for decide your <u>future</u> (jobs,...)	- <u>expense</u>
-new <u>contacts</u>	-falling behind in <u>your studies</u>
-another <u>travelling base</u> (e.g. easier to take a road trip around the states when you're already in America/visit New Zealand if you're studying in Australia, etc.)	- <u>lonely</u> (important to be outgoing, or else it can quickly become anything but fun for you → sometimes there's the opportunity to go to the same place as some of your friends)
-maybe learn a <u>new language</u>	-...
- <u>Culture</u> (exotic foods, learn about traditions specific to different countries, etc.)	
-...	

For **more information** and help on going abroad you can visit **websites** like e.g.

<https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/studying-abroad/how-study-abroad-frequently-asked-questions>

<https://www.goabroad.com/>

<https://www.internationalstudent.com/study-abroad/guide/ten-benefits-to-studying-abroad/>

<https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/study-abroad-prep-9-things-need-know>

...and much more, so just **explore the internet!**

Good luck and have fun travelling!



Going abroad



Going abroad is a really great experience. If you thought of going abroad, this Flyer might help you. Enjoy!

1. Where to go

There are **many options** where you could go. The world is big and you want to explore it – but you'll **have to decide**. Here are some of our favourite options:

(Land + prize per year)

- **U.S.** (6.000-9.000 Euro)
- **England** (about 10.000 Euro)
- **New Zealand** (about 17.000 Euro)
- **Australia** (about 19.000 Euro)
- **Spain** (about 8.000 Euro)
- **Mexico** (about 10.500 Euro)
- **France** (about 7.000 Euro)
- **Brazil** (about 6.000 Euro)

2. When and how long



You also will have to think about **when and for how long** you want to go abroad. For example there are **4 seasons** – you should decide which one you want to experience in the country you go. Because in some countries some seasons are extremely different to how you know them. E.g. if you are from Germany and go to Brazil in Summer, it could be a bit too hot for you. Also you will have to think about **the period of time you are there**. You can e.g. go for **3 months, 6 months, 9 months or a year**. Maybe 1 year will be too long for you, because you will miss someone too much? But the most important thing to consider is if you want to go **while or after school**. While school you should decide which **schoolform** you want. Do you want to attend a private or a public school? And after school you could do e.g. **Au pair or Work-and-Travel** and decide if you **want to live in a host family**.

3. What you have to think about

Organisation

It's important to determine the two first steps early enough, so you can **handle the organisation on time**. Because there is really much to do! You'll have to:

- Apply for a **passport and Visa**
- Visit a **Travel doctor**
- Get **Travel Insurance**
- Buy a **plane ticket**
- Research Your Destination's **Local Customs, Culture, and People**
- Refresh Your **Language Skills**
- **Money** (Set up an online account, Tell your bank and credit card companies you'll be abroad, Pack some extra cash)
- Start **Packing!**
- Cell **Phones** and Staying **in Touch with Home**
- ...
- **Prepare Yourself Mentally**

