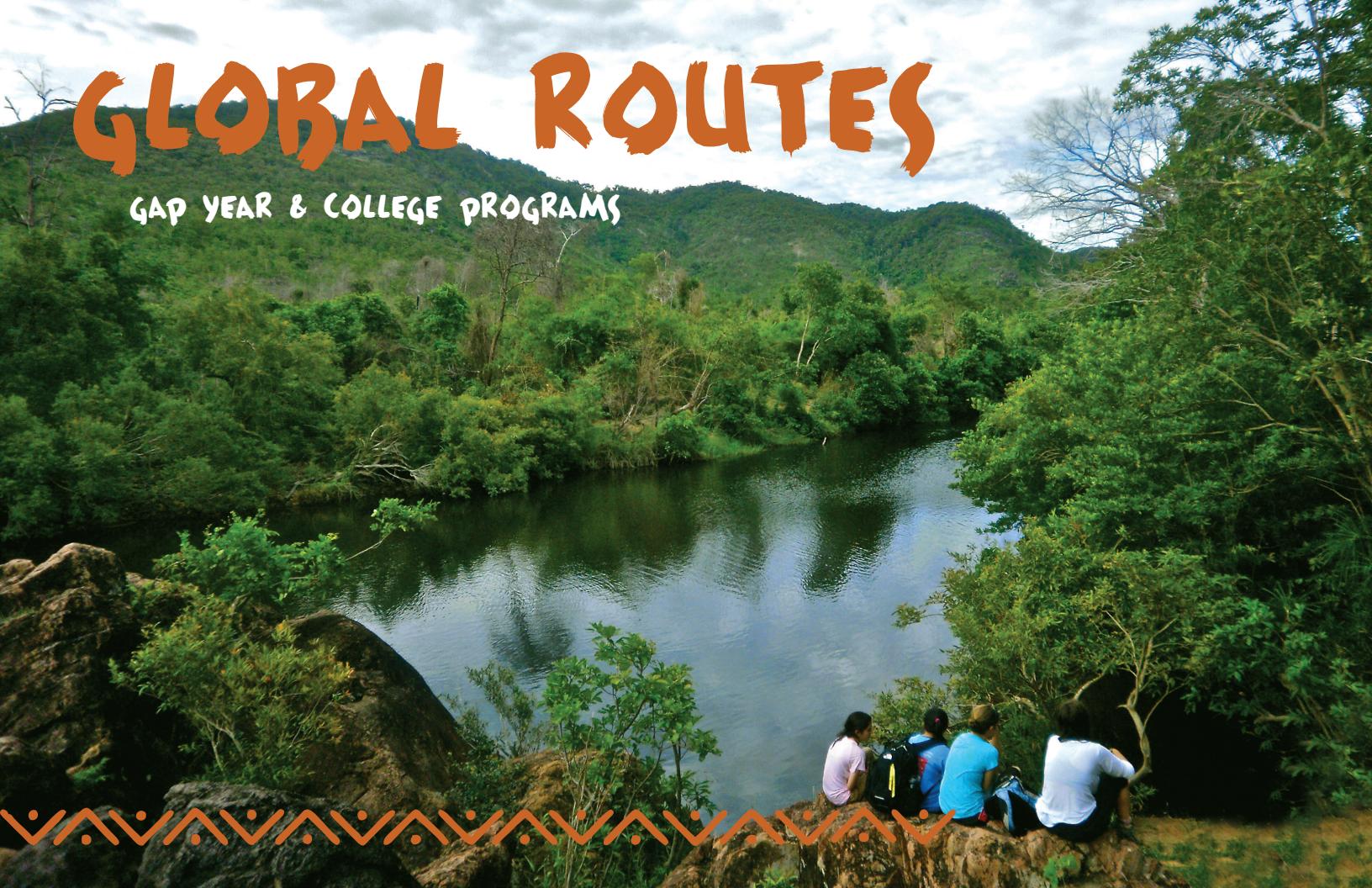


GLOBAL ROUTES

GAP YEAR & COLLEGE PROGRAMS



WE BELIEVE IN...

CELEBRATING THE NATURAL WORLD
THE JOURNEY OVER THE DESTINATION

THE GROUP

FARMER TANS & STRONG ARMS

THE HUMOR OF STUMBLING YOUR WAY THROUGH A SECOND LANGUAGE

SPONTANEOUS DANCE PARTIES

THE INDIVIDUAL

THE JOY THAT RESIDES IN SERVING OTHERS



A photograph showing the silhouettes of several people from behind, watching a sunset over a landscape with scattered trees. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow.

...WE ARE GLOBAL ROUTES





**YOU ARE MORE THAN A TRAVELER,
YOU HELP STRENGTHEN OUR
GLOBAL COMMUNITY.**

As peoples of the world become increasingly interdependent we must all recognize that we live in a global community. The future of this community depends upon our self-knowledge as well as upon mutual understanding and respect among diverse cultures.

Global Routes deepens these roots of our shared community as we foster personal and international development. Undertaking voluntary work overseas allows North American youth the opportunity to push past stereotypes and misconceptions to build strong relationships and self-understanding, as well as buildings.

CROSS-CULTURAL IMMERSION

Global Routes brings people with different worldviews together in order to foster a strong global community. We believe that the best way to create meaningful cross-cultural relationships is through immersion in small, rural communities abroad. Living and working with people throughout the world challenges both you and local community members to step outside of your boundaries and open your hearts and minds to new people and cultures.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TEACHING INTERNSHIP

Our tried-and-true program model has been the foundation of Global Routes Gap since 1986 and is designed to integrate you into the daily rhythms of life in a host community by working alongside locals through teaching and meaningful secondary projects.

Teaching Internship Programs: Extended community immersion: By staying put in one local community, you have an incredible opportunity to make meaningful, long-lasting connections. When we ask communities what they most need, the answer is always education. The opportunity to host a native English speaker is a game-changer for their children and you'll have the opportunity to make a life-long impact in the community. You and a fellow group member collaborate with local teachers to teach English, math, science, or any number of other subjects in a rural primary or secondary school. During orientation, you'll train to master a Teaching English curriculum and dive into the wonderful world of education. You may also coach sports, tutor, or lead art and music workshops. This internship does not require mastery to teach, only a genuine and humble passion for helping others to learn. Enjoy the supported independence of living with your own host family and establishing a daily schedule of your own activities and responsibilities.

Secondary Projects: On Global Routes programs, we recognize the individual interests and goals of our interns. An extended community stay offers the opportunity for students to be able to design and implement secondary projects of their own design from starting an Ultimate Frisbee Club, to building solar ovens, to initiating public health programs, to running after-school camps and mural projects. Beginning in 2017, students will have the opportunity to become trained as a Certified Food Literacy Educator through The Cookbook Project, to lead a semester long nutrition and cooking education program in your community based on The Cookbook Project's collaboration with Peace Corps. We encourage all of our students to make this experience their own by expressing themselves through secondary projects.

ORIENTATION

All of our programs begin with an in-country orientation designed to orient you to your surroundings through safaris, rainforest excursions, visits to ancient ruins, or multi-day treks. The orientation also focuses on learning a new language and cultural traditions, introducing you to your group and leaders, and giving you the knowledge and support you need to dive into your cultural immersion experience in your host communities.

HOMESTAYS

The greatest highlight for many of our students is the homestay that runs parallel to the community service project and the teaching internships. Whether you live with your own host family or together with a fellow group member, you come home after a solid day's work to smiles, curiosity, and excitement. Prepare dinner with your host mother, teach your host brother a few words of English, or journey to the family farm. As you spend time together, you learn an incredible amount about the challenges and joys of life in the village and form relationships that will not soon be forgotten.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES AND DEBRIEF

In all of our programs, there is ample opportunity for adventure! During a mid-program break, occasional weekends, and the final week of the program, you travel with your group to unique parts of the country or neighboring countries to explore a new culture, natural landscape or have an exciting adventure. Time spent enjoying the beaches, jungle, or coastal waterways of a place you have come to love is also the perfect space for reflecting on your experiences, celebrating your great contributions and discoveries, and eventually preparing for your return home.

GROUP SIZE AND LEADERSHIP

Our gap and college programs have a maximum of 14 students per group, one or two leaders and two to three in-country support staff.



ECUADOR/GALAPAGOS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Discover the Galapagos Islands by land and sea as you snorkel alongside sea lions, hike the craters of the Sierra Negro and Chico volcanoes, and soak up the sun on white-sand beaches.

Collaborate with your host community on service projects of your own design.

Trek the Ecuadorian Andes sumitting the peak of Fuya Fuya as the sun creeps over the horizon

Experience the independence and joy of teaching in a local school and making a life-long impact on the future of children in your Valliage

Improve your Spanish by helping your host mother make empanadas, visiting with your new neighbors, or teaching children how to play sharks and minnows.

COSTA RICA/PANAMA

HIGHLIGHTS:

Zip line, rappel, and hike through the remote cloud forests of Chirripo National Park.

Teach English and other subjects to children in a local school.

Improve your Spanish by working along your host family in their garden, chatting with your new neighbors, or teaching children how to play duck duck goose.

Whitewater raft the Rio Pacuare through deep canyons and lush-tropical rainforest.

Relax, swim and take surfing lessons in the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Snorkel along the craggy shores of the Corcovado National Park.

Master Costa Rican cooking as you learn how to whip up gallo pinto and platanos with your host mother during your homestay.

NEPAL

HIGHLIGHTS:

Teach 8 weeks of English, math, and science in your rural Nepali village

Collaborate with your group and host community on a service project.

Trek under majestic snow-capped peaks in the hearof the Himalaya on two of Nepal's classic 9-day treks, staying in Tibetan Teahouses along the way. For many travelers, this is the most glorious experience on earth

Master Nepali cooking and the art of eating without utensils as you pick up the nuances of the Nepali language with your homestay family.

Experience inner-peace as you study yoga, meditation and the foundations of Eastern Philosophy.

Discover the elusive one-horned rhino on a elephant safari in Chitwan National Park

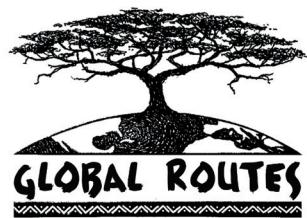
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