



## One year in a foreign country? Why not?

Are you one of these students who don't know what they want to do later?  
Why don't you take a year off?

This year, we've got the chance to welcome a new student. But not a student like the others. Julian, 25 years old, chose to come to France to improve his French and interact with French people. He has always loved French and he started studying this language when he was 8. He was very lucky because his neighbour was his French teacher when he lived in Paris, in Pennsylvania. This year with us is met his first trip in France. He stayed in Aix-en-Provence a semester with a host family, he spent a few days in Paris and he also visited Strasbourg, Cannes, Saint-Tropez, La Grotte and of course the best of the best: Normandy. He enjoyed all of his travels. For him, they were always good experiences.

He really likes this profitable way of becoming bilingual but Julian finds many differences between France and the United States. For him, French people are more relaxed and less worried about the time than people in America, who are always in a rush. He said that it was a very positive aspect. It's rather good to be late sometimes, isn't it?

Of course, Julian misses his family and his pets, but he loves our way of life and culture in France. And, being far away from Trump, is not a negligible point! In his eyes, these experiences abroad are a great way to learn and have fun in the same time, to interact with different types of people and on top of that to have new connections and share them with other people. If you like to help around you and you also want to develop your acquaintances, I think that it's the best adventure for you!

Like Julian, you want to take a year off in France or in another country?  
We have got a program for you!

You can apply to be a teacher's assistant with Projects Abroad. This program consists in teaching English or another language to foreign student of all ages for 7 months in public schools. It's an opportunity to work abroad and to discover other cultures and different types of people. You can visit some parts of the country and it's really rewarding. If you are ready to expand your horizons and share your language and culture with students, Projects Abroad is perfect for you!

This program doesn't suit you but you still want to take a gap year in a foreign country? We have got the solution!

There are conservation projects where you can work with many types of animals like pandas, lions, monkeys and even turtles! This will allow you to rescue animals and preserve endangered species. It's good for you if you have a keen interest in the environment and if you are interested in teamwork with like-minded people.

This isn't your thing? Don't panic! There are sports projects! You like working in an active and rewarding atmosphere or with youngsters? So, this program is great for you! It's an opportunity to play and coach many sports in orphanages and other community groups. It's a great way to travel overseas and give you something back.

So now, you only have to choose the option that is best for you!

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