

The Importance of Travel

In March of 2020, the world shut down. Many countries closed their borders. Their governments wanted to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, to try to keep their citizens safe. Many countries stayed this way for a while. In fact, Japan remained closed to tourists for as long as two and a half years!

During this time, it became very difficult to travel. Of course, traveling outside of one's home country can be difficult. It's scary. The language is different. The food is different. The culture is different. There will be times when you are confused, when things do not make sense, when doing normal things feels like a challenge. But, this is precisely why traveling abroad is so important.

You see, traveling abroad gives you a unique opportunity to experience new things. The world is vast. There are cities that have more life and culture than one can comprehend... From bustling bazaars in Baghdad to the classical canals of Copenhagen; from the stylish streets of Seoul to the vintage villas of Venice. Without traveling abroad, you cannot experience these things. And these experiences give us the chance to learn. You can meet new people; respect other cultures and religions; find common points between all people.

Even though it's difficult, I want to challenge myself. I want to try new things as I get older. Life is short and time marches on and on and on. But through experiencing new things I can learn more about both myself and the world. That's the importance of travel.