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Long-term language courses abroad



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Those who
travel longer,
open themselves
to a life they
had never
thought possible!

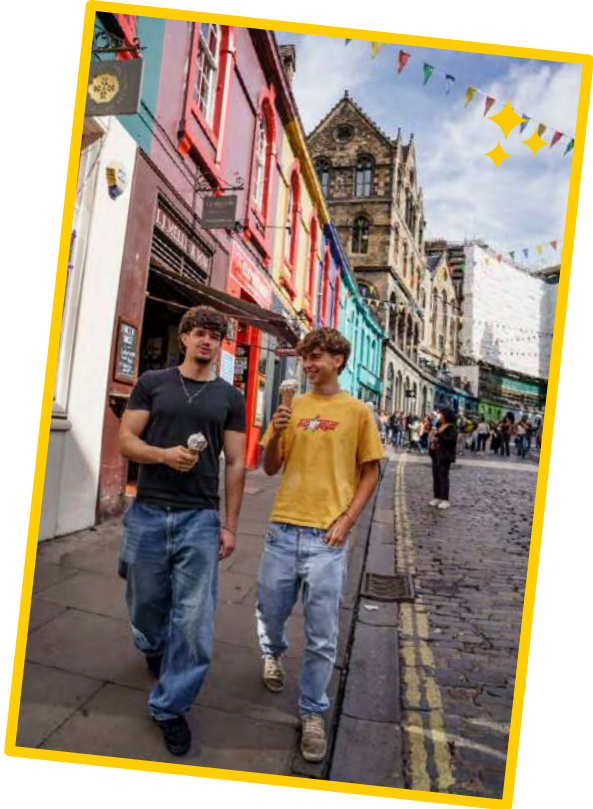
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Welcome letter ✨ from Anne

Hi there,

I'm Anne, and a while back, I took a long break from my everyday life and travelled abroad for several months to improve my English. I didn't have a perfect plan, just a feeling that I needed something different... and it turned into **one of the best adventures of my life.**

What I loved most about travelling long-term is how quickly everything opens up: **new friends, new routines, new versions of yourself** you didn't even know were there. You arrive not knowing a single person, and suddenly you're surrounded by people from all over the world, laughing, exploring, learning and saying yes to things you never imagined.

For me, having a bit of support at the start made a huge difference: it gave me the confidence to relax, enjoy the ride and make the most of every moment. And once I settled in, the experience just... took off. **My English improved massively**, but more than that, I gained independence, courage and memories that still make me smile today.

If you're beginning your own long stay abroad, here's **my best advice: embrace everything.** Say yes to invitations, yes to new faces, yes to the moments that feel a little scary but exciting. Those are the ones you'll remember forever.

You're about to live something big, fun and truly unforgettable.

Anne - ESL Gap Year Student



30
Years of Experience

97%
of our students
recommend us

0.5+
Million Students

Best
Agency in Europe
by ST Magazine

4.8
Score on
Google Reviews



Why Choose ESL ✨

We don't charge any extra fee. You make the same investment as booking directly with the school, but you get many other benefits and services. On top of that, if you find a better price elsewhere, we'll refund you the difference.

How does it work?

From the moment you contact us, you get your own local **ESL Travel buddy**—a dedicated expert aiming to give you the time of your life! We help you in every step of the process: before, during, and after your trip.

Built around you. Because this is your experience, we shape it your way. With YOU. It doesn't matter the size of your pocket, the length of your stay or how far you want to go, you will always receive **VIP Treatment**. And best of all, you'll get it free of charge!



Our agency status has been accredited by the most prestigious organisations in the language travel industry, including **ICEF, WYSE, IALC, ALTO, and many more!**

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Offices in Europe

Find your nearest **ESL Travel Buddy**, we could be closer than you think!

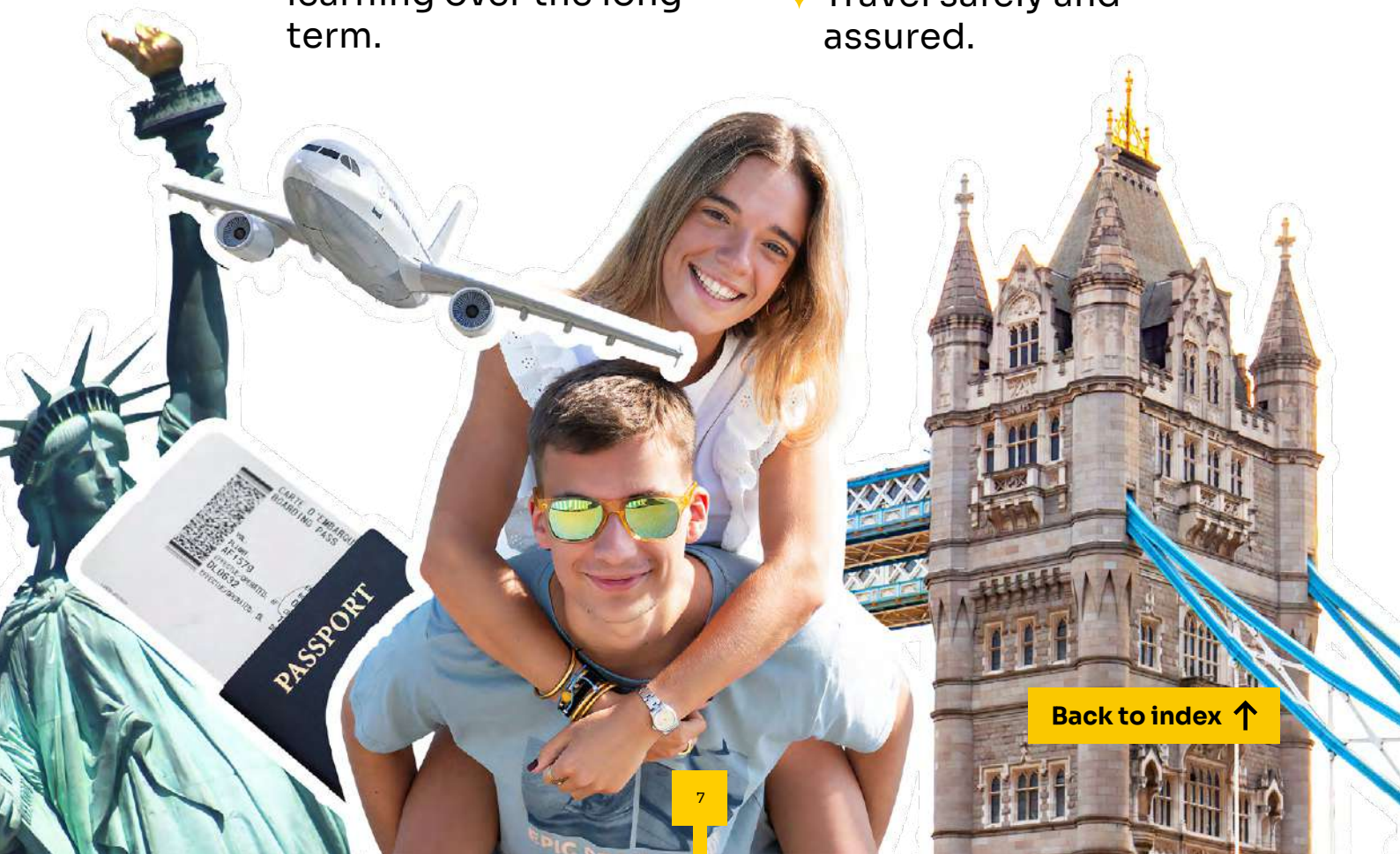


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The ESL ✨ Student Experience

Every year, we extend our portfolio of schools worldwide, and today you can choose from **250+ destinations and 17 languages**, giving you more options than any other agency.

- ◆ Be part of academically top-rated schools worldwide.
- ◆ Choose what suits you. Tailor-made programmes for all budgets and objectives.
- ◆ If you travel long, we'll work with you on the best-laid programme for learning over the long term.
- ◆ Fast, effective booking for schools and accommodation.
- ◆ Enjoy your travel experience from your first call to your journey home—we're here to make it easy for you!
- ◆ Free visa assistance.
- ◆ Travel safely and assured.



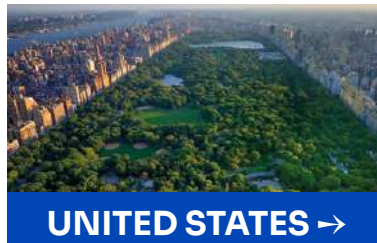
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Languages ✨ & destinations



Although English, Spanish, German and French are the main languages our students learn, other languages like Korean, Portuguese, and Japanese are getting more and more popular. With ESL, you can choose hundreds of destinations to invest in a **long-term course** that will transform you forever. Taking the time to study a language abroad for a longer period is the right step to stop translating in your head and feel naturally fluent when speaking new languages.

◆ English



◆ Spanish



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Languages & destinations

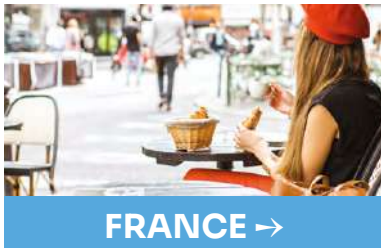


◆ German



◆ and many more!

◆ French



◆ Italian

◆ Portuguese



◆ Japanese

◆ Mandarin

◆ Korean



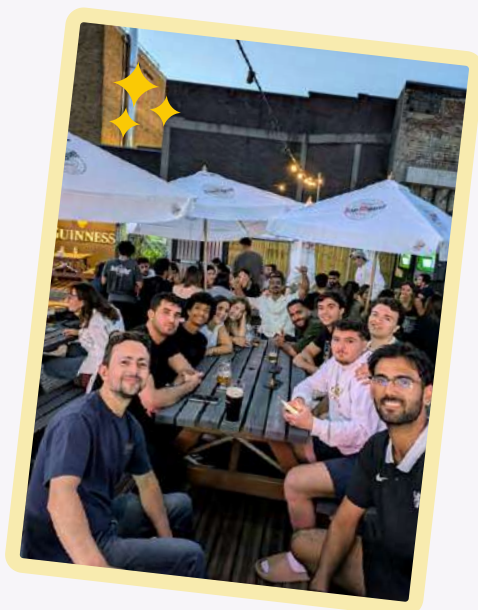
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Discover what an ✨ Academic Year Abroad means

Can learning a language change your life? We're 100% sure it will. When you give yourself **6 months to a year** living in a new country with daily classes in a structured programme designed to bring your language to life, you meet locals, and you mix with a completely different culture, transformation and evolution will happen.

An Academic Year Abroad will allow you to make deeper and longer connections with your classmates, as you start at the same date, and spend months together. You can choose **among a language-focused programme, exam preparation, and improving your professional language skills.**

With this programme, you will not only enhance your language skills in an immersive, supportive environment, with expert tuition aimed at improving your language skills and building your professional profile, but also a new version of you will come to reality!



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Why take an Academic Year Abroad ✨

- ◆ This programme is designed to make you succeed in your personal, professional or academic life. The goal is to make you fluent in English, French or German, while experiencing what it is like to live in a country that you have wanted to be part of.
- ◆ Get resources to reach your goals, from free exams such as IELTS and TOEFL®, to access to our university partners. Earn an accredited certificate in business, communication, technology, arts, and media and be ready to feel confident in a global professional environment.
- ◆ You can choose among programmes that last **6, 9 or 11 months** and enjoy the journey with a fixed group that will become your friends for life.



Learn more →

Accommodation & ✨ Social Activities for your Academic Year Abroad

|Accommodation

Helping you choose your home-away-from-home is part of our expertise. We offer a wide range of excellent facilities for you to choose from:

- ✦ If you opt for a **homestay**, you'll stay with a local family and practise your new language daily the time you spend with your hosts through an Academic Year will mean you form strong local connections.
- ✦ If you choose a **student residence**, you'll live the international student life and enjoy excellent facilities (ranging from pools to onsite gyms) with privacy and independence.

|Special activities

With an **Academic Year Abroad**, you'll also have a variety of weekly social activities to help you integrate into your new city and practise your language skills. These activities are available across all paths and can include city tours, special guest speakers, fun cultural events, university campus visits, workshops, and a special graduation ceremony to celebrate your progress.

Academic ✨ Year Abroad

|Language & Culture

Language and Culture is our most flexible Academic Year programme, as it focuses on taking your language skills to a completely different level while broadening your horizons. You can also customise your course's duration and intensity from the options below:

SEMI-INTENSIVE

Build a strong foundation of your language while also having enough free time to explore your chosen location and have fun with friends! Take part in our social activities, immerse yourself in your host city, and make the most of this adventure!

INTENSIVE

Want to master every aspect of English? This programme sharpens your skills in speaking, reading, writing, listening, grammar, and pronunciation, while also expanding your vocabulary for effective communication in real-world settings.

MULTI-DESTINATION

Why limit yourself to just one city when you can travel the country, or even the world! Plan a multi-destination trip and continue your academic year across our network of partner schools worldwide offering the same Academic Year Abroad structure.

Whatever the programme you choose, you'll find plenty of other like-minded students who will become your international connections for life, and you'll see your new city like never before and return home unrecognisable!

Academic ✨ Year Abroad

|Exam Preparation Programme

This programme is designed for ambitious students planning to study at leading institutions in the UK, Canada, the US, or beyond. Strengthen your academic language skills and master key exam strategies. Whether you're aiming to pass the **IELTS, TOEFL®**, **DELTA, DALF, TELC** or another language exam, we'll help you succeed and begin your journey abroad with confidence with dedicated tuition and free language tests.

Use your certificate alongside our expert guidance and resources to boost your CV or get into your desired university. You won't believe how far your Academic Year Abroad could take you!



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Academic ✨ Year Abroad

| Professional Programme

Join a class built around a contemporary, career-focused modular curriculum designed to meet the demands of a global economy. Earn professional certificates while preparing specific projects that will enhance your CV. If you are aiming to step confidently into the professional world, this is your programme to become truly international.

English for Business

Being fluent in English is a game-changer—it can double your market value in industries such as tech and business, and open doors to international companies and global opportunities. Take your career further with our English for Business programme, with targeted modules on workplace communication, networking, and management, among others. You will build the confidence and language skills you need to thrive in business and stand out as a globally prepared and career-ready candidate!

Modules can include:

- Project Management
- Career Essentials
- Building Brands & Driving Growth
- Start-up Mindset

English for Media & Technology

In today's fast-paced digital world, strong communication skills and media literacy are a must. If you are passionate about creative expression, social media, and the future of AI, then this is the programme for you. Step confidently into the future with our structured modules that explore the intersection of technology, digital media, and the modern workplace.

Modules can include:

- Social Media and Online Presence
- AI and the Future of Work
- Digital Entertainment
- E-Commerce
- Data-Driven Decision

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Academic ✨ Year Abroad

| Professional Programme

English for Communication & the Arts

Persuasive storytelling forms the foundation of many marketing and media jobs. **In this programme, you will focus on modules that will show you how you can perfect these skills using the English language.** From writing and delivering speeches to analysing music and designing digital campaigns, this is the perfect opportunity to kick-start your career in marketing and beyond.

Modules can include:

- The Art of Persuasion
- Multimedia Storytelling
- Visual Culture in a Digital World
- Virtual Collaboration Effective Business Communications
- Public Speaking and Performance



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Accommodation for your Gap Year ✨

Whatever you choose, we'll make you feel at home

When you're travelling from 3 months or longer, your home is your sanctuary. That's why we carefully discuss different accommodation options with you to help you find the perfect home that you'll even miss when you finish your trip!

HOST FAMILY

Immerse yourself in the daily life of a local family, and you'll practice the language constantly and gain authentic insight into the local culture and customs. Host families usually live fairly near the school, though in big cities they might be further away.

SHARED APARTMENT

Live with other students and/or locals. You'll have an authentic student experience, making new friends and practising your language skills while enjoying the residence's shared facilities together.

STUDENT RESIDENCE

Stay in a single or twin room with other students. This is a great way to enjoy your independence while meeting people from all over the world. Contact us if you have any preference, as we have residences with en-suite rooms, shared bathrooms, etc.

COURSES WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION

If you have friends or family abroad, or simply prefer to arrange your own accommodation, let us know, and you can book your standalone course.



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Social Activities ✨

The best happens after your lessons!

Everyone knows that you learn more and better when you're having fun.

Picture yourself travelling the coast of Los Angeles with a new friend group, going to the theatre on Broadway with your classmates, dancing with other students from different nationalities, or simply touring the secret gems of any city with new Gap Year friends.

Our schools always offer extensive social programmes to ensure you're making the most of every minute inside and outside the classrooms. There will be plenty of opportunities to make new friends, many of them local neighbours who'll help you feel part of the community—it's the start of your new life with ESL!



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6 months abroad in Toronto with

Pauline Roulin ✨

Why did you choose to take a long-term language course abroad?

I chose to go abroad for a long period with ESL to improve my English, for my future and my upcoming studies.

How did your language skills evolve over the months?

My level has improved a lot over time. I went from B1 to C1 in six months.

What impact did living abroad for a longer period have on your personal growth and confidence?

Living abroad made me discover a new version of myself; calmer, happier, more confident. It made me realize that I can live my dreams and that they are achievable. Since then, I've been learning to listen to myself more and to do everything in my power to make my dreams come true, even the wildest ones!

What's a favourite memory from your long-term stay?

I wouldn't be able to choose my most unforgettable moments, there are so many! But I'd say: setting foot for the first time in a country you don't know, speaking a language that isn't yours,



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6 months abroad in Toronto with

alone. Going to the supermarket for the first time to buy groceries for your new home. Making friends; friends who will become friends for life. Connecting with new people, each of whom brings you something different. And the outings, discovering your new country, getting new habits, finding new favourite places. Building a second home.

**How was your experience with ESL?
Did you feel supported before or during your trip?**

My experience with ESL was amazing. I was supported the entire time. They called me, sent me emails to check if my trip was going well. I knew that if I needed something or simply had a question, I could contact ESL.

Why would you recommend a long-term course (and ESL) to other students?

I recommend everyone to go abroad. No matter your age, go, step out of your comfort zone, open yourself to others, laugh, be happy and grateful that you can offer yourself at least once in your life an extraordinary trip that will mark you and change you forever. If you want support, reassurance and guidance, go with ESL. They will guide you through every step of your journey.



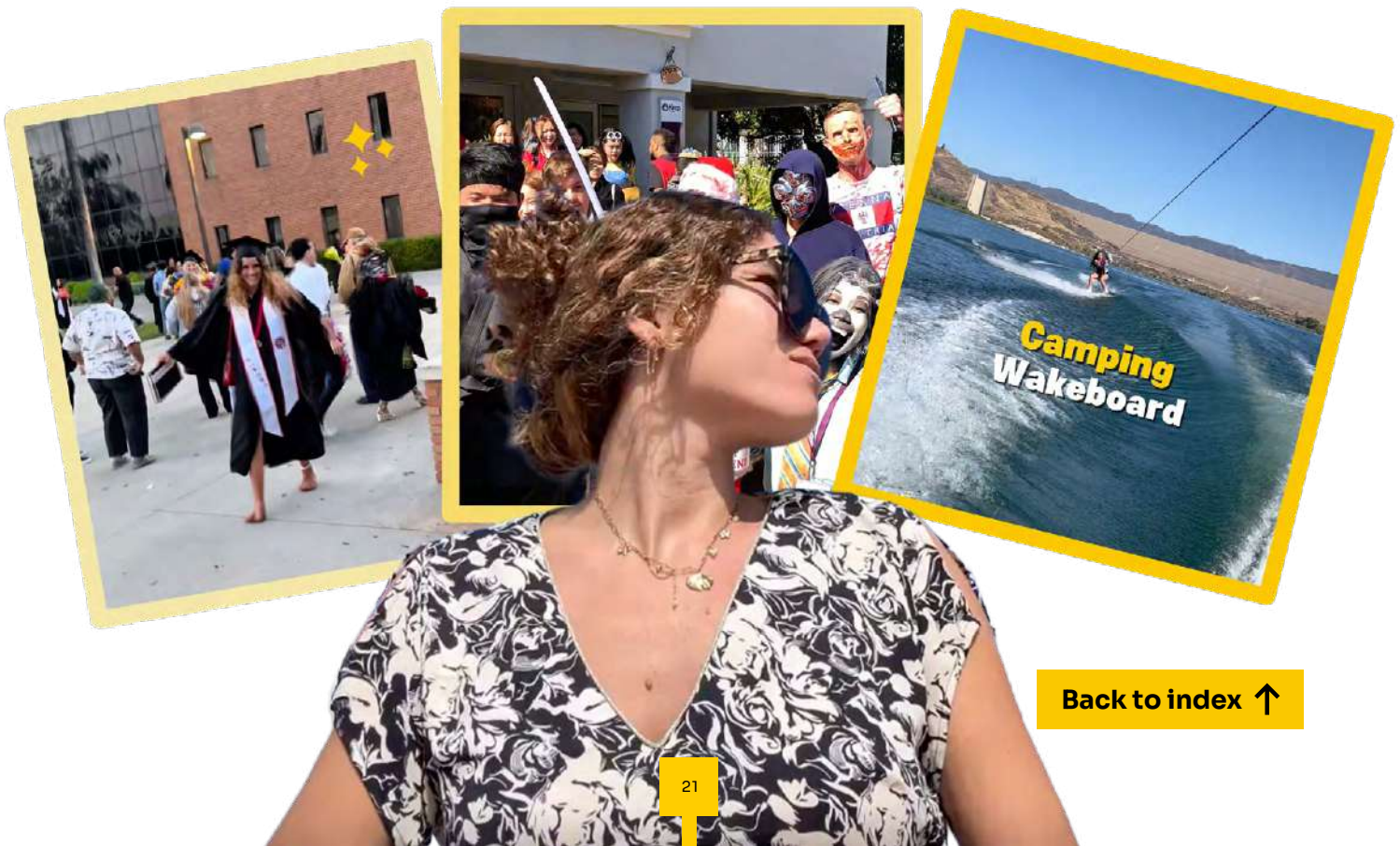
**Pauline
Roulin** ✨

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A full year abroad in *Los Angeles* with **Ophélie** ✨

I decided to take a gap year at 18 because I wanted a real adventure, and to finally become bilingual. After finishing my A-Levels, I found ESL, and they helped me organise everything: my language school, accommodation and the start of my American journey.

Suddenly, I was living in Hollywood, surrounded by international students who were all chasing the same dream. We had English classes in the mornings and spent the rest of the day exploring Los Angeles: its beaches, neighbourhoods, iconic spots and all the fun the city has to offer. Parties, events, concerts, road trips... every week brought something new. It was honestly the craziest, most unforgettable year of my life. And if you're thinking about doing something similar... trust me, it's absolutely possible.



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STUDY
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Pricing and what's next ✨

When you take a long term course, you're not only getting the best way to become fluent, you're getting the best value for your time! Through these programmes, you'll be eligible for unique discounts on your course, accommodation, and overall package to give you a tailored experience at an affordable price.

[Contact us →](#)

Send us an email or give us a call—we love helping students and answering all your questions! You can also set up a no-obligation chat with one of our expert language travel consultants to plan your dream trip.

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✦ Your Adventure Starts Now ✦

Give yourself a long time abroad and the world will start speaking back to you. **Go for it** and choose from over 250+ awesome spots worldwide to improve your language skills.

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