

ONE STEP AT A TIME

Traveling not only transforms individual's views about themselves, but also the world, the community, and the culture one lives in. Traveling to other cultures and countries brings communities together through music, language and the arts. Despite the bridge traveling builds from one country to another, harsh lines are still drawn between countries due to overseas wars, economic issues, and long standing feuds between the leaders. However, travel is just the beginning to creating peace and community between two unlikely cultures. Traveling allows for other individuals to experience unique and foreign languages, view other's art as relatable and realistic, and celebrate their country with music from multiple backgrounds. With one step at a time, countries can bridge themselves through travel by showcasing their language, music, and arts to create unity and peace throughout the world.

When gallivanting to another country, one often looks for the famous architecture seen in magazines, or the popular food item everyone raves about on social media. Some sight-seeing is by stepping into a citizen's shoes. Experiencing the local art and language bridges two individuals together that may have never interacted if it wasn't for travel. Travel changes the way humans view the world. Traveling to Ireland may allow for someone to view the picturesque landscapes one may never dream of seeing, or traveling to Italy may teach a family the culture the Roman Empire once held. Trekking through foreign countries not only educates individuals on the importance of history, culture, and even the arts, but it bridges two communities together. Thousands of years ago, some of these countries were not even named countries, but travel and communication have allowed for peace between nations. Traveling additionally allows for countries to maintain the peace with one another our ancestors' fought so harshly for hundreds, even thousands of years ago. However, each nation is not fully united with the others yet, but travel allows for our communities to create a bridge each national can comfortably cross.

Individuals through the world experience new cultures and communities every day. Unfortunately many years ago, and even now, countries were harshly divided due to wars, economics, or even feuds leaders held with each other. For example, the United States and Cuba had broken ties for over 50 years. It all began with the President of the United States creating an embargo that restricted all trade and travel to and from Cuba, ultimately resulting in trillions of dollars lost from the United States economy, and rough waters in between the two nations. In February of 2016, commercial flights were finally restored between the two countries, now allowing for citizens of each nation to travel and experience the unknown facts about the cultures. Without travel, peace cannot be bountiful. Travel bridges communities, cultures, and individuals together, ultimately creating unity throughout the world.

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