

9. World Traveler

I was born in Dayton, Ohio, but to tell the truth, **I never felt very comfortable** there. Fortunately, I **discovered** different countries when I was still a teenager. My parents **traveled a lot** and we were lucky to be able to live in different countries. For I can remember Asia, especially Japan, has always fascinated me. Europe is interesting, but most countries **are not easy to live in**, although the culture and especially the food was always the best. When I got a little older I started to travel by myself. I drove to Mexico and traveled all the way down to Panama. These were of course more **adventurous** than ordinary travels. I can honestly say that **travel is educating in many ways**. You also learn different cultures and I got quite good at developing **social skills**. Most Americans travel only within their own country, and there is nothing wrong with that, but I feel that international experiences educate more and are good for the brain.