



## RATIONALE FOR WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Work Experience, along with other careers interventions, remains the most significant factor impacting the chances of young adults entering employment.

A survey of UK business leaders in 2017 found that 93% of them want compulsory work experience reinstated in schools, five years after the coalition government scrapped it.

In addition, more than two-thirds (68%) agreed work experience helped prepare young people for the world of work, and more than half (57%) stated it helps instil a strong work ethic.

Asked about the main problem they encountered when hiring young people, more than one in three of these business decision makers (39%) said most applying for jobs have little or no experience in the workplace.

*Source: Jonathan Owens TES November 2017*

Securing work experience opportunities is challenging, time consuming and for some young people, a barrier to participation. Blue Stamp Travel remove this burden from students and teachers and provide young people the chance to experience the world of work and the prospect of gaining vital transferrable workplace skills: Communication, creativity, dealing with the public, independence, industry specific skills, problem solving, use of technology, time management, working in a team.

Moreover, work experience abroad provides language opportunities to students that are simply not able to be re-created in the classroom. A week abroad in the work place, with the option of a host family placement, can provide more than a half term's worth of speaking practice. The added benefit of speaking in natural situations with native speakers is immeasurable.

Our students tell us that they grow in confidence, develop their vocabulary, improve their accent and understand more about the culture having travelled even for just a short period. This is not a holiday! It is an academic trip that students remember as being enjoyable, challenging and educational.

Whether joining one of our mixed group trips travelling in the school holidays or travelling as part of a tailor-made trip for your school, the experience is equally rewarding. The mixed group trips require NO ADMINISTRATION from the school at all, leaving the teachers to do what they do best in the classroom. Our tailor-made packages for school can benefit from travelling outside of peak times and again, we aim to reduce the burden on teachers in organising trips. A Blue Stamp Group Leader travels with every party meaning that no staff are required to travel, keeping the costs to a minimum. We understand that schools sometimes like to send a teacher and teachers also like to work with their students and see them benefit so this is also an option.

Blue Stamp Travel has public liability insurance with [MPI Brokers](#) including cover up to £10m and every student has a comprehensive travel, medical and workplace [insurance](#) taken at the point of booking.



Blue Stamp Travel are [ABTA](#) and [ATOL](#) bonded offering you the assurance that these accreditations offer.

Blue Stamp Travel pride ourselves in being available to teachers, parents and students to provide a trip that meets their requirements. We cater for all students regardless of additional needs and have a sincere [Diversity and Equal Opportunity Policy](#).

Blue Stamp travel's directors are both ex-teachers with over 40 years' experience between them including senior leadership of 8 years with extensive experience in Safeguarding and Health and Safety as well as having led 80+ weeks of residential trips in the UK and Europe. We value educational travel and know the added value it can bring to students and schools.

We welcome any queries that Heads of Department, Senior Leadership, Headteachers, Governors or Trusts may have and are happy to discuss our packages with you should you require further information.