



# **25 Life Changing Ways to Live and Work Around the World**

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*“The journey of a thousand miles, begins with one step”*  
~ Lao Tzu

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***Never in the history of the world has it been so easy to live and work around the world!***

Millions of people around the world are doing it right now — and so can you!

BUT I do caution you: spending time in another country can be ‘life changing’!

You’ll get to:

- go deeper in connecting with other cultures,
- explore its sights and rich history,
- interact with the locals,
- experience others’ diverse world views and ways of doing things
- learn more about yourself than you ever imagined

There are many unique ways that you can circumnavigate the globe – even for little or no money – which you can take advantage of right now or in the future!

I’ve spent over 20 years living and working around the world – as an expatriate living abroad in 6 countries, globetrotting to over 80 countries, and training thousands of others to the same. Yes, I’ve had to overcome obstacles, work with limited funds, deal with naysayers, and get out of my comfort zone to travel solo, but I wouldn’t have missed these ‘life-changing’ experiences for the world!

Choosing to explore and experience this amazing world is truly a priceless investment in yourself and the world around you.

IMAGINE using the world as your classroom and learning things you ‘didn’t know, you didn’t know’,

Or confronting social and environmental issues face-to-face that you’ve only heard about,

Or meeting people on your international journey who will forever touch your life...

**There are many ways to live and work around the globe**, and I've experienced lots of them first-hand! Here are some that can help YOU to create your grand adventure and transform your life through travel! I'm excited for you to begin your journey!

**The world awaits YOU!**

### **1. Take Your Current Job on the Road & Work Remotely**

Technology today makes it easier than ever to bring your job with you anywhere in the world. If you are currently employed, ask yourself if you can do all or part of your job 'virtually' or is there an opportunity for you to negotiate with your employer a way for you to be able to accomplish your objectives and work remotely? An increasing number of employees already work 'from home' -- so what is the difference if your home is in Akron, Ohio, or in your temporary residence in Costa Rica? Of course, not every job is able to accommodate this, but keep an open mind to possibilities and have your employer do the same!

### **2. Working Holiday Visas**

For years, young people from countries like Australia, UK, Canada and others have been taking advantage of Working Holiday Visas aimed at providing them the opportunity to work in various countries for a period time (i.e. 6-18 months) and supplement their income while traveling. Each country also sets their own visa requirements and age limits (usually under 30 yrs old). I often think this is one of the 'best kept secrets', especially for American college students, who can work in 5 different countries: [global-goose.com/working-holiday-visas-us-citizens](http://global-goose.com/working-holiday-visas-us-citizens)

After all, one of the most difficult things that stops a person from being able to work legally abroad is a work visa, so that's why I am a big fan of Working Holiday Visas. In fact, in my twenties, I was able to work in Ireland, Australia, and the U.K. after I graduated from college with these types of visas. Not only did working in 3 countries help build my resume with international work experience, but I was also able to make enough money to pay my student loans back home.

### **3. Be a Digital Nomad**

Over the past few years, this has become a more well-known concept, and there are even co-working locations popping up around the world (like in Thailand and Bali) where digital nomads can come together and work. But what is a 'digital nomad'? According to one definition 'they are a type of person who uses telecommunication technologies to earn a living, and more generally, conduct their life in a nomadic manner.' They typically work in foreign countries in co-working places, coffee shops, shared offices, or house-sitting arrangements. So what type of work do they do? **Click here for some popular suggestions from Entrepreneur.com.**

As an example, through Global Gals ([www.globalgals.com](http://www.globalgals.com)), we're working with a 29-year old woman who is leaving her marketing/PR job to travel the world for a year & is supplementing her travel budget 'while on the road' with marketing-related projects for her clients (like writing brochures, newsletters, and blogs).

### **4. RTW Trip**

What in the world is RTW? It stands for 'Round the World' – sound good to you? Ever dreamed of circumnavigating the world by ship or flying around the world by plane? Some cruise ships offer RTW itineraries (usually around 100+ days depending on how many ports of calls), while airlines often offer RTW fares (which are significantly much cheaper than buying point to point flights). The catch is that you have to go in 1 continuous direction around the world. Typically you can change the dates for free with no penalty, and it's good for 1 year. The prices are based on number of stopovers and/or mileage used.





These are particularly nice for backpackers, globetrotters, or anyone who knows where they want to go but want the flexibility to change dates. After all, what if you arrive in Paris and fall in love with it and want to spend another week or two or three... you can do that with this ticket. There are even travel agents that specialize in RTW fares like Air Trek ([airtreks.com](http://airtreks.com)) where you can purchase their 'Circle the Globe Flight' with stopovers in Europe & China for as little as \$1499 as of this writing!

## 5. Exchange Skills, Service, Expertise

Do you have any skills that might be helpful to others in the world? Perhaps, you're an accountant and there is a non-profit somewhere in the world that would exchange your accounting skills for room and board? Or you're a teacher and interested in arranging an exchange with another teacher in Australia? The opportunities are endless and it all comes down to your skill set, experience, and willingness to do an exchange – either through a formal program or something you set up informally on your own.

I remember my dad was asked by an inn keeper in Alaska to help her around the house on various maintenance projects in exchange for free room and board. And, I know another woman who teaches English conversation classes for 3 hours a day for staff members at local resorts in Thailand (during their off-season) in exchange for a stay at their property.

## 6. A Family Affair

Have you ever considered taking your family on the ultimate family vacation – a trip around the world together? Why not give your children the world and use it as a classroom to teach them about other cultures, ways of life, and valuable lessons that only travel can teach. Some families have chosen to 'home school' their children and now take them on experiential field trips around the world. Why read about Egyptian Pyramids or Mayan Ruins when you can visit them? There are many resources, blogs, and tips for traveling with children out there – whether traveling for a few months or a few years. Or, for those who want their children to be immersed in another culture and learn another language, you could even move your family to another country.

## 7. Become an Expatriate

A term quite common in living and working abroad, especially in the corporate world, is 'expatriate' or 'expat' for short. But what exactly is an expat? Usually they are anyone who lives outside their native country. It is often commonly associated with business professionals who are sent on an international assignment for their company to perform a specific job, role, or project.

Do you work for a company that sends expats abroad – perhaps, to one of your overseas offices or on a special client project? If so, you may want to express interest in being an expat for them in one of their international locations – either on a short-term or long-term basis.

If you are planning to move abroad, I'd encourage you to consider investing in professional expatriate training and coaching for both you and your family. My company, Worldwide Connect, ([worldwideconnect.com](http://worldwideconnect.com)) has trained hundreds of expats (and their families) around the world to know how to better adjust to the new culture – both personally and professionally – and how to cope with 'culture shock.' Having been an expat 5 times myself, I've learned first-hand what to do (and not do) when relocating abroad and how to be more successful on assignment.

## 8. Go on a Gap Year (or Granny Gap)

In many countries it is can be a 'rite of passage' to travel around the world after graduation and experience the world before getting a job or 'settling down in the real world.' The term, Gap Year, is often used, but of course, it doesn't need to be a full year. There are entire guide books, travel agencies, and resources dedicated to planning the ultimate 'gap year.' They may incorporate RTW flights and Working Holiday Visas which we've explained above. Did you know that Prince Harry did a gap year and spent time in a remote cattle station in Australia?

We're now starting to see more interest in these types of life-changing trips for retirees with the term 'granny gaps.' But, why should 'gap years' just be for students or retirees? Check out this helpful website for some ideas to consider: [gapyear.com](http://gapyear.com)

## 9. Volunteer Abroad

The opportunities to volunteer abroad are endless... this world needs your experience, your passion, your knowledge, and your skills to help make it a better place! Where in the world is your heart calling you? Do you have a passion for a certain group of people? What skill sets could you contribute – leadership, medical, carpentry, technical, technology, sports....? Whatever it is, I'm sure there is some NGO, non-profit, charity, school, organization, or group out there you can help and see the world at the same time!

I have an Aussie friend whom I trekked with in the Himalayas years ago who was so touched by the experience that he now regularly returns back to donate his time and resources to the Maitreya Foundation ([maitreyafoundationnepal.org](http://maitreyafoundationnepal.org)) in Kathmandu which helps underprivileged children in Nepal. He also stays with our old trek leader who became a second family to him.

## 10. Set Sail

Do you love being on the water? Or do you dream of sailing into the sunset – your destination: 'The World'? Then you might want to consider the myriad of opportunities that are available in today's world – working aboard cruise ships, being a crew member on a yacht, living on a sailboat, taking tourists on sightseeing cruises, being a scuba diving instructor, being a guest lecturer on the cruise lines, working on charter or fishing boats, or.... You can even buy a residence aboard 'The World' ([aboardtheworld.com](http://aboardtheworld.com)) – the largest private residential ship on the planet.

Growing up in landlocked Iowa, I dreamed of sailing to foreign lands... The first time I saw the ocean was when I was 14 yrs old, and I was instantly in love! While in college, I had the life-changing opportunity to spend a 'Semester at Sea' ([semsteratsea.org](http://semsteratsea.org)) – a study abroad program aboard a 'floating university' visiting 12 countries in 102-day around-the-world voyage. (P.S. it's not just for students!)

## 11. Teach English Overseas

Whether you want to spend a few months, a few years, or entire career abroad, teaching ESL (English as a second language) is a great way! I've been able to teach English in three countries myself with just a little training. There are many English Language schools around the world that hire native speakers so their students can practice conversational English (so you often don't need to teach any grammar or even a teaching degree). Some English teachers have managed to spend years abroad – in one country or several – teaching at local language schools, universities, or corporate language training centers.





## 12. Organize Your own Sabbatical or Career Break

If you're between jobs or burnt out from your current one and need a break from the 'rat race', then consider taking a break – on the other side of the world! Many say 'one day I'll travel' but that day often never comes.... Instead be proactive in planning a mini-break to either recharge, learn something new, take a course, or do some 'research' for your career or industry. One woman I know took a break from her career in the non-profit world and spent several months visiting different non-profits around the world to learn from them and bring back 'best practices' and new perspectives to better serve those in her own community and serve as a consultant to others.

## 13. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) – Volunteer or Paid Position

There are several NGOs out there in the world helping a variety of causes and missions to make this world a better place! Why not join them in their efforts – either as a volunteer or in a paid position. While many exist in developing countries worldwide, we have ones closer to home too. Just do some research in an area you are passionate about and see what NGOs might align with your interests and calling. You'll find them serving everyone from children to refugees to business entrepreneurs.

One that I was involved with was called Peace Boat, ([peaceboat.org/english](http://peaceboat.org/english)) a Japanese NGO which builds a culture of peace around the world. I was able to sail around the world twice aboard Peace Boat while serving as an English teacher for classes offered to its passengers while on 'sea days.'

## 14. Use the World as YOUR Classroom

The ultimate way to learn about the world around us is to go out and experience it first-hand! I remember never really being interested in history in school but was later kicking myself for not paying more attention! I was seeing amazing, historical sites all around the world – Israel, Greece, China, everywhere – yet when I was walking on the Great Wall of China, I couldn't seem to recall one fact about it from my World History Class! The more I traveled, the more I wanted to learn.

There are many ways to 'use your world as your classroom' whether it's:

- **Joining cultural immersion programs**
- **Planning your own grand educational adventure**
- **Conducting research on topics of interest (maybe even researching your family roots)**
- **Going on an excavation of ancient ruins**
- **Doing an internship abroad and experiencing a different way of working**
- **Interacting with the locals – let them teach you about 'their world'**
- **Sign up for a course or even an entire degree at university in another country**
- **And many, many more...**

Whatever you want to learn, the world is there to teach you – whether through a formal tour or program, an immersion experience, or simple interaction with another person on this planet!

### **15. Go Direct – and pursue your dream, goal, passion....**

When I moved to Ireland, I dreamed of living in a castle! After all, what girl from small-town Iowa doesn't? First of all, I had barely seen a castle in-person and most of my ideas about castles came from Disney movies. BUT, for some reason I really wanted to live in a castle so, with my Working Holiday Visa in hand, I set out to pursue that dream by getting a hold of phone book (this was before the internet) and calling all of the castles. As luck would have it, Kilkea Castle (a 4 star hotel at that time) had an opening AND they said I could live on-site! Next thing I knew, I was living and working in the oldest inhabited castle in Ireland built in 1181 by a knight! (P.S. it wasn't the fairytale 'Cinderella' experience I was expecting, nor did I meet Prince Charming!)

Do you have a dream or goal or passion that you'd like to make a reality? One strategy is to just go after it directly and don't wait for it to come to you! Do you think a castle would be tracking ME down and offering me a job? NO!

### **16. Live Like a Local**

One of the best ways to immerse yourself in the culture, connect with the locals, learn a language, and really experience the country, is to live like a local. Whether taking public transportation, avoiding the 'expat bubbles' and international communities, mimicking their daily routines, and practicing the language, you'll soon find yourself getting more connected in the local community. If you shop where they shop, eat where they eat, and dress like they dress, you'll definitely be well on your way to living more like a local.

We don't advocate 'going native' as the old song, 'I Think I'm Turning Japanese' goes, but we do recommend trying to bridge cultural gaps and being respectful of other cultures while still maintaining your own individual identity. You don't need to adopt EVERYTHING, but rather experiment, enjoy interacting and talking with people, and take their viewpoints into consideration.

One added benefit of 'going local' is that it could save you BIG \$\$ too! Some people spend more money on their tourist vacation in Sydney, Australia, in 1 week than I did in a few months!

### **17. Retire Abroad**

With the popularity of the TV Show on HGTV – 'House Hunters International' – we often get a glimpse into what it might be like to retire abroad and, of course, what types of accommodation we can get for what price point. I think this show is so popular because many people can see themselves retiring on a beach in Costa Rica or Ecuador, enjoying the vineyards in France, or relaxing in some warm tropical place that beats any harsh Midwest winter.

BUT many may be afraid to make the leap, leave their comfort zone, and navigate all the complexities of retiring abroad. Moving abroad is never easy, and just because you have the word 'retiring' in front of it doesn't make it easier; however, the challenge can be part of the fun of it!

There are many factors that go into making a decision to retire abroad, so take your time to educate yourself before making any decisions to take the plunge (and remember, it isn't as easy as House Hunters International makes it seem in their 30 minute show).

Be sure to see what country/culture might be a good fit for you (and your family), your personality, your finances, and your lifestyle. Millions have made the leap to retire abroad, so try to connect with some of them, as a first step, to get their insight and perspective. If you're still interested, you could also do a 'trial move' and just spend a few months in the country renting a local property first. Do what you need to do to make your amazing adventure in your new home a success— and the right move for you.





## 18. Missionary or Faith-Based Opportunities

When I used to think of the word missionary, it would evoke an image of a lone missionary in some remote part of Africa or the Amazon rainforest trying to convert souls. However, the more that I've been out in the world, I've learned there are so many opportunities – within any faith background – to help people around the world! I'm in awe of what some organizations are doing around the world whether it is a group like, Many Hands for Haiti, ([mh4h.org](http://mh4h.org)) helping rebuild communities or the work that my aunt and uncle did volunteering aboard the Mercy Ships ([mercyships.org](http://mercyships.org)) – a 'floating hospital' – providing lifesaving surgeries worldwide.

I might suggest starting with your church, temple, or religious institution to see what opportunities they offer – short or long term— or speaking to others who've done missionary or faith-based work somewhere in the world.

## 19. House Sit Your Way Around the World – Housesitters.com

One unique way to not only get to 'live like a local' but save big money on accommodation is to literally 'house-sit' your way around the world. There may be opportunities for you to stay in someone's home for days, weeks, or months to watch over things while they are away and do small chores or take care of their pets. For example, I know a woman who house-sat taking care of a couple's cats while they traveled for two weeks. In exchange, she got free accommodation (in a beautiful home) saving her big \$\$ in a country like Norway where hotels can be quite pricey. Plus, she got to experience local Norwegian life through that experience, cook meals from home (saving even more money), and have a chance to relax in a real home – especially having been on the road for awhile.

I recommend checking out [TrustedHousesitters.com](http://TrustedHousesitters.com) and [MindMyHouse.com](http://MindMyHouse.com). I would encourage you to start 'house-sitting' in your own backyard so that way you can develop your profile and recommendations. Then, when you are ready to do some house-sitting around the world, you will have a better chance for more opportunities to do so.

## 20. Have a Laptop Lifestyle

In today's world, with just a laptop and internet connection, we can literally be working anywhere in the world! There are many ways you can use your laptop to achieve your travel dreams while at the same time making money to support yourself! While I've already referenced a few ideas above of how you can work virtually, there are more examples such as:

- **Create an on-line business**
- **Do affiliate marketing**
- **Teach, train or coach on-line**
- **Consult virtually – whatever your field or industry may be**
- **Conduct research**
- **Promote products on-line**
- **Share your expertise with the world – write a book, conduct webinars...**
- **Run an international company (which doesn't need a 'brick and mortar presence')**

For example, I run two international companies, and it doesn't matter where I am in the world – whether in Dubai, Des Moines, or Darwin – as long as I have my laptop, I'm able to 'work around the world'! In fact, I recently spent a month in Australia & New Zealand and didn't skip a beat with my workload or client commitments. It was way more fun working on the deck of a ship than working back home!

## 21. Be a Pied Piper

This is a great way to get to travel for FREE! Basically, you work with a tour company, resort, or cruise line and bring a group to them, and they may give you a free tour or cruise for doing so. For example, perhaps, you've had your eye on that 'dream trip' to New Zealand and you find a tour company that has the itinerary you're drooling over: just connect with the tour company to see if they will make an arrangement to give you a free tour if you bring 'X' amount of people along. Now, you may have to spend lots of time marketing and promoting to your network, family, and friends, but typically the company will provide the marketing materials and support (and sometimes even your own private website link so they can track who signs up under your name).

Sometimes they may refer to it as an 'Ambassador' program, or in the case of Vantage Travel (which do fantastic river cruises), they call it 'Refer a Friend' program where you 'refer and earn up to \$6400 in cash & travel. On their website, it says if you 'refer 8 people to them, you get \$1200 + a free trip' - [vantagetravel.com/whyvantage/waystosave/referafriend](http://vantagetravel.com/whyvantage/waystosave/referafriend)

I know a retired teacher who takes several international trips each year for free as she works hard to bring groups to a tour company that has such a program. And I know another woman who brings a group of friends on an English Tea Room Tour of the Cotswolds each year and gets \$4K+ her trip for free just by signing them up.

## 22. Work in the Travel & Hospitality Industry

Of course, this seems like a 'no brainer' as a way to get to see the world; however, there are many unique opportunities in this industry -- beyond working in the usual 'travel related' occupations (i.e. hotels, cruise lines, or travel agents). What special skills, expertise, or experience do you have that might be a good fit already for this industry which you might not have considered before. Are you a yoga instructor or massage therapist that can do your craft onboard a cruise ship? Or, are you into nature and could be a 'field specialist' and accompany tours of the national parks? Or, are you a master gardener and could help lead garden tours around the world? Or...

## 23. Become a Travel Blogger/Writer/Photographer

Consider starting a blog of your travels which down the road could generate enough followers and interest to score paying sponsors or affiliate marketing opportunities. Or, take great photos of your 'awe-inspiring' moments on the road and either sell them or set up your own website photography business.

You could also be a travel or special interest writer and pitch your stories to publications, businesses, or marketing companies. For example, if you write an article about wine-tasting in the Bordeaux region, you could pitch it to a wineries, a wine related publication, or anyone in the wine or travel industry who is looking for content for the websites, newsletters, blogs, etc. I'm certainly not an expert in the area of blogging, but there are many who are who can help you not only get started but with strategies for making \$\$ doing it. Consider taking one of the many on-line classes, talking to those who are doing it, or checking out Nomadic Matt's courses at: [superstarblogging.nomadicmatt.com](http://superstarblogging.nomadicmatt.com)





## 24. Be a Budget Backpacker

There is nothing more freeing than putting on a backpack and heading out on a grand adventure – whether backpacking for a summer around Europe or on a more ambitious RTW adventure on a ‘gap year.’ Backpackers is a loose term to basically mean you are putting on a backpack (I prefer the rolling kind) and moving from place to place and often doing it on the cheap which may include staying in budget accommodations or hostels ([www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com))

While there is a stereotype that backpackers are often 20-somethings, there is no reason why anyone at any age couldn't put on a backpack! Increasingly, women of all ages are hitting the road (often solo) and staying in hostels, too (which are no longer just for young people). They can travel further for longer as they are saving big \$\$ by taking public transportation, joining free city tours, eating in local restaurants, cooking in the hostel's kitchen, doing some ‘house-sitting’ along the way, or sharing expenses with others they meet on the road.

Want to learn how to be a ‘budget backpacker’? Then check out Global Gals' 2-part on-line course which provides valuable tips, resources, and more on how to plan, pack, and prepare for your backpacking experience (and, of course, be safe, savvy, and save \$\$). <https://www.globalgals.com/shop/how-to-budget-backpack-europe-series-part-1-2/>

## 25. Other Unique Ways...

In today's world, we are able to live and work around the world with more ease than ever before. We're able to find opportunities at our fingertips for experiences that not that long ago we could only dream of doing.

There are so many other ways to experience the world ... here are a few more life-changing possibilities:

- **Work at a Camp Overseas** – there are many camps of all types worldwide... perhaps, you could you be a counselor, organizer, or even a camper yourself. Here is a reputable program which has been going on since 1969. <https://www.campamerica.com/>
- **Start an import/export business** – maybe you love jewelry or clothes or...
- **Be a ‘mystery shopper’** and get paid to evaluate hotels, restaurants, cruise ships...
- **Work at a hostel or hotel** in exchange for room & board (which I did in Waikiki!)
- **Live at a college/university** – many rent out their dorms/accommodation when school is out of session – I did this during a summer break at a university in Sydney, Australia.
- **Join an organized program like ‘Unsettled’** – which offers co-working retreats for 1 month or 2 weeks - <https://beunsettled.co/the-experience/>
- **Join an International Group/Organization** (like Rotary and Lion's Club) and visit its members and groups worldwide – my Japanese friend once did an exchange with a Lion's Club group in Denver, Indiana, while I did a 4-H Youth Exchange to Switzerland & stayed with families
- **Apply for International Jobs** – from reputable recruitment agencies and companies

- **Pitch Yourself** – to an organization or company you'd like to work for overseas
- **Work at an Amusement Park Overseas**
- **Temporary or Seasonal Work** – at ski resorts, agriculture/farms...
- **Work for the Government** – for the foreign service, military, interpreter, teacher...
- **Be a Guide (of any kind)** – historical, fishing, city, tour, nature...
- **Join or Coach a Sports Team**

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**IMPORTANT:** Regardless of the strategies we've suggested above — if you do decide to work or live in another country — make sure to check out what is required legally (i.e. visas, import/export duties, length of stay, business regulations, immigration processes, tax liability) to do so. Each country has its own regulations, rules, and processes that you will need to investigate to know how to legally live, work and travel in each country. A good place to start is the country's embassy or consulate.

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We have now covered 25 cool and unique ways to live, work, and travel around the world! Here are a few questions I'd like to leave you with:

- Which one resonates with you and the international dreams and goals you wish to achieve?
- What or where would you go in the world if money, time, or obligations weren't an issue? This might help you identify your 'big dream'
- Do you know anyone who is doing any of these now?
- Which way would be a good fit for you based on your skills/experience/education, personality, financial situation, time frame, season of life, your passion, your hobbies...?
- What is the one first step you can take to do a bit more research into these?

The good news is your 'big dream' may be very well achievable with the right steps, resources, and action plan! In fact, that is why I started Global Gals in the first place – to help women (and men) achieve their goals of living, working, and traveling the globe through our resources, courses, and community which you can find out more about at: **globalgals.com**

Wishing you all the best wherever you might go in this world! I would love to hear about your plans and adventures as you explore the world ... I truly look forward to hearing from you!

Here is a favorite quote that may help inspire you to take a leap of faith and go for your dream of living, working, and traveling the world:

*“Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do, than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. EXPLORE. DREAM. DISCOVER.”*

~ Mark Twain

For more information about how I can help YOU to achieve your dreams or goals of living and working abroad, please contact me at: [brenda@worldwideconnect](mailto:brenda@worldwideconnect.com) or visit my websites at [www.worldwideconnect.com](http://www.worldwideconnect.com) and [www.globalgals.com](http://www.globalgals.com)





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Brenda McGuire is a Globetrotter, #1 Best-Selling Author, an Award Winning Speaker and Trainer, and a Cross-cultural Business and Travel Expert.

But she’s more than that. In getting to know her, you’ll see why your success matters and how deeply she understands the challenges you face in the workplace and as an individual traveler... and why she created WorldWide Connect ([worldwideconnect.com](http://worldwideconnect.com)) and Global Gals ([globalgals.com](http://globalgals.com)).

This small town, Iowa girl followed her dreams to experience the world with all its amazing opportunities and unique challenges ... and then, she transformed those experiences and cross-cultural connections into ways to help others find success and reach their travel and global business goals.

During more than 25 years of international experience, including living in 6 countries and traveling to over 80, Brenda successfully trained thousands of individuals and companies in more than 50 countries how to effectively operate across borders despite cultural, time zone, and language barriers.

As the former Director of Global Workforce Development for a Fortune 500 company, she understands the need to prepare individuals and organizations to succeed and lead in a competitive global business environment.

Brenda’s passion for people and building their international success, both on a personal and professional level, led her to create WorldWide Connect in 2007 and in 2012, launch a second, successful international business, Global Gals, which educates, inspires and empowers women to achieve their travel goals and dreams.

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