

International Gap Year Programs in Spring 2022

Our program locations and itineraries have been carefully selected and modified to minimize risk of exposure to anyone outside the group with most being located in rural areas. We've been working hard, watching closely to any CDC recommendations about group sizes and testing requirements, and other available data regarding vaccination rates, COVID-19 cases and border openings to come up with options that will allow our students to have a safe, healthy, and stress-free gap year experience. In this document, we have gathered all the latest information (as of 12 October 2021) to support us traveling to our Spring Program destinations for your peace of mind.

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NEPAL SEMESTER

- Borders are open for fully vaccinated travelers
- Our sister company Pure Exploration had successful programs running in Spring and Fall 2021
- COVID-cases are going down: 168 in the last 7 days / 1 M population (vs. 1717 in the US)
- Vaccination program is in full swing with new deliveries happening regularly and everyone over 18 being offered the jab.

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SPAIN SEMESTER

- Borders are open for vaccinated travelers
- 78% of the population has been fully vaccinated
- COVID-cases are going down: 261 cases in the last 7 days / 1 M Population (vs. 1717 in the US)

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SOUTH AMERICA SEMESTER

- Borders in Peru and Ecuador are open
- Cases in the last 7 days / 1 M population: 159 in Peru, 41 in Ecuador (vs. 1717 in the US)
- Vaccinations rates are ramping up: 50% of Peru and 65% of Ecuador has had at least one dose

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THAILAND SEMESTER

- Borders are open for travelers through the [Phuket Sandbox](#)
- Thailand plans to fully open its borders later this year for vaccinated foreign visitors, without quarantine requirements
- We had successful programs running in Spring, Summer and Fall 2021 (read some of the [student blogs](#)).
- Cases in the last 7 days / 1 M population: 1049 (vs. 1717 in the US)

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CENTRAL AMERICA SEMESTER

- Borders in Mexico, Belize, Guatemala and Costa Rica are open
- We had successful programs running in Spring and Fall 2021 (read some of the [student blogs](#))

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PATAGONIA SEMESTER

- Borders in Argentina are opening this year for fully vaccinated travelers
- Low case numbers in the last 7 days / 1 M population: 134 (vs. 1717 in the US)
- Vaccination rates are rising, with 66% having had at least one dose of a COVID-vaccine

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COSTA RICA MINI SEMESTER

- Borders in Costa Rica are open
- We had successful programs running to Costa Rica in Spring, Summer and Fall 2021 (read some of the [student blogs](#))
- Cases in the last 7 days / 1 M population: 1356 (vs. 1717 in the US).

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BALI MINI SEMESTER

- Students can currently enter Bali with a B211 Visit Visa
- Indonesia is gradually easing border restrictions, having just reopened Bali to foreign visitors from 18 countries, with a shortened 5-day quarantine
- Low case numbers in the last 7 days / 1 M population: 31
- Vaccination rates in Bali is one of the highest in Indonesia, with 98% having had at least one dose of a COVID-vaccine

NOTE

These numbers date from 12 October 2021 and were taken from Worldometer's & Our World in Data