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-Huei Phang, an avid traveller. Often there are pictures of scenic landscapes and extravagant architecture strewn on the walls of businesses or homes. Simply looking at a picture does not encapsulate the same awe-struck effect as seeing the scene in person, however. Travelling allows for the exploration of hidden gems throughout our diverse world and the creation of memories that will last forever.

Each place visited has its own unique charm and allows for an expanded worldview. Phang

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abroad opens a vast blackhole of unknowns that scares many people into staying on their couch and watching travel shows, without even giving it a chance. However, the spontaneity that happens during most international travels makes the best memories, and helps with personal growth. Dealing with struggles during cross-country vacations teaches problem-solving skills, aids in gaining more self-

she learned about poverty and the struggles in other countries during her trip to Bosnia. In my experience, I learned patience and tenacity are rewarded if dealt with gracefully. After the barrier of the comfort zone is broken, the opportunity for cultural immersion and enrichment emerges. The ability to experience cultures from around the world is eye-global knowledge.

Deciding to travel abroad for the first time was one of the best decisions that I have ever made. When I got back home to my small town, it was like looking at the world with a new set of eyes. My trip made me appreciate what I already have, and inspired me to continue looking for more.

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television show from the confines of their living area; so, I urge those with even a hint of wanderlust to look past their screens for once, and go see the world.

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