

JOURNAL: IMAGINING LIFE OUTSIDE THE U.S.

Congrats! You have completed the Imagining Life Outside of the U.S. Journal.

Keep in mind that the decision to leave the U.S. or stay takes time and may require you to make a whole series of choices before committing to a particular path. This is not a one-time decision. You can re-evaluate how you feel and what you want at different moments of your life.

Many of the people we talked to who have left the country, spent a great deal of time considering different possibilities, even pausing for months at a time before beginning to think about it again. Others found out about opportunities abroad and promptly left the country to pursue them. Everyone has their own unique journey.

Whether you decide to leave or not, it is vital to recognize that the U.S. is not the only country in the world. You can develop a sense of belonging and joy, have peace of mind, and pursue your dreams and goals in other places across the world. You deserve to have options.

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About Us

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