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TRAVEL EXPERIENCES TO BUILD FUTURES

# *School Leap*

PROJECT-LED EXPEDITIONS TO CREATE MEANINGFUL REAL-WORLD  
LEARNING



# Project-Led Expeditions With Purpose

At The Leap, we don't start with the destination, we start with the project.

Through long-term partnerships with NGOs, conservation organisations and social enterprises, we create expeditions that combine adventure, contribution and meaningful learning.

Students don't simply visit a project, they become part of it.

Whether restoring coral reefs in Kenya, supporting clean water initiatives in Cambodia, or working alongside community organisations elsewhere in the world, every School Leap is designed to provide meaningful real-world work experience while developing confidence, leadership and global awareness.

WHY SCHOOLS CHOOSE THE LEAP

# Real Projects. Real Impact. Real Learning.

Students don't simply observe. They participate.

Working alongside conservationists, community leaders and social entrepreneurs, they gain first-hand insight into organisations tackling genuine environmental and social challenges.

This creates richer learning, deeper engagement and more meaningful outcomes than traditional educational travel.

## **Why This Matters**

Universities, employers and apprenticeship providers increasingly value more than academic achievement alone.

They are looking for young people who can demonstrate:

- Initiative. Leadership. Teamwork. Communication. Adaptability. Global awareness

**A School Leap helps students develop and evidence these qualities through meaningful projects and real-world experiences.**

WHY IT MATTERS

# What Students Gain

Through challenge, culture and contribution, students develop the skills and qualities that support future success.

## **Real-World Work Experience**

Working alongside NGOs, conservation organisations and community leaders.

## **Personal Development**

Building confidence, resilience, independence and adaptability.

## **Transferable Skills**

Developing leadership, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.

## **Global Awareness**

Gaining a deeper understanding of cultures, communities and global challenges.

## **The Diploma Difference**

Students can enhance their expedition through the International Volunteering Diploma, delivered in partnership with the Centre for Global Citizenship Studies.

Worth 16 UCAS points, the qualification helps students reflect on their experience and clearly articulate the skills they have developed.

## **Turning experience into evidence.**

# *Where you can* School Leap

## 1. *School Leap* to Kenya

### **Marine Conservation, Community Impact & Safari Adventure**

Work alongside Oceans Alive, one of East Africa's most respected marine conservation organisations.

Based on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast, students contribute to projects that protect coral reefs, support coastal communities and create sustainable solutions for the future.

Alongside meaningful project work, students experience Swahili culture, community life and one of Africa's most iconic safari destinations.

#### Student Highlights:

- Restore coral reefs and marine habitats
- Build fuel-efficient jiko stoves
- Create permaculture gardens
- Support environmental education initiatives
- Sail on a traditional dhow
- Visit local communities and schools
- Experience Swahili culture
- Explore Tsavo National Park on safari

# Why This Project Matters

## Meet Oceans Alive

Oceans Alive is a pioneering Kenyan conservation organisation working to protect marine ecosystems while supporting sustainable livelihoods for coastal communities.

Their work includes:

- Coral reef restoration
- Sustainable fishing initiatives
- Women's empowerment programmes
- Food security projects
- Environmental education
- Community development

Students work alongside local conservationists and community leaders, gaining first-hand insight into how environmental, social and economic challenges are connected.

This isn't a project created for visitors.

It's a long-term partnership where students contribute to work already creating measurable impact.





# *Where you can* School Leap

## 2. School Leap *to Cambodia*

### **Clean Water, Community Development & Cultural Immersion**

Work alongside grassroots organisations helping improve access to clean water and sanitation in rural Cambodia.

Students gain first-hand experience of how community-led projects transform lives while exploring one of Southeast Asia's most fascinating and resilient countries.

Alongside project work, they experience Cambodia's rich culture, ancient history and vibrant communities.

#### Students Highlights:

- Learn how clean water systems change lives
- Visit rural communities and schools
- Explore social enterprise initiatives
- Meet local project leaders
- Experience traditional Cambodian culture
- Travel through the Cambodian countryside
- Visit floating villages
- Explore the temples of Angkor Wat

# Why This Project Matters

## Meet Water for Cambodia

Access to clean water remains one of the world's most significant development challenges.

Water for Cambodia works alongside local communities to provide sustainable water solutions that improve health, education and economic opportunities.

Students gain first-hand insight into how practical, community-led interventions create lasting change.

Working alongside local teams, they learn about social enterprise, community development and sustainable solutions to real-world challenges.

This creates a learning experience that connects students with both the challenges communities face and the inspiring people working to solve them.





YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS

# Trusted by Schools, Parents, and Students for Over 20 Years

For over 20 years, The Leap has helped young people grow through purposeful travel.

Our programmes combine:


- Real projects
- Long-term partnerships
- Meaningful contribution
- Academic recognition
- Outstanding support and safeguarding

We work with a small number of schools each year, ensuring every programme remains personal, impactful and carefully delivered. Because the most powerful learning often happens beyond the classroom.

## What sets us apart:

- 20+ years of expertise in youth travel and expedition planning
- Fully supported experiences combining UK-based staff, local guides, and robust risk management
- Safeguarding-first approach with DBS-checked leaders and 24/7 emergency backup
- Strong partnerships with overseas NGOs, and conservation organisations
- Personal service— we're here to guide, support, and inspire every step of the way





Having led numerous expeditions all across the world, I had a very clear idea of what we wanted (and what we didn't want!) and it was incredibly refreshing to work closely with Milly from the Leap who helped us curate a trip to Kenya that was so special.

We had no idea what the demand for such a trip would be like and were hoping to have about 20 pupils to make the trip viable. It turned out that we had over 60 pupils sign up- this did not phase the Leap at all and we ended up running our Tour to Kenya twice over the Summer 24.

Having taken girls to Malaysia, India, China and Myanmar to name a few, we were excited to explore Kenya but I never expected a school trip to be SO magical.

Our personalised itinerary had everything we asked for and more; we wanted our pupils to really immerse themselves in the local community and complete acts of service which would be genuinely meaningful and the Leap, who partnered with Ocean's Alive more than delivered.

Our girls were able to help with marine conservation, learn about the importance of permaculture and work with local families to produce vertical gardens and jiko stoves to combat over fishing in the area. We were looked after incredibly well by Tilda and Des Bowden from Ocean's Alive and their whole team. As soon as we returned from our second tour, I saw the Headmistress directly so that we could have the go ahead to start planning the third tour and we will be returning in August 2026.

**I can not recommend the Leap and the Kenya experience more highly. They have given us memories to cherish for a lifetime.**

– Genevieve Ford, Deputy Head at Downehouse School



## **Every school is different.**

That's why we work with a small number of schools each year to design programmes that align with their educational goals, values and students.

Get in touch for an informal conversation and discover how purposeful travel can become a powerful extension of learning beyond the classroom.

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