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## Worldschooling Newsletter

### Lizz, about years of experience as a Worldschooler

Many Worldschoolers set off for a number of months or for one year. After Covid a lot more families decided to live this lifestyle long term. But how was life for Worldschoolers before Worldschooling was even a thing? Lizz Quain has been Worldschooling for more than 7 years, has learned valuable lessons and is very willing to share her knowledge.

Every Worldshooler has a story to tell

Every traveling family has a unique background, experience or knowledge, that they can share with other to expand and inspire.

In our newsletter we offer a platform to all the different stories that are out there.

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### Lizz Quain, about years of experience as a Worldschooler

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#### *Hi Lizz, can you tell us a bit about yourself?*

I'm Lizz Quain, a digital nomad, entrepreneur, alternative education advocate and worldschooling mom of 15 year old twin girls. We've been worldschooling for over 7 years, visiting or living in 20 countries (and counting!). Over the years, I've learned so much about how to travel... pre-kids and nowadays as a family. I'm coming up on 50 countries. Some repeatedly!

Traveling, learning about different cultures and exploring the world is a passion of mine, and luckily it became an interest of my kids. I'm also passionate about the best ways for kids to learn. I launched and later sold a children's play cafe business which included a preschool, helped launch and run a global online school for a few years and co-hosted a global homeschooling summit.

***What made you decide to Worldschoool?***

All of those experiences helped me realize that there are many better ways for kids to learn outside the walls of a traditional, antiquated school to better prepare them for the 21st century. The world can be their classroom and there's much to learn online or in-person via local schools around the world (a super way to learn a new language), with tutors, at worldschool hubs, etc. I've also literally met hundreds of other worldschooling families IRL over the years and learned how they live this lifestyle and educate their kids. And I've interviewed many online for my worldschooling video (and audio coming soon) podcast.

There are many ways to worldschool!



***How did you start your worldschooling journey?***

It took me nearly two years to figure out how best to do it before we launched our test year in 2016. And I was already an experienced traveler... but not yet with kids.

I tracked down a handful of experienced worldschoolers and got inspired by them to try out this lifestyle. I dug through various social media channels and spent a lot of time going down countless rabbit holes. I read the Four Hour Work Week and some other digital nomad and travel-type books and blogs. There wasn't as much out there like there is at present.

### ***How has your family socialised over the years?***

My girls and I started traveling in 2016 before worldschool hubs were a thing. I put in a lot of effort searching Facebook groups to find families (worldschooling, expat and locals) who we could meet. We're still friends with many of them and have seen some repeatedly over the years and in various countries! They have become our tribe!

We've since visited a number of casual worldschool communities and more organized worldschool hubs and pop ups in Mexico, Spain, Italy and we attended Emmy's Bansko hub twice which we highly recommend!

We really enjoy hubs and as a busy working mom, I often like to attend the organized ones as someone else has planned plenty of activities to keep my kids busy, freeing up my time to focus on my work.



### ***How do you help beginning Worldschooling families?***

I see so many people using various ways to learn and prepare which is terrific. I'm glad the interest in worldschooling is growing! But I see too many making newbie mistakes once they launch. Some are small mistakes but others quite costly. Many are kinda winging it, figuring out things as they go and hoping for the best. So it's a good idea to be well prepared. It's still a lot of effort to piece things together, to search, follow, post, ask questions and dig around for the answers to key questions. And sometimes you don't even know what questions to ask!

I've created a super-comprehensive and highly-regarded 12-week group course *How to Worldschool and Travel Extensively as a Family* that I run 3X a year. To better prepare families to start this lifestyle sooner, with more knowledge, confidence and ease. And also make fewer mistakes! And to really know how to help their kids learn during these global adventures to be well-prepared for the future.

My next cohort starts May 6 so reach out if you want more info.

### ***What do you want to say to beginning Worldschoolers?***

It really is possible to thrive in this lifestyle if done right. If I can manage to do it as a solo parent of two, so can many other families, including yours.

You can live the lifestyle of your dreams as thriving global citizens!

Thanks and happy trails!

Lizz Quain

Founder and Worldschooling Parent at [Trailblazing Families](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trailblazingfamilies)

Check out Lizz's series of nearly 80 inspiring interviews with worldschool veterans and service providers. Also a Masterclass on how to get started worldschooling. All gratis to watch and replays can be found in my Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trailblazingfamilies>

Check out the panel discussion of former course participants who have launched their worldschooling adventures at [https://youtu.be/aQpLn2\\_zFqY?si=sWDWvYLXx8yU2Jpg](https://youtu.be/aQpLn2_zFqY?si=sWDWvYLXx8yU2Jpg)

What is **your** story? Share it with the Worldscool world.

## The end

April 6th 2024.

The end of Worldscooling Bansko 2024.

We had the closing yesterday and saw all the families slowly leaving today.

One amazing family is still here until tomorrow, and helped us out tremendously today with the aftermath. Together with a family who lives in town the boys are now having their little afterparty in a sleepover.

Yesterday we had the last closing of the season. And because the weather is so nice now, we decided to take it outside. Afterwards the families organised a leftover potluck.

It has been an amazing time. And now, after some very busy days, I see all the faces from Worldscooling Bansko come by. Remembering the good times, the talks we had, the community that we created. Oh my, I am going to miss them. When they are here, you do not realise what the temporality really means, it feels like the togetherness will remain forever, until everybody leaves. But goodbye will be a see you later. I very much hope and know I will see many of these families again, later in life, somewhere in the world. The bonds that have been created have been too beautiful to just let go.





# This week in Worldschoooling Bansko

This is it. Worldschoooling Bansko closes its doors for 2024. It's been a great season, an exciting month, and an incredible week filled with adventures.

Monday started with skiing with friends, and in the afternoon the kids had an opportunity to learn a few tricks and become magicians. Meanwhile, the teens and parents dived into the world of Bulgarian cuisine with gyuveche cooking. Later, the kids made comic books, while parents learned about what curriculum to choose for their children. After a fun outside game for the kids and some poetry for the teens and parents, the day ended with the usual Dungeons and Dragons adventure and a board game night.

Tuesday was filled with family activities: fun times in the swimming pool, a teen restaurant visit and a talent show with many talented kid and family performances. The day ended with the last family dinner at a local restaurant.

Wednesday brought more skiing and a fun afternoon at the kid's casino: teens and parents volunteered as dealers, while the kids tried their luck at the games. The group ended the day relaxing at the hot springs.

Thursday started with the usual volunteering at Bansko Street Dogs, followed by horseback riding in nature. The day ended with a cozy movie night for all kids, while the teens immersed themselves in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Being kid free, the parents enjoyed a night of hot wine and chat, coupled with some fun karaoke.

Friday brought the last skiing with friends session, and sadly, the closing: a unique goodbye celebration starting in separate age groups and ending as one united gathering, cherishing the memories made throughout the month. Kids received their diplomas, and families said their goodbyes to Worldschoooling Bansko, carrying with them treasured experiences and newfound friendships into their next adventure.















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