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Worldschooling Newsletter

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Choosing your Worldschool Community

In the past year we have experienced an explosive rise of Worldschool communities. From a handful of hubs in 2022 we have gone to communities all over the world: Organised hubs, pop-ups, travelling school, informal gatherings etc etc. Families now have a lot to choose from, which even results in some families travelling from hub to hub and fill up their whole travel itinerary this way. But how do you choose a hub that fits your family? How do you know which hubs offers what you are looking for, and will they offer what they promised?

The first criteria that a hub is selected on is usually location. This makes so much sense as many families have the desire to explore a certain continent or area, or prefer a specific climate or cost of living. Always double check if the hub of your interest adds to the reason for choosing a certain location. If you want to know more about the destination, does the hub facilitate this? If you are looking for cheap cost of living does the hub offer free or cheap activities etc. If you are attracted by a certain climate, does the hub facilitate activities that are focused on that climate?

Another important criteria that a hub is selected on is the reputation of the hub or the hub facilitators. A lot of people select a hub based on word of mouth. I think the reliability of the hub is the most important factor to take into consideration. With many communities popping up, it is important to make sure the organisation is legitimate. Unfortunately there have been communities in any shape and form that did not deliver, either because of incapacity of the facilitators or even serious scams has happened, both with organised hubs and with informal gatherings. Do not go along with a slight marketing story, beautiful pictures of the location or the promise that many families will be joining, but do your due diligence.

Check who the facilitator is, or the person making you the promises about an informal community. Who is the organiser or inviter. Are they experienced, do they have a history of organising events for the Worldscool world, or if not, in what other way are they connected? Do they have a formal company or address to make them accountable if things go wrong, or are you dealing with a travelling person that can not be traced? Do you see an authentic person with an authentic vision, or do you see a blown up image of the organiser and a copy/paste format or even location. Are the organisers on good terms with the established hub facilitators? This is in general a good sign.

Read the given information well and ask a lot of questions. The more tangible the information provided, the better prepared the organisers are and the better change that your expectations will be met. Make sure to clear any vague promises or open answers.

What hours is the hub running, what exact activities are done, ask for an example schedule, is it drop off or are parents staying, who will provide the activities, what is their experience, are they reliable, who signed up already, what are the kids ages, is there a group with the families already signed up?

In case of an informal gathering do not go by open promises as for example a lot of activities and many families interested, but make sure to know exactly what will be going on. How many families will be attending, who are they, did the families already book, or have they just shown interest? Is there a person organising? Is certain attendance guaranteed? What exact activities are available either at the gathering or in the town itself, when/where and offered by whom? Are there meet ups with other families, how often, are other families motivated to attend or mostly doing their own thing?

Once you've gathered all the information about the community and have a good feeling about the organisation, it will be easy to decide whether a hub is a right fit for your family. Go back to your expectations and see if they align with the hub offer. Decide what kind and how many activities you expect and if this matches the offer, do you prefer community housing or find your own accommodations, do the costs of the gathering and the cost of living match your budget, will there likely be the community size and age groups that you expect, and the community commitment or flexibility that you are looking for. The more elements of the hub fit your expectations, the more likely you are to find your crew with the same Worldscool mindset.

Lock your discount now!

The current fee's for both **Worldschooling Bansko** and **Worldschooling Netherlands**, family program and teen camp will expire after this weekend!

After July 1st the price will go up.

Bansko

Netherlands

Are you seriously considering joining one of our programs, but unable to decide at this moment? Lock your discount now! That way you can decide later, but still keep the discount as it is!

Lock Discount

Worldschooling Playa del Carmen

In Playa del Carmen we are currently enjoying the sun and enjoying other homeschool and Worldschool families through weekly meet ups. We have a nice group of families from different nationalities and different ages joining off and on. Together we enjoy the more affordable highlights of the area, where the children can have fun and the parents can have a chat. We will remain doing this for the duration of our stay in Playa del Carmen.

We have been working on a formal hub and will continue doing this, but we feel we will not be in time to do one this season. We would love to come back here after Bansko and do a hub in Playa del Carmen around May and then maybe again September 2025. We will keep you updated through this newsletter and through our Playa del Carmen FB group.

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