



ArcticTerns

## Worldschooling Newsletter

### A hurricane on our path

What do you do as a Worldschooling family when a hurricane is approaching? We had this unfortunate event happening this week and it took most of our attention for 5 days.

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### A hurricane on our path

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Last week I woke up to a message that a hurricane was approaching. The Worldschool mom who messaged me was looking at tickets out of Mexico as we spoke. I saw the message in the middle of the night, but first thing I did was wake up my children and prepare them for the hurricane that would not be arriving for another 5 days while panicky looking for tickets out of there. Yup, hurricanes are not a common thing to me!

Should we stay or should we go? That has been the main subject of my thoughts in the 5 days after. When we first saw the news, the hurricane had just become a cat. 4 hurricane approaching the first Caribbean islands. I could not imagine myself enjoying a cat. 4 hurricane and was pretty convinced we would be leaving. However, the predictions at the same time mentioned the hurricane to become a cat 1 or 2 by the time it would arrive in Mexico. A cat 1 or 2 hurricane, I learned by talking to locals, meant nothing more than a bunch of rain. Nothing to worry about. They were not impressed and laughing at my plan to leave. Going by the advise of locals who have experience with the situation is more in my book, even though every foreigner, especially not in the country told me to get out of there.

So my family learned about how to prepare for a hurricane: Get torches and power banks for the phone as the electricity will most likely be out, no candles as there might be gas leaks, get enough water and dry food to last

for a few days, get tape to make a cross on the windows, not board up the windows because that was not needed or not what was done, stay away from the windows and doors, move furniture away from the windows and doors, move everything inside, put important papers in seal bags to prevent them for getting wet.

If only we could board up the windows, maybe I would have felt safer. It seemed like the most danger comes from the windows. But there was literally no place in the apartment where we were not right in front of a window. So why they do not board up windows? It is still a question mark to me and it would probably have made a difference to me. As the storm was approaching and turning into a cat 5 and was not decreasing as fast as it was predicted, I got super nervous. I did not buy a tickets out of there, but I found myself not doing any preparations either, while at the same time realising that both tickets as torches or boards/tape for the windows must be selling out quickly. Staying did not feel right, leaving while there was probably not much going to happen did not feel good either.

It was about when my landlord (high and dry in Mexico City) told me not to worry because she had never had any damage to the apartment except 3 years ago when the roof came off, that I thought it might be a good idea to actually book a ticket. In my mind I saw myself hiding in my bathroom with a boarded up window while the roof came off by the storm lifting me and my children up in the sky to forever disappear. Because a cat 1 or 2 was not so certain anymore and in my mind anything could happen.

After another sleepless night and looking at rising ticket prices my friend told me: It does not really matter what you do, but you have to make a decision, and you will have to make it now and stick with it. So two days before the hurricane hit I called another family meeting and we unanimous voted for booking tickets to fly out the next day. We bought tape for the windows and did all the preparations to leave the apartment as safe as we could, but with us a little bit safer.

We left to El Salvador, where we accompanied our dear Worldschoool friends that we have not seen in a few years, so we are super exited to be here and spend time with them. When looking at the storm from a distance I feel so relieved with our choice. The storm entered Mexico an hour from our apartment as a cat 3 hurricane that the town was able to handle. But it is just not worth the stress and fear. Plus my apartment has been without electricity for 1,5 days already and I am not too sure if the water is back on. It seems like a pretty uncomfortable situation. I fully understand why people with more experience (or no other choice) were staying, but I am fully embracing the privilege I had to leave to a safer and more comfortable place.

Are you familiar with hurricanes? Would you be impressed if Hurricane Beryl would be approaching apparently as a cat 1 or 2? I would love to hear your opinion in our group!

Facebook group

## Teen Camp - Worldschoolling Netherlands

Worldschoolling Netherlands offers a Teen Camp. This camp is specifically designed for teens travelling by themselves exploring the world. However, we do have sometimes teens joining who's family is also joining the family program. We also offer the option for teens who join the family program to join the Teen Camp activities only.

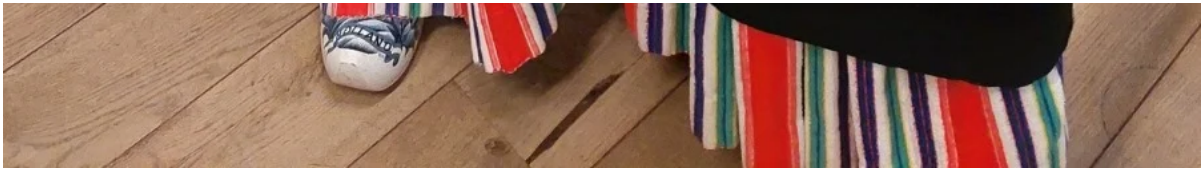
- ✓ Deep understanding of Dutch country & culture
- ✓ Intense cultural immersion
- ✓ Hands on learning
- ✓ High quality activities
  - ✓ Traditional Celebrations
  - ✓ Cultural Experiences
  - ✓ Loads of Museum Visits
  - ✓ City Trips
  - ✓ Dutch Politics
  - ✓ History
  - ✓ Typical Dutch Workshops
  - ✓ Amusement Parks

### **Coliving with other teens**

The teen co living is a base for deep connections and life lasting friendships with peers who might be difficult to find in their daily life. A significant learning experience lies in the independence the teens are given during the teen camp. By giving the teens lots of freedom and responsibilities, the teens are able to experience personal growth in a safe environment. The teens will live together in their own fully equipped apartment, where they are responsible for cleaning, preparing their meals and doing their laundry together. On a daily base we will supervise the co-living, the social connections and the teens' general wellbeing.

## Teen Camp













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