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Inspiration made easy



## Inspirational Tours for Schools and Colleges







# Welcome

A school trip abroad can be a giant leap for some children and for Party Leaders the prospect of planning a trip that meets your desired educational aims and learning outcomes can seem equally as daunting. At Travelbound we take the pressure away from the planning and booking of your tour by providing tailor-made educational tours, with our school travel specialists on hand to help you every step of the way.

At Travelbound, we know experience matters. We know our destinations and subjects inside out, so we have what it takes to turn a good tour into a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We pride ourselves on being reliable, knowledgeable and passionate about travel. Not only have our staff collectively explored 48% of the world, including the majority of the destinations featured in this brochure, but most are fluent in more than one language and are experts in one or more subject fields. We believe in educational, inspirational and fun tours, and we want to help our Party Leaders and their students have a successful and memorable tour with us!

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# Travel Inspires Young Minds







# Inspiration made easy

We have 30 years of experience in supporting teachers in their quest to inspire, motivate and educate their students. Our expertise, financial security, operational excellence and dedication to make your trip as easy as possible for you to plan, promote and enjoy is what sets us apart from the rest!

- A member of the TUI Group, we offer the highest level of financial protection to all our Party Leaders. TUI's global presence ensures that we have a year-round worldwide support network – providing the reassurance you deserve.
- The health & safety of our customers is of paramount importance and auditing processes are used for all our accommodation, excursions and transport services. We have extremely high standards and our health & safety department are leaders within the market.
- We are proud to have been awarded full accreditation for the LOtC Quality Badge scheme, are a full member of the School Travel Forum and fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL.
- With 30 years of experience, we pride ourselves on being reliable, knowledgeable and passionate. Our expert team have travelled extensively, are fluent in more than one language and are specialists in one or more subject fields.
- Don't just take our word for it! 96% of our customers rate us as good or excellent.
- We have a fabulous selection of worldwide destinations and carefully crafted itineraries that will inspire your students and bring their learning to life with memories that will last a lifetime.

So, wherever in the world you choose to travel with us, our dedicated team strives to offer excellent service, unbeatable product knowledge, true expertise and a passion for the school travel industry.

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# WHY TRAVELBOUND?

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**30 years  
experience**  
in operating  
educational trips

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**DEDICATED  
Account  
Managers** and  
Tour Coordinators

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Complete  
transparency -  
what you **BOOK** is  
***what you get***

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An **EXPERIENCED  
TEAM** who just  
***love to travel***







# Learning outside the classroom

It has been well documented that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development – whatever their age, ability or circumstances.

Young people of all ages benefit from real life ‘hands-on’ experiences; when they can see, hear, touch and explore the world around them, and have opportunities to experience challenges and adventure. The classroom environment doesn’t always provide young people with enough of these opportunities.

Learning Outside the Classroom aims to get students out and about. Educational tours experiences help motivate students, reducing poor behaviour and truancy, while helping schools to raise attainment and meet Every Child Matters outcomes. Travelbound is an accredited Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge holder and our educational tours promote personal, social and health education by;

- Allowing young people to face new challenges and overcome fears
- Developing effective communication skills
- Adapting to new situations and environments
- Solving problems and taking responsibility
- Encouraging self-discipline and self-control
- Increasing self-esteem and confidence
- Promoting effective team work
- Gaining independence

For more information, please visit: [www.lotc.org.uk](http://www.lotc.org.uk)





# Don't just take our word for it



"A fantastic trip enjoyed by both students and adults! The really enjoyed the trip to Omaha beach and the WWII veteran talk, as the students learnt so much history in a short space of time. Our educational aims have definitely been met! Thank you to all at Travelbound."

**Steeple Claydon School**



"An absolutely excellent geography trip to the USA. I have taken four groups to the USA before, but I can honestly say that the service and experience with Travelbound is second-to-none."

**Ysgol John Bright**



"Our trip to Greece went very well, so everyone had a brilliant time. We particularly loved the hotel in Tolon and it made a really good end to the trip. It also helped that the weather was wonderful all the way through. The students have been buzzing about it all week as all the excursions brought their studies to life."

**The King's School, Peterborough**



"We wanted to make amendments to our itinerary and these were incorporated quickly and successfully. The location of our hotel was excellent and made accessing the different sites very easy. Seeing the Palace at Versailles, and exploring the gardens, really helped put our study of Ancient Regime France into context."

**Churcher's College**

"I just wanted to say thank you for an absolutely fantastic trip to Italy, our students had a brilliant time. One was even in tears leaving Sorrento saying she didn't want to go home and it was the best trip she has ever been on, some have been planning their European rail card adventures for when they finish college and one has come back wanting to become a volcanologist or similar - so about as higher praise as you could get for a trip. Thanks again!"

**Orminston Venture Academy**



"Our language tour to Berlin was brilliantly put together – we were extremely impressed with the tailored nature of the programme, with a great choice of options. The whole impression was of helping us to plan a great trip - no hard sell! An excellent mix of Third Reich and Cold War elements, with opportunities to shop and relax too."

**Gresham's School**



# HISTORY

Take your history lessons to another level with one of our inspiring history tours. History fires pupils' curiosity and imagination, moving and inspiring them with the dilemmas, choices and beliefs of people in the past. A history trip with Travelbound will help students develop their own identities through an understanding of history at personal, local, national and international levels. It will help them to ask and answer questions of the present by engaging with the past and encourage mutual understanding of the historic origins of our ethnic and cultural diversity.





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## HISTORY TOURS



### Normandy

Explore one of the most significant events to affect the modern world as students develop an awareness of the events and experiences both soldiers and civilians faced during World War II. Uncover the realities of the Battle of Normandy and Allied assault in the area's monuments, bunkers and cemeteries.

#### Not to be missed;

- Arromanches D-Day Landings Museum
- Omaha Beach US Cemetery
- Le Mémorial de Caen
- The Pegasus Memorial



### Berlin

Berlin has been at the centre of many key events of modern European history, including World War II, the Cold War, the Fall of Communism, and the reunification of Germany. Step back in time to better understand the impact of Berlin's past and how it has influenced the modern city as it is today.

#### Not to be missed;

- Topography of Terror
- Sachsenhausen
- Check Point Charlie and Museum
- DDR Museum



### Krakow

Poland's former royal capital brings a feast of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, in addition to landmark memorials which commemorate events of World War II. Exploring some of the most important sites in Europe, students will be able to ponder how repetition of tragic events from the past can be avoided in the future.

#### Not to be missed;

- Old Town walking tour
- Jewish Quarter - Kazimierz
- Schindler's Factory Museum
- Auschwitz



### Ypres & the Somme

A trip to the trenches, battlefields and memorials of Ypres and the Somme deepens students' understanding of the sacrifices of WWI. Visiting the frontlines that saw an inconceivable amount of casualties including Passendale and Tyne Cot, groups will learn more about the quest for international peace and the impact on societies.

#### Not to be missed;

- In Flanders Field Museum
- Tyne Cot Military Cemetery
- Thiepval Memorial
- Beaumont Hamel



### New York & Boston

Follow the early settlers to the birthplace of modern USA and uncover the history of America's War of Independence during this unforgettable 2-centre tour of east-coast USA. Wander through the historical sites that have shaped the origins of the US as students begin to piece together the foundations of the American Revolution.

#### Not to be missed;

- Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- Lower East Side Tenement Museum
- Freedom Trail
- Sites of Boston massacre & Tea Party

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# Language

Languages are part of the cultural richness of our society and the world in which we live and work. School trips provide excellent practice for language students, enabling them to appreciate different countries, cultures, communities and people. Using the language in real situations will boost students' skills and confidence enormously, whilst listening to the locals helps to improve students' pronunciation and intonation. The ability to understand and communicate in another language is a lifelong skill for education, employment and leisure in this country and throughout the world, highlighting the importance of MFL school trips.



# OUR TOP 5 LANGUAGE TOURS



## Paris

Our tours to Paris are perfectly geared up to help your group improve their linguistic skills through communication with native speakers, in real life situations. Spending time in the city and soaking up their new surroundings, your students will have the added benefit of hearing local intonation, accents and pronunciation.

### Not to be missed;

- Lessons at a local language school
- Seine River Cruise
- E3 City Language Trails
- Stade de France



## Normandy

Normandy has long been a favourite destination for teachers wanting their students to immerse themselves in the French language. Normandy also offers a whole host of cultural attractions including goat cheese farms, boulangeries and cider makers allowing students to experience local production methods.

### Not to be missed;

- French Market Assignment
- Chèvrerie du Mesnil (goat cheese farm)
- Bayeux, Tapestry and Town Trail
- Boulangerie visit



## Rhineland

Explore the local traditions of the Rhineland as students dive into landmark cities full of cultural delights. Head for the enchanting towns along the Rhine as students develop their linguistic skills through unscripted conversations with native speakers.

### Not to be missed;

- Lessons at a local language school
- Boppard and Town Trail
- Chocolate Museum, Cologne
- Market visit



## Cordoba

Combine a wealth of cultural traditions with the warm climate of Andalucía and you have the ingredients for an ideal language trip. Through a unique home stay experience and language lessons in a local language school, students will be able to fully engage with the customs and history of this region while developing their linguistic skills.

### Not to be missed;

- Local family home stay
- Lessons at a local language school
- Paella lesson
- Flamenco lesson



## Florence

Florence has long attracted language students for its beauty and archetypal image of Tuscany. Set below the rolling Fiesole hills, the Tuscan capital offers students numerous opportunities to engage with the city's quaint markets and iconic landmarks.

### Not to be missed;

- Lessons at a local language school
- Tuscan Vineyard and olive oil tasting
- Guided walking tour (in Italian)
- Market at San Lorenzo

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# Geography

Geography literally means 'writing the earth' and by travelling on our one of our geography tours, students will be stimulated to create more accurate and creative descriptions of locations, processes and landforms. The environments visited on our tours offer a vivid and dramatic contrast to the everyday: the diversity of the world's great cities, cultures and natural landscapes are brought into sharp focus. Students conditioned to the British weather will experience the variety of climates that occur in other parts of the world. From the heat of the Sicilian summer to the chill of a Moroccan morning, all the students' senses will be stimulated.





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## GEOGRAPHY TOURS



### Iceland

Explore the flora and fauna of one of the world's leading nations for sustainable energy. Take your students on an invigorating visit to the mineral-rich pools of the Blue Lagoon, gaze upon the stunning waterfalls of Gullfoss and make the visit to the incredibly impressive Sólheimajökull glacier.

#### Not to be missed;

- Gullfoss
- Sólheimajökull Glacier
- Blue Lagoon
- Hekla Volcano



### Bay of Naples

Study life in the shadow of an active volcano, volcanic and coastal features as well as tourism and settlement development. Hike up the active Mount Vesuvius, view the incredibly well-preserved ruins of Pompeii, admire the fascinating volcanic region known as the Phlegraean Fields and witness natural beauty on the Island of Capri.

#### Not to be missed;

- Mount Vesuvius
- Pompeii
- Phlegraean Fields
- Island of Capri



### Morocco

Learn about geography up close in the midst of Morocco's dramatic mountain and desert landscapes. Students have the opportunity to visit a Berber family, see the impressive cinematic beauty of Ait Benhaddou Kasbah, spend a night in the desert, drive over the Tizi-n-Tichka mountain pass as well as admire the oases of the Draa Valley.

#### Not to be missed;

- Atlas Mountains
- Tizi-n-Tichka Pass
- Draa Valley
- Night in a bedouin tent



### West Coast USA

Combine the major conurbations of the West Coast with some of the world's most awe-inspiring natural landscapes, including the vast and awesome Grand Canyon. Potential areas of study include the striking contrasts in Death Valley, the stunning valleys and waterfalls at Yosemite National Park, Zion Canyons as well as a city tour of San Francisco.

#### Not to be missed;

- Yosemite National Park
- Death Valley National Park
- The Grand Canyon
- San Francisco and LA



### Costa Rica

From the forested slopes of its volcanoes to the coral reefs found on both coasts, Costa Rica is one of the biologically wealthiest nations in the world. The country has therefore produced a comprehensive National Conservation System and National Biodiversity Institute to catalogue and study the country's flora and fauna.

#### Not to be missed;

- Turtle Conservation Project
- Cahuita National Park
- Arenal volcano and Baldi Hot Springs

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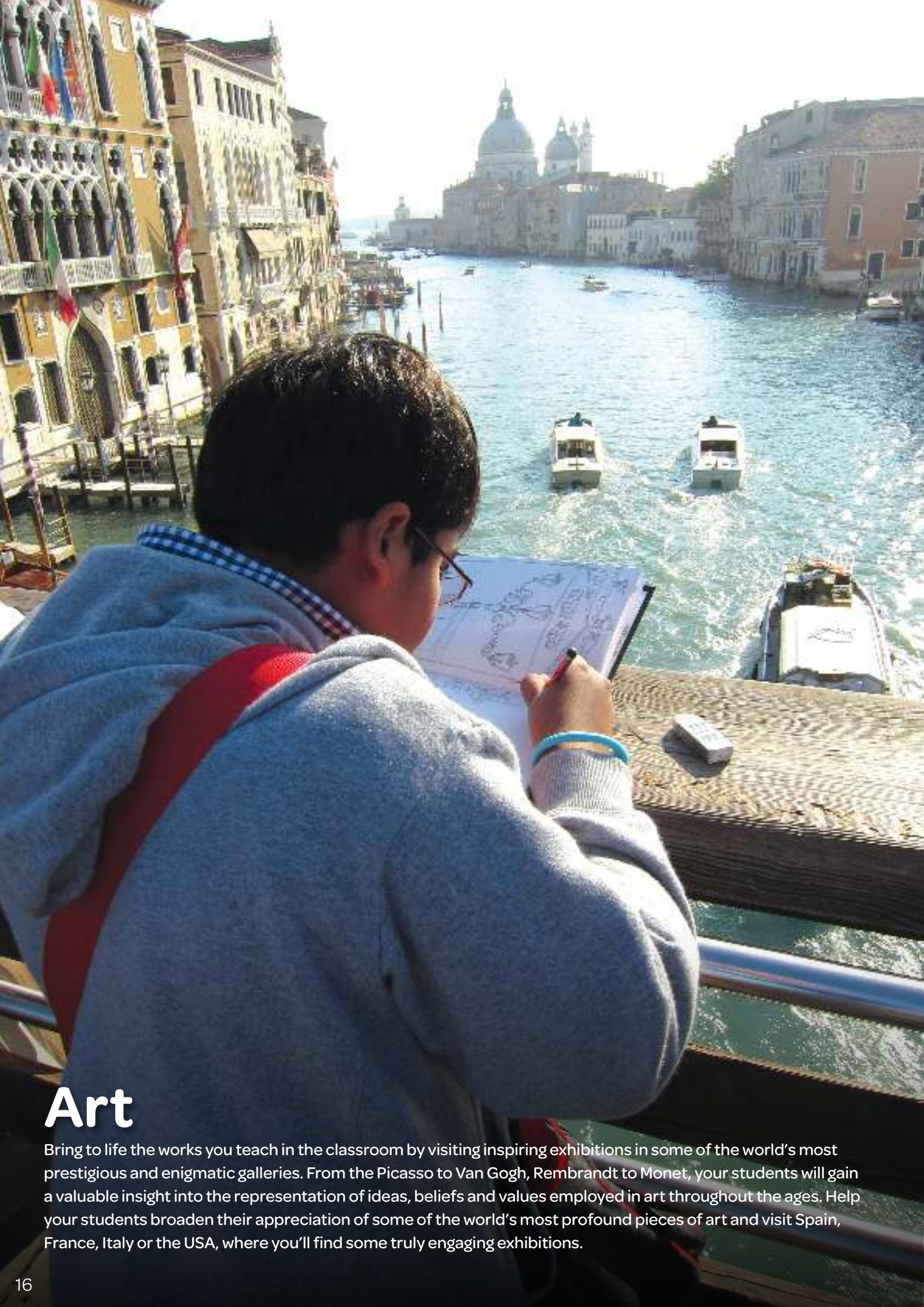
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# Art

Bring to life the works you teach in the classroom by visiting inspiring exhibitions in some of the world's most prestigious and enigmatic galleries. From the Picasso to Van Gogh, Rembrandt to Monet, your students will gain a valuable insight into the representation of ideas, beliefs and values employed in art throughout the ages. Help your students broaden their appreciation of some of the world's most profound pieces of art and visit Spain, France, Italy or the USA, where you'll find some truly engaging exhibitions.



# OUR TOP 5 ART TOURS



## New York

New York has a thriving art scene and is home to world-class galleries and museums, featuring both legendary artists and up-and-coming names that are ready to burst onto the art scene. From the Met to MoMA, the Guggenheim to the Gagosian Gallery and everything in between, NYC has it all!

### Not to be missed;

- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Museum of Modern Art
- Whitney Museum of Art
- Guggenheim Museum



## Paris

Paris art galleries are amongst the finest in the world and for centuries artists have flocked to the French capital for inspiration. Work by Van Gogh, Picasso and Monet, to name just a few, can be found here and the cobbled streets and cafes of Montmartre, where local artists continue to paint and perform, are sure to inspire your students

### Not to be missed;

- Musée d'Orsay
- Musée du Louvre
- Musée de l'Orangerie
- Pompidou Centre



## Amsterdam

Amsterdam is an exciting city that exudes art history, culture and sophistication, with museums, galleries and theatres dotted along the beautiful canals. Explore the Dutch masters at the renovated Rijksmuseum, marvel at the largest collection of Van Gogh paintings and visit Rembrandt's former home.

### Not to be missed;

- Rijksmuseum
- Van Gogh Museum
- Stedelijk Museum
- Rembrandt's House



## Venice

Home to the biennale, Venice is a unique and precious repository of art. From the late Middle Ages until the mid-18th century, artists of the highest calibre left their mark all over the city. Today, students can admire artwork by both old masters and current day artists, explore the canals by vaporetto and relax with a gelato.

### Not to be missed;

- Peggy Guggenheim Collection
- Punta della Dogana
- Galleria dell'Accademia
- Palazzo Grassi



## Barcelona

The city that art built! If Barcelona is good enough for Dali, Picasso, Miró and Gaudi, then your budding artists are in for a real treat! World class galleries are filled with important work and the city streets are lined with radical designs from Gaudi – a truly unique destination for budding artists!

### Not to be missed;

- Parc Guell
- Picasso Museum
- The Joan Miró Foundation
- Sagrada Familia

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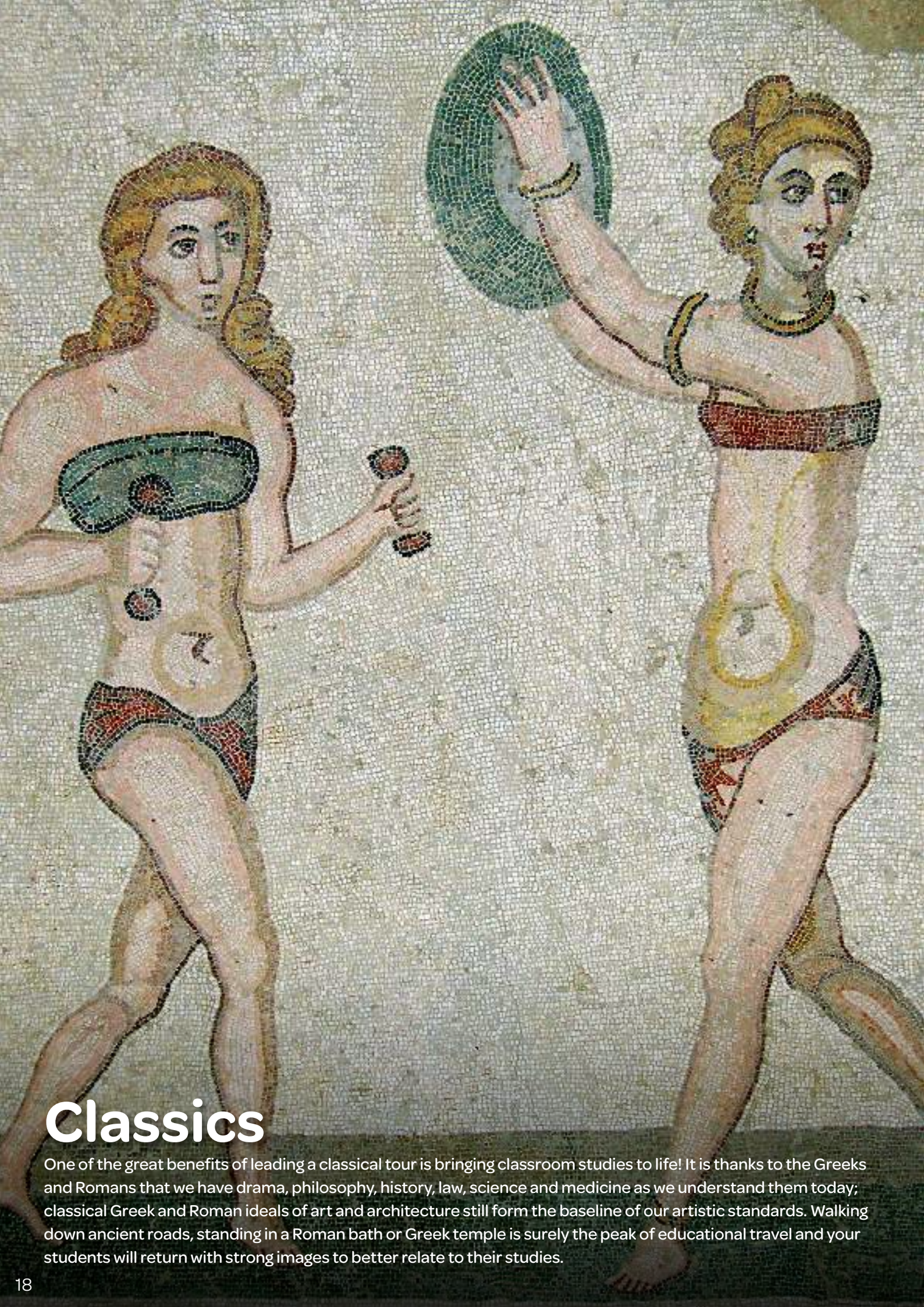
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# Classics

One of the great benefits of leading a classical tour is bringing classroom studies to life! It is thanks to the Greeks and Romans that we have drama, philosophy, history, law, science and medicine as we understand them today; classical Greek and Roman ideals of art and architecture still form the baseline of our artistic standards. Walking down ancient roads, standing in a Roman bath or Greek temple is surely the peak of educational travel and your students will return with strong images to better relate to their studies.



# OUR TOP 5 CLASSICS TOURS



## Rome

Enter a world of ancient public arenas, palaces and monuments that were at the heart of the mighty Roman Empire. Walk amongst some of Europe's most impressive archaeological sites including Ostia and the Catacombs located just outside the Eternal city. Can be combined with the Bay of Naples.

### Not to be missed;

- The Colosseum
- The Roman Forum
- The Pantheon
- The Palatine Hill



## Bay of Naples

Discover the relics of the past in Pompeii and Herculaneum, visit the volcanic region of the Phlegrean Fields and see the Flavian amphitheatre. Take the short ferry trip to the island of Capri, enter the Gardens of Augustus and witness breath-taking views across the bay. Can be combined with Rome.

### Not to be missed;

- Pompeii
- Mount Vesuvius
- Herculaneum
- Phlegrean Fields



## Greece - 4 centre

Take a Greek multi-centre tour to Athens, Delphi, Olympia and Tolo to uncover a wealth of ancient sites. From the architectural treasures of the Acropolis to the ruined temples of Olympia, this tour is sure to spark inspiration in your students.

### Not to be missed;

- Delphi
- Olympia
- Epidavros
- Mycenae



## Sicily

The stunning historical sites on the beautiful island of Sicily offer a window into Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilisations. From the impressive ruins at Siracusa to the birthplace of Archimedes in Selinunte, students will be bowled over by the rich history of this island.

### Not to be missed;

- Segesta
- Selinunte
- Agrigento
- Siracusa



## Turkey

Tour the ancient splendours of Istanbul before exploring the Greco-Roman sites of this historically important country. Visit Ephesus to see one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and marvel at the archaeological sites of Troy, Pergamon and Aphrodisias.

### Not to be missed;

- Istanbul
- Troy
- Ephesus
- Pergamon

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# Chateau du Molay

If you're looking for the ultimate school trip experience, then look no further than our exclusive Château du Molay! This amazing 18th century Château can accommodate 195 guests in 42 en-suite bedrooms and is set amongst 38 acres of beautiful private parkland. The Chateau is also situated in the heart of the beautiful Normandy countryside, only 14kms from Bayeux and within easy reach of the world famous Calvados coast.

Not only is our Château in a prime location, but the on-site facilities and activities are second-to-none. Outdoor heated swimming pool, games room, classroom, large restaurant, library, full size football/rugby pitch and an all-weather sports court for tennis, basketball and 5-a-side football – what more do you need?



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## ON-SITE ACTIVITIES



### Frogs legs & snails

You can't get more traditional than cuisses de grenouille et les escargots, and these little beauties are served as an accompaniment to an evening meal, allowing adventurous students the chance to try a traditional French delicacy... will they taste like chicken?



### Blind trail

Participants are blindfolded and take it in turns to lead their team through a rope course, in between trees and around obstacles. Great fun and requires trust, teamwork and a high level of communication.



### Evening Entertainment

So what happens when the sun goes down? Don't panic! The Château activities team are on-hand to organise popular fun and games, such as talent shows, karaoke and our famous Château disco!



### Archery

Young archers will be supervised by our trained instructor and will learn about aspects of modern archery on three archery targets in the Château grounds.

Archery is a rule bound activity which aims to develop confidence and teamwork within the group. Students can unleash their inner Robin Hood and try their hand at archery



### Sports facilities

Lovers of 5-a-side football, tennis and basketball will be in their element at the Château multi-purpose sports court. The beautiful green grass of our full-size rugby and football pitch is also available for afternoon sporting purposes.

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# Normandy

Providing an extensive range of activities, the beautiful Normandy region offers a number of excursions to enhance your students' learning. Students can dive into the history of World War II with a series of significant battlefield visits including the Arromanches 360 degree Cinema, Caen Memorial, landing beaches and war cemeteries. Language students can develop their verbal skills with interactive activities in the market towns of Bayeux and Honfleur and through visits to farms and factories developing local produce. With a variety of cross-curricular activities available, your tour itinerary will soon shape itself around your learning goals and the many experiences open to your students.





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## EXCURSIONS

### Le Memorial de Caen

Built on the site of an old bunker, the Caen Memorial provides a thought-provoking meditation on the evils of war, the importance of learning from past failures and successes, and the necessary struggle to find lasting peace. The Memorial is a rich teaching aid to help students study our shared past and introduces emotion and memory, using dynamic and diverse educational activities.

### 360 degree cinema, Arromanches

This 360 degrees cinema spectacularly tells the story of the terrible Battle of Normandy thanks to archive images gathered from around the world. This film is a tribute to soldiers from all countries and to the 20,000 civilians who were killed during this battle for the liberation of Europe, a battle which gave rise to so much hope.

### Omaha Beach, US Cemetery

On the 6th June 1944 American troops landed on a 5 mile stretch of Normandy coastline in an assault codenamed: Omaha Beach. Today, the impressive memorial and US cemetery contains 9,387 white crosses, a commemorative wall to the 1,557 Americans who couldn't be named and an impressive visitor's centre.

### Bayeux & Bayeux Tapestry

Bayeux has a vibrant market on a Wednesday and Saturday and many fine examples of medieval architecture. The Bayeux Tapestry is the most important relic to survive from the 11th century, although the stitched chronicle of the battle of Hastings is alive with controversy and myth.

### Chèvrerie du Mesnil

This is a hands-on goat farm that allows students to see how dairy products such as milk and cheese are produced. Students can play with the goats and take part in the milking process. It's a great way to find out more about the traditional produce of the area and also presents a good chance to practice language skills and develop vocabulary.

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