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At Travelbound, we pride ourselves on being experienced and knowledgeable specialists in Student Travel. With every tour, we aim to create a unique learning experience outside of the lecture and classroom, creating a lifetime of memories for your students for the right reason.

All our staff have a genuine wealth of experience in organising educational travel within the UK and Overseas, for both lecturers and teachers alike. We take great care and precision at arranging stress-free tours that reflect your groups' particular educational requirements and budget allowances. We will examine every travel and accommodation option available for your group to ensure that you are receiving the best package available.

We hope this worldwide brochure inspires you to start planning your next trip with Travelbound. Why not contact us today and receive a 'no obligation' proposal and we guarantee you complete peace of mind with every stage of your tour!

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Awesome excursions are what NYC does best! From Times Square and Central Park to the Empire State Building and the MOMA, the island of Manhattan packs more legendary icons into one compact area that any other place on Earth.



- The Statue of Liberty is an ideal place to begin your tour, since it was the first sight of America for so many people
- Ride an express lift to the observatory floors of one of New York's' most iconic buildings for unrivalled views of the city
- Don't miss your curtain call and see one of the many fabulous productions on Broadway

#### **Tour Includes**

- Return flights from a London airport to New York
- All current taxes and surcharges
- 3 nights' accommodation
- Individual beds for students
- · Single rooms for leaders
- · All rooms are en-suite
- 2 Free staff place
- 24 hours assistance

Prices are based on a minimum of 40 students and 2 free staff.

# **Our Top Tips**

- It's quick and easy to get around by subway and purchasing a MetroCard prior to your departure is recommended.
- 2. If you're looking for a themed restaurant, there are lots to choice from. Bubba Gump's offers a variety of options, plus the experience is not to be missed.
- If your group need some retail therapy, Macy's and Bloomingdales offer international visitors a 10% discount card.









#### Day 1

Fly from London to New York. Arrive New York and transfer to your accommodation. Afternoon at leisure. Evening meal at Bubba Gump.

#### Day 2

Breakfast. Morning boat trip to Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island. Afternoon 4 hour sightseeing tour by coach of Midtown Manhattan. Evening meal at Hard Rock Café. Late night Bowling.

#### Day 3

Breakfast. Morning visit to Top of the Rock. Afternoon Madison Square Gardens All Access Tour. Evening at a Broadway Show.

#### Day 4

Breakfast. Free time. Transfer to airport for your flight back to the UK.

#### Day 5

Morning arrival in London.



Travelbound provide excellent service. The staff are knowledgeable, considerate and work hard to ensure your trip is right for your needs.

University of Exeter, September 2014



- See some of the most awe-inspiring landscapes in the world, including the Grand Canyon and the man-made entertainment capital of Las Vegas
- Endless photo opportunities, capture the iconic Hollywood sign, the Walk of Fame and so much more
- Step into the Movies in a thrilling visit to Universal Studios

#### **Tour Includes**

- Return flights from a London airport
- · All current taxes and surcharges
- A selection of 3 star hotels on multi-bedded basis with breakfast included
- Meals: As specified in the programme
- Transport: Private transportation.
- Professional: English speaking tour guide.
- Activities: As mentioned in the programme with entrance fees
- 2 free places
- 24 hours assistance and support

Prices are based on a minimum of 40 paying passengers.

# **Our Top Tips**

- Entrance fees where applicable can be pre-paid before travel. Tickets to a baseball game or other sports games can be pre-booked, subject to availability at time of travel.
- 2. In the summer it can get extremely hot and temperatures often vary within just a few miles. It's a good idea to dress light but take layers, as the evenings can get cool.
- 3. The Hollywood sign, the Walk of Fame, the Studios the list is endless. Make sure your students are ready for the perfect photo opportunity.









#### Day 1

Fly from London to Las Vegas, transfer to your accommodation.

#### Day 2

Breakfast, coach transfer to the Grand Canyon (South Rim). Visit Grand Canyon with a talk from local guide and time at leisure. Return to Las Vegas with an evening meal.

#### Day 3

Breakfast and transfer to the Hoover Dam. Las Vegas tour with guide. Depart for Los Angeles. Evening meal.

#### Day 4

Breakfast. 5 hour guided sightseeing tour of LA, afternoon sightseeing in Santa Monica. Evening meal.

#### Day 5

Breakfast. Morning at Sony Studios, afternoon at Universal Studios. Evening meal.

#### Day 6

Breakfast. Time at leisure before returning back to the UK.

#### Day 7

Arrival in the UK.



This trip was a huge adventure for our students, we saw the Red carpet going down for the Oscars and all the preparations, our outings to Film Studios were an invaluable experience for Media students. They have returned more excited about their studies and with a love for travel.

Barton Pevell College, February 2015



- Visit the Ghibli Museum, the creation of award-winning Japanese animation director Hayao Miyazaki
- Understand anime and see first-hand memorabilia at the Suginami Animation Museum
- See animation magically come to life at Tokyo Disneyland

#### **Tour Includes**

- Flight from a London airport
- · All current taxes and surcharges
- 3 star hotel on multi-bedded sharing basis with breakfast included
- · Single rooms for party leaders
- 2 free places
- 24 hours assistance and support

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# **Our Top Tips**

- Learn about the history of Japanese anime at the celebrated Toei Animation Gallery. Discover the history of this famous animation company at the Oizumi Studio.
- 2. As a rule there is no tipping in Japan, as it is all part of the service!
- 3. English is a compulsory element in the Japanese education system, so most Japanese people do understand English to a certain level. It is advisable to learn some key basic Japanese phrases, which will be very much appreciated by the locals.









#### Day 1

Fly from London to Tokyo.

#### Day 2

Arrive Tokyo and transfer to your accommodation. Afternoon at leisure and evening meal.

#### Day 3

Breakfast. Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, Nakamise Shopping Street Akihabara, Imperial Palace Plaza, Nijubashi Bridge and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Office Building, Evening meal.

#### Day 4

Breakfast. Visit Ghibli Museum, Suginami Museu, Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku. Evening meal.

#### Day 5

Breakfast. Experience a full day at Tokyo Disneyland, a 115-acre theme park full of your favourite Disney attractions, parades, shops and characters. Evening meal.

#### Day 6

Breakfast. Transfer to airport for your flight back to the UK.



A fantastic tour, thoroughly enjoyed by all students and staff and a source of inspiration for years to come. Travelbound facilitated a smooth and enjoyable trip - our favourite travel company!

Staffordshire University, February 2015



- Take an exhilarating Toboggan ride down from the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu
- Survey Shanghai through the glass floor of 1,535ft Oriental Pearl Radio & TV Tower
- See adorable Giant Pandas up close at the Giant Panda Breeding Research Center in Chengdu

#### **Tour Includes**

- Return flight from a London airport
- · 3 star hotels, on twin sharing basis, including breakfast
- Meals: As specified in the programme
- Transport: Private transportation. Bullet train between Beijing and Shanghai, Internal Flight from Xian to Chengdu, Overnight soft sleeper train between Shanghai and Xian
- Professional, English speaking tour and city guide.
- Activities: As mentioned in the programme with entrance fees
- 2 free places
- 24 hours assistance and support

Prices are based on a minimum of 40 paying passengers.

# **Our Top Tips**

- 1. Tipping is customary and the suggested amounts are \$2 per person per day for a national guide, local guides and \$1.50 per person for drivers.
- Tap water is not drinkable in China. We recommend buying bottles of mineral water or boiling water in the electric kettle in the hotel for consumption.
- We suggest bringing comfortable shoes, as often itineraries involve a lot of walking and long days to incorporate as much as possible in each destination.









Day 1: Fly from London to Beijing

**Day 2:** Arrive Beijing, meet guide and transfer to your accommodation Hutong walking tour with dinner at local restaurant. Evening meal.

**Day 3:** Breakfast. Visit the Great Wall at Mutianyu Section, the Sun Village and enjoy an evening Kung Fu Show. Lunch provided. Evening meal.

**Day 4:** Breakfast. Temple of Heaven, Hongqiao Market, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City and Jingshan Park. Lunch provided. Evening meal. Bullet train to Shanghai (5 hrs).

**Day 5:** Breakfast. Visit to Yu Garden, Jade Budha Temple, Oriental Pearl TV Tower, round-trip maglev train experience, Shanghai Museum, People's Square, Nanjing Road, Bund and Han City shopping area. Lunch provided. Evening meal. Overnight sleeper train to Xian.

**Day 6:** Arrive Xian in the morning, transfer to hotel for breakfast. Ancient City Wall, Muslim Quarter, Terra-cotta Army. Lunch provided. Evening meal.

**Day 7:** Breakfast. Morning fly to Chengdu, afternoon Giant Panda Breeding Research Center. Lunch provided. Evening meal.

**Day 8:** Breakfast. Transfer to airport for your flight back to the UK.



Beijing is an amazing city to experience. The students learnt so much about business and culture from the tour and we will be back next year.

Salford City College, March 2015

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- Explore Wat Poh, the most extensive temple in Bangkok and be captivated by the enormous Reclining Buddha
- The magnificent holy temple of Wat Phra; located near the top of Doi Suthep and is a must see when visiting Chiang Mai
- Undertake a volunteering programme at the Elephant Nature Park

#### **Tour Includes**

- Return flights from a London airport
- All current taxes and surcharges
- 3 star hotels on twin sharing basis with breakfast included
- •1 week accommodation at the project camp site.
- Meals: As specified in the programme
- Transport: Private transportation. Train Bangkok-Chiang Mai-Bangkok (2nd class air-con)
- Professional, English speaking tour guide.
- Activities: As mentioned in the programme with entrance fees
- 2 free places
- 24 hours assistance and support

Prices are based on a minimum of 40 paying passengers.

# **Our Top Tips**

- 1. Take a backpack not a suitcase, it is a lot easier to carry.
- 2. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.
- 3. Don't forget to pack your insect repellent!









**Day1:** Fly from London to Bangkok.

**Day 2:** Arrive Bangkok and transfer to your accommodation. Evening meal.

**Day 3:** Breakfast. Bangkok City Tour, including; Lunch at local restaurant, Wat Pho, Wat Saket, Wat Ratchanadda, Western suburbs, Wat Arun or the Temple of Dawn. Overnight train to Chiang Mai. Evening meal.

**Day 4:** Breakfast on the Train. Arrive Chiang Mai and transfer to your accommodation. Lunch provided. Visit Doi Suthep Temple and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Evening meal.

**Day 5-10:** Volunteer at the Elephant Nature Park where you'll help improve the plight of the Asian elephant. Make a real contribution to conservation in Northern Thailand as you will actively be helping improve their lives and the conditions in which they live. 1 week stay at the project campsite on a full board basis.

**Day 11:** After lunch transfer back to Chiang Mai City and drop off at the Chiang Mai Train Station. Dinner and Overnight on train.

**Day 12:** Breakfast. Arrive Bangkok and transfer to the airport for your return flight back to the UK.



A great trip and felt like we would have been supported if anything went wrong.

Basingstoke College of Technology, May 2015



- Be captivated by the red sandstone walls of the massive Red Fort
- Take a unforgettable Elephant ride and jeep safari at Amber Fort
- For an experience of India you'll never forget, visit the wonders of the Taj Mahal

#### **Tour Includes**

- Return flights from a London airport
- All current taxes and surcharges
- 3 star hotels on twin sharing basis with breakfast included
- Meals: As specified in the programme
- Transport: Private transportation.
- · Professional, English speaking tour guide.
- Activities: As mentioned in the programme with entrance fees
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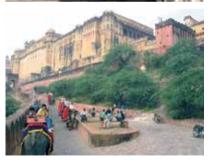
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# **Our Top Tips**

- 1. Always ask permission before photographing local people and remember it is prohibited to photograph within some temples.
- Please dress modestly and respectfully. Shoulders to knees should be covered, especially when entering temples or places of worship.
- Haggling at a local market is fun but occasionally, at times, can become frustrating. Remember be pleasant but firm, and don't allow yourself to get irritated.









Day 1: Fly from London to Delhi.

**Day 2:** Arrive Delhi and transfer to your accommodation. Evening meal.

**Day 3:** Breakfast. Sightseeing of Delhi, including, Red Fort, Jama Masjid Mosque and Chandni Chowk Market and a ride on a Rickshaw. Drive to Jaipur 'Pink City' via New Delhi, Evening meal.

**Day 4:** Breakfast. Sightseeing of Jaipur, including; Amber Fort, elephant ride, jeep safari, sightseeing tour of City Palace, Jantar Mantar or Royal Astronomical Observatory, Evening meal.

**Day 5:** Breakfast. Drive to Agra the City of Taj Mahal stopping off at Fatehpur Sikri. Sightseeing of Agra City. Evening meal.

**Day 6:** Watch the sunrise at the Taj Mahal followed by a rickshaw ride. Breakfast. Drive to Delhi and visit Qutab Minar and Humayuns Tomb. Evening meal.

**Day 7:** Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your return flight back to the UK.



A great service offered by the Travelbound team that included dealing with both routine and nonroutine issues.

University College Birmingham, March 2015



- Help with a host of important projects and discover more about the turtles' natural habitat
- Costa Rica's breathtaking assets make it a perfect destination
- Discover the colourful city of San José

### **Tour Includes**

- Return flights from a London airport
- · All current taxes and surcharges
- Hostel accommodation with breakfast included
- Meals: As specified in the programme
- Transport: Private transportation.
- · Professional, English speaking tour guide.
- Activities: As mentioned in the programme with entrance fees
- 2 free places
- 24 hours assistance and support

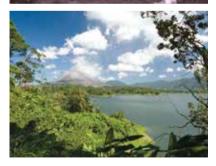
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### **Our Top Tips**

- **1.** Learn some basic Spanish phrases to converse with the locals.
- 2. Don't forget to bring your camera; there will be endless photo opportunities!
- Ensure that you pack appropriate clothing, sun cream and mosquito repellent.









#### Day 1

Fly from London to San Jose, transfer to your accommodation. Evening Meal.

#### Day 2

Breakfast. Travel to the turtle conservation project in Junquillal. Evening meal.

#### Day 3-6

3 day hands-on volunteer placement to help protect the endangered sea turtle. Duties are varied but range from patrolling the beach, beach clean-up or releasing baby turtles into the sea. While in Junquillal, 3 meals a day is included and a water based activity.

#### Day 7

Breakfast. Transfer to San Jose, walk around Cultural Square, the artisan market and the shopping streets. Evening Meal.

#### Day 8

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for overnight flight back to the UK.

#### Day 9

Arrival in the UK.



Excellent service from start to finish - as always!!

**Brooklands College, March 2015** 

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- · Hitting the indoor slopes at Ski Dubai
- · Aviation excellence at Dubai Airport
- · Meeting the dolphins at Palm Jumeirah
- The iconic curves of Burj Al Arab

#### Tour Includes

- Return flight from a London airport
- · All current taxes and surcharges
- 3 star hotels on twin sharing basis with breakfast included
- · 2 free places
- 24 hours assistance and support

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# **Our Top Tips**

- A must-see is the Dubai Fountain, the world's largest dancing fountain, in Burj Khafifa Lake outside the Dubai Mall in the heart of downtown Dubai. Set in sync with classical Arabic and world music, it's quite spectacular.
- Dubai public transport is safe and clean. You can buy a hop-on/hop-off ticket which lets you see the sights of Dubai and spend an hour or so at the beach.
- Visas for British passport-holders can be obtained upon arrival at Dubai airport but do be prepared for a little bit of a wait - the pace is quite slow but very relaxed.
- 4. While it's not customary to 'cover up' in Dubai, it's considered polite if showing your arms to cover your legs, and if exposing your legs to cover your arms.









#### Day 1

Fly from London to Dubai, transfer to your accommodation. Head to the Dubai Mall and see the Dancing Fountain and Burj Khalifa – the world's tallest building. Evening Meal.

#### Day 2

Breakfast. City hop-on-hop-off bus tour with visits to include; the Dubai Museum, Sheikh Saeed Maktoum and nearby Gold Souks. Evening meal.

#### Day 3

Breakfast. Skiing in the Sunshine within the Emirates Mall. Visit 'The Palm' and see the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, the world's most luxurious hotel on your way to the Wild Wadi Water Park. Evening Dhow cruise with entertainment and dinner on the Dubai Creek. Evening Meal.

#### Day 4

Breakfast. Visit the Dubai Aquarium and underwater zoo before heading off into the desert for your evening safari. 4WD experience including dinner and entertainment. Evening Meal.

#### Day 5

Breakfast. Day at leisure before returning back to the UK.

#### Day 6

Arrival in the UK.



A great trip, enjoyed by the students and fulfilled their hopes and desire.

West Herts College, March 2015







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