A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a bright blue t-shirt and a green backpack, is smiling and taking a selfie with a yellow smartphone. She is standing in front of a large, ornate fountain with water spraying upwards. In the background, there are stone buildings with arches and a dome, suggesting a historical or cultural site. The scene is brightly lit, indicating it's daytime.

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Worldwide learning experiences for schools

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The experience of travelling is a lesson in itself. Through engaging with new and varied learning environments students can enhance their own understanding and comprehension of themes carried through from class-based activities. Working with Party Leaders from across the UK, we believe our tailor-made school trips can provide the stimulus and inspiration for students to develop into lifelong learners.

Our educational tours not only support your school's learning agenda but allow you the space to remember how special a school tour abroad is in the development of your students. Ignite the passion for future learning through discovery on a Travelbound educational tour.

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WELCOME TO TRAVELBOUND

Supporting schools for over 30 years, Travelbound continues to provide tailor-made educational tours that enable students to engage with new learning outside the classroom. We understand the importance varied learning environments can have on reinforcing learning from school and how they can re-motivate young learners.

Leading the way in educational group travel, we take the pressure away from the planning and booking of your tour. Our team of school travel specialists are on hand to help you every step of the way giving you the space to remember how special a school tour is in the development of your students.

We understand there is a focus on students to develop holistically over the course of their educational tour. Attention is not only placed on improving the comprehension of subject knowledge but also key interpersonal skills emerging through new interactions with places and people.

WHY TRAVELBOUND?





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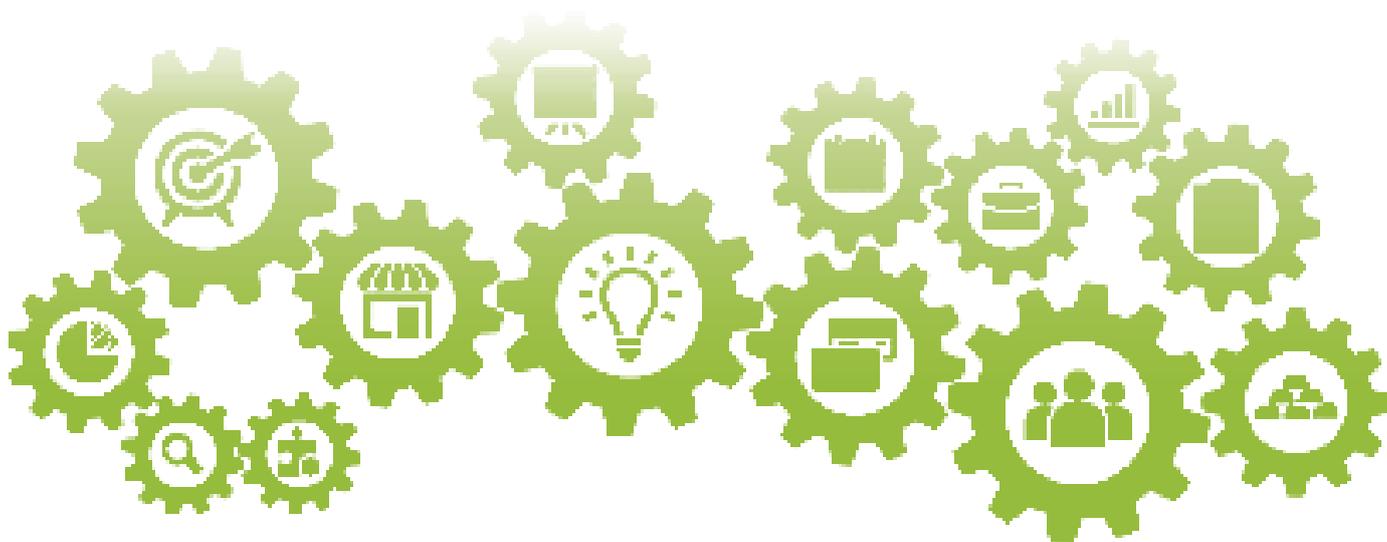
THE SUPPORT WE PROVIDE

Made up of travel experts, the Travelbound team have years of experience in providing groups with educational tours to destinations around the world. Our trusted and reliable team are available every step of the way with support provided before, during, and after your trip. Designing the school trip around the needs of your students, our team are dedicated to understanding your desired learning outcomes and how we can best accommodate these requirements through a bespoke Travelbound tour.

We provide you with support to ensure you have a successful and stress-free tour experience including personalised posters and presentations to promote your tour, help with risk assessments and 24-hour support while on your trip. A range of accommodation is available to suit your budget. Your transport is also covered with flights, coaches and Eurostar options available, while transport in your destination can combine both coaches and public transport. Working with Party Leaders to identify learning outcomes against the curriculum and your school's goals,

excursions are hand-picked and can be customised with full and half day guides available. With completely bespoke packages, the Travelbound commitment to experiential learning stands out amongst other school travel operators in providing an exceptional service.

Our team of school travel specialists range from Account Managers who will support you in building your school trip against your budget to our Operations Team and Tour Co-ordinators who work tirelessly to organise your final package. Travelbound works to bring all elements of your tour together into one package and liaise closely with our local contacts to develop the perfect trip for your students. With numerous benefits to choosing Travelbound, inspiration is made that much easier when it comes to planning your school's next educational tour.



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All you need in one place

Your Tour Co-ordinator brings every element of your tour together and shapes your itinerary not only around your requirements but what will be possible when considering the logistics of transporting your group to venues. Having completed a comprehensive handover with your Regional Account Manager, your Tour Co-ordinator will be in possession of all notes attached to your booking. If you have any questions regarding your tour or your chosen destination, your Tour Co-ordinator will work to find you the answers.

Passion for travel, passion for learning

Our team of Tour Co-ordinators is made up from talented travel specialists from around the world with native speakers from France, Germany, Italy, and Spain. Our tours team can communicate in multiple languages allowing them to finalise arrangements with our agents and partners throughout our Worldwide destinations.

While it is important you – as Party Leader – provides us with the specific information regarding your students, it will be our team of Tour Co-ordinators who will be piecing all your key information into one Party Leader pack. Signposting what you need to remember in the lead up to your school trip, you can count on your Tour Co-ordinator to be with you every step of the way.

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Born in Naples, Italy, I've grown up in a multi-cultural environment with an English mother and an Italian father. My enthusiasm for travel and learning about different cultures is what led me to specialising in languages during my studies: I am fluent in Italian, English and French, and can also speak Spanish.

My role at Travelbound allows me to share my knowledge and passion. I get to organise trips to my hometown which remains close to my heart. ”

Laura Marrocco, Tour Co-ordinator

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 regardless of their age, ability or circumstances. We believe these experiences form an essential element of personal development that supports students in becoming lifelong learners.

Young people of all ages benefit from practical experiences where they can see, hear, touch and explore the world around them. The classroom environment doesn't always provide students with enough of these opportunities where learners can experience challenges and adventure.

Continually seeking to break down the barriers to learning, we have designed our educational tours to provide students with a stimulating environment that encourages enquiry and promotes further study.

As an accredited Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge holder, Travelbound are recognised for our ongoing process to sustain high-quality learning opportunities beyond the walls of the classroom. Educational tours and the memories gained from them help motivate students, reduce poor behaviour and truancy, while helping schools raise attainment and meet the needs of the students through varied learning experiences. By assisting teachers in planning the learning experience effectively, we are able to table a variety of options that follow the needs of your school group and fit within our stringent safety management process to manage risk effectively.

Building an ethos in line with the LOtC, 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 teamwork
- Gaining independence

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BREAK THE BARRIERS OF LEARNING FOR THE MODERN STUDENT AND TEACHER

Learning Outside the Classroom is more than a manifesto. Enter any school and you will see attempts to broaden the experiences outside the classroom, even if it is still within the school grounds. There is an army of ambitious and creative teachers joined annually by a host of new recruits bursting with ideas and energy. However, as much as we turn to a combination of innovation and 'old-school' resourcefulness, there is an element of the learning process that is hard to replicate in a limited environment – experiences.



FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY

A memory of a school trip is an experience many teachers can remember or wish to replicate for their own students. Actually going about organising the trip and putting the tour in place is an experience less desired. This means the chance to study plate tectonics in the Bay of Naples erodes and the idea of walking on Omaha Beach to trace the footsteps of soldiers on D-Day is slowly washed away. Sometimes there is a fear that we are alone in planning the trip, organising transport and accommodation and even running the trip, but we're not. From online tools like Evolve to complete school visits in the locality to an experienced company like Travelbound with over 30 years of experience in school travel, it is possible to run (and enjoy) an educational tour abroad for your students.

The chance to experience the world beyond the atlas, library box loans and in-class DVDs is an essential part of a young person learning and developing. Whatever the age, ability or personal circumstances of the student, schools continue to grasp this opportunity to provide an experience not replicated within the school walls. An emphasis needs to be placed on the all-round benefits of learning outdoors and the importance of personal, social and health education.



SCHOOL TRIPS ABROAD CAN BE INCLUSIVE

Like with anything, we as educators like to tap into what we know. Our comfort zone is made up of the tried and tested strategies for learning and experience of learners. A trust needs to be developed in entering a new learning environment that has been vetted by our peers and where opportunities to truly deliver a new and unique experience for your students exist.

Let's dive back into what we learn about pedagogy. *How can you make your teaching interactive, impactful and interesting?* Looking at the principles of VAK (Visual, Auditory, Kinaesthetic) you will be hard pushed not to tick all three off when learning outdoors. Providing a real life hands-on experience where boys from Boston Grammar School can experience the German specialities such as schnitzel, bratwurst and frikadellen, take a lively guided tour of Marksburg Castle to explore the grizzly life and times in Medieval Rhineland or undertake a language task in Boppard cannot be replicated with a plate of frankfurters from a supermarket for a German themed afternoon in the school hall.

Promoting effective teamwork, opportunities for independence and allowing students to face new challenges and overcome fears are valuable assets gained immediately from entering and adapting to a new environment. When we learn, we develop and take on something new. The school trip abroad offers the opportunity to witness something students may have never seen before and experience something real, something authentic.

Learning outdoors does provide a truly unique experience. It is an opportunity for you to provide your students with inspiration and a chance to challenge them to think. Whether you wish to ignite a passion for a subject, improve focus or even reduce poor behaviour an educational tour abroad allows you to tap into the students and better understand the triggers for learning and the breaking down of barriers to raise attainment.

UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF OUTDOOR LEARNING IN NORMANDY FOR UK SCHOOLS

WORTHWHILE AND VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

As a teacher, there is a drive to make the time spent in school as meaningful as possible. However, teachers don't need to feel confined to the barriers of the school walls in order to maximise this time and what their students can garner from work in the classroom.

Outdoor learning is something we have no doubt all heard of, but understanding how this translates to actual learning outcomes can be murky for those who interpret the approach as limited to skill-based residential trips to UK activity centres.

Travel abroad and there will be a million and one things you can do, which immediately and directly impacts upon a student's development positively. The journey itself is an education, but it is the experience of a different culture with new sights and smells which will most likely last longest in the memory. *What is the beauty of providing an experience like this?* It doesn't have to involve jet lag nor does it have to break the bank.

Step into the limelight Normandy. A region that has long been a favoured option for schools shows no sign of slipping off the radar for primary and secondary educational establishments. Why? While the reasons could fill the pages of your educational planner, we can zone in on 5 clear explanations alone:

1. Location
2. Cost
3. Variety across the curriculum
4. Contextual learning opportunities
5. Château du Molay; utilising local experts

HOP OVER THE CHANNEL

- Location

Wherever your school is positioned in the UK, a coach journey down to Portsmouth, Dover or Folkestone will soon see your students transported into Northern France. Choose the Euro Tunnel and 35 minutes later, your school group will be on the road along the French coast to Normandy.

Your subject may not be history, but with so much to discover in the Normandy region it would be rude not to dive in to explore the battle scars of the area. Famous for the role played within World War II, there is a rich collection of landmarks designed to support learners. Take to the beaches of Normandy for fieldwork where students can walk in the footsteps of the Allied forces. Lookout from Arromanches at the remnants of Mulberry Harbour, see archive footage of the war efforts at the 360 degree cinema, or make your way to the American Cemetery and Memorial at Omaha Beach. But what is the value of doing this? The list of key sites linked with World War II in Normandy can seem endless. This isn't some mere walk around sites which may or may not connect with the individual student on a poignant level; these visits each provide a lesson. A lesson

that ticks the boxes for acquiring knowledge; experiencing something new; opportunity for investigation; promotes further enquiry; encourages students to voice their interpretation; and allows for the learner to engage with something real. Engagement – this is something Normandy has in abundance with students involved with curriculum learning, team-bonding activities, and absorbing a new culture through sights and smells.

Accessibility – not just to learning opportunities, but to the physical area itself. Normandy's location has a variety of landscapes that includes towns, purpose-built structures, historical monuments, and areas of natural beauty. This diverse range of sites allows schools to access a wealth of valuable resources just the other side of the Channel. From the market towns of Honfleur and Bayeux where students can challenge themselves through conversation with native speakers to the unique sight of Mont Saint-Michel where students can engage in adventure trails, this variety not only allows for different areas of learning, but supports different styles of learning.

NO NEED TO BREAK THE BANK

- Cost

Cost due to distance, cost due to transport, or cost due to the number of students you're taking, Normandy provides a solution to all. Teachers will be thinking about the families of their students, what type of trip is feasible in the eyes of the school, and how does the value of the learning outcomes stack up against price. While we may be talking about Normandy and not New York, it is important to remember this as the two destinations cannot be compared on parallel terms. Normandy provides a focus; visits to suit multiple subject disciplines within easy reach and at a cost that will keep the school's governors and Senior Leadership Team happy.

CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT FOCUS

- Variety across the curriculum

Combine subject areas or find your focus with a range of options to tailor your tour to meet the requirements of your school. Normandy is awash with towns that not only offer historical sites, but open students to a distinctly French culture.

There are opportunities for students to work in groups and develop those all-important teamwork skills as they investigate life for locals in Normandy during World War II, discover the art of biscuit production at Les Sablés d'Asnelles and come together to discuss Monet's inspiration at his gardens in Giverny. There is a tour for all in Normandy with local factories, market towns, and historical landmarks welcoming school groups with open arms to impart knowledge, engage young learners, and ultimately inspire students towards future learning.

PLACING LEARNING IN REAL-LIFE CONTEXTS FOR STUDENTS

- Contextual learning opportunities

Underpinning contextual learning sits the idea that meaningful learning occurs when there is interaction between their experience and the ideas they have around the subject. Placing students in a new working environment where learning can be placed in a real-life context allows this connection to occur. Forming a part of successful learning, it is this 'situation' that sees students engage as the barriers to learning are broken down. With something real in front of them, learning is interpreted as something of value; ergo meaningful learning. The learning journey doesn't start and end here as teachers need to nurture this interest and develop the experience into extended learning back in the classroom.

Normandy is a great option to provide students with multiple platforms that encourage participation, interest in subject matter, and discovery. Take a moment and consider what sparks your interest. Whether it is staring at the relic that is the Bayeux Tapestry or looking at the paint strokes of a Renoir masterpiece at the Musée des Beaux Arts, students are presented with something they can relate to; something that makes studying the Norman Conquest of England or the masters of Impressionism meaningful. These are the moments that highlight the true value of learning outside the classroom and how it directly lends itself to meaningful learning.

A LOCAL TRAVELBOUND TEAM IN NORMANDY

- Château du Molay

Providing schools with valuable learning opportunities is all part of the Travelbound experience. Supporting the array of interactive exhibitions and sites that Normandy offers, Travelbound have thought about how students can interact and engage in learning experiences away from the local landmarks.

Travelbound's Château du Molay also helps in providing accommodation to groups of all sizes with a support team who can lead a range of on-site activities. Featuring multi-bedded rooms with private facilities and upgraded Party Leader rooms, the château saves groups from having to find potentially less cost-effective alternatives in the area that may not be able to match up with the standard of accommodation, capacity, or location.

A service few others can offer but hugely beneficial to the experience schools can enjoy in Normandy, Travelbound's years of experience of working with local contacts means students have even had the opportunity to meet D-Day veterans and ask any burning questions they have from their experiences of World War II.

MEANINGFUL LEARNING IN NORMANDY

Enjoy what you do and it will be all the more memorable. Outdoor learning is an approach that is not only accessible but malleable; a concept that can be moulded to suit the learning requirements of your school and learning needs of your students. Finding a platform that ticks the boxes for schools can be difficult, but Normandy has continued to find the answers.

Whatever your subject focus, price bracket, distance from the French border, or desired learning outcomes, the Normandy region provides the solution. Choose from a range of excursions allowing students to place learning in context, engage, and be inspired to discover more. Take your school group to Normandy on an educational tour and you'll likely come away with similar rewards to your students; a greater understanding and a thirst for knowledge.



NORMANDY

Providing an extensive range of activities and excursions, Normandy allows students to dive into the history, language and culture of the region.

Improve your students' language skills in the market towns of Bayeux and Honfleur as they develop their intonation and confidence through interacting with native speakers in practical situations. Learn more about production methods through visits to local farms and manufacturers developing produce such as goats cheese, cider and biscuits. Bring the stark reality of World War II to life at the landing beaches and cemeteries of Normandy and visit the Arromanches 360 cinema for a poignant film reflecting on the events that scarred the coastline.

“ Beautiful surroundings that we definitely made the most of. All the staff were friendly and great fun – we particularly enjoyed the evening activities. Thank you for being so accommodating, well organised and helpful. We've had a great time. ”

Cathedral School

Don't miss out on the **Normandy Quest** designed specifically for Travelbound groups. Enquire for details



HIGHLIGHTS

SUGGESTED ITINERARY



LES SABLES D'ASNELLES BISCUIT FACTORY



MEMORIAL DE CAEN MUSEUM



FRENCH MARKET ASSIGNMENT



GOATS' CHEESE FARM



BAYEUX TAPESTRY



MFL CHALLENGE TRAILS

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Optional stop in Honfleur en route to the **Château du Molay**
Château evening entertainment
- Day 2** Complete market assignment
Visit Bayeux Tapestry
Bayeux town trail activity
Frogs' legs and snail tasting at the **Château**
Château evening entertainment
- Day 3** Visit working goats' farm
Explore Cité de la Mer, Cherbourg
Crepes and local apple juice night at the **Château**
Château disco
- Day 4** French hypermarket or chocolatier visit
Return home

All of our itineraries can be **tailor-made** to meet your specific requirements.

“

Lovely location, excellent food, fabulous accommodation. Good activities and flexible, friendly staff who ensure you are happy from the moment you get there. We'll come again!

”

Wisbech Grammar School

NORMANDY - CHÂTEAU DU MOLAY

The Château du Molay sits just 25 minutes southwest of Bayeux and is Travelbound's very own accommodation in the heart of Normandy.

Our vibrant on-site team welcomes school groups to the historic region of Normandy and provides the perfect base to explore the area. Extensive grounds and recently updated facilities allow for groups to enjoy activities, including archery, swimming, survival activities as well as frogs' legs and snail tasting, plus a host of options for the evenings.

Providing local knowledge, our on-site staff at the Château du Molay support teachers in making the school trip to Normandy all the more special. Providing Party Leaders with a chance for downtime, the DBS-checked team can lead activities at the Château and engage learners in a choice of team-building tasks.



ON-SITE FACILITIES

Outdoor heated swimming pool (seasonal)

Large restaurant

Retro games room

Classrooms

Smoothie and snack bar

Projector and film screen

Full size football/rugby pitch

All-weather sports court

Archery range

Blind trail

Survival area

Initiative exercise area

Wildlife pond reserve



HEATED SWIMMING POOL



RESTAURANT



RETRO GAMES ROOM



CLASSROOM



BLIND TRAIL



FOOTBALL/RUGBY PITCH



PARIS

Just a short skip across the Channel, Paris offers an array of cultural and historical excursions that will leave your students with lifelong memories and a broader learning experience.

Witness Paris from Montparnasse Tower for breathtaking panoramic views of the Eiffel Tower or take your students to a local French market where they can embrace the local language, building confidence and valuable skills from engaging in real life situations with native speakers. One of Europe's most beautiful and important capital cities, students from all subject areas can absorb history, architecture, fashion and irresistible cuisine only available in Paris.

“As a group, we loved all of our visits, especially to the Eiffel Tower, Disneyland and the Pompidou Centre. The students found them equally inspirational.”

”
Slough Grammar School

PARIS WITH TRAVELBOUND



ART

Musée du Louvre
Musée d'Orsay
Pompidou Centre
Musée de l'Orangerie
Musée Rodin
Musée Marmottan

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French Language lessons
Parc Astérix
Palais Garnier Opera House
French language trail
French Cinema
Gourmet Chocolate Museum



CROSS-CURRICULAR

Tour Montparnasse
Seine River Cruise
Arc de Triomphe
Cité des Sciences
City Trail
Disneyland Paris – educational work books

HISTORY

Les Invalides
La Conciergerie
The Panthéon
Château de Versailles
Musée Carnavalet
Sites of the French Revolution



SOUTH OF FRANCE

Nice may be the unofficial capital of the Côte d'Azur but there's no question over the many learning opportunities the city and surrounding region presents school groups.

A wide variety of local markets present students with a chance to engage in unrehearsed conversations with native speakers supporting them in improving their delivery and comprehension of the French language. Soak up the opulence of one of Nice's oldest cinemas at the Rialto where students can benefit from French-subtitles and visit Parfumerie Fragonard in Grasse to learn about production.

While there is a certain grandeur surrounding Nice and the old town, it is a trip around the corner to Monaco that will certainly raise students' aspirations with its international glitterati making Monte Carlo a world-famous symbol of luxury.

“ This was a highly successful trip and one of the most enjoyable from a staff perspective. The girls LOVED this part of France and they made a real effort to engage in the language. Travelbound proved most reliable from the start to the finish of the trip. Thank you! ”

Strathern School



HIGHLIGHTS



FRENCH LANGUAGE LESSONS



NICE OLD TOWN



CINEMA LE RIALTO



MONACO



PARFUMERIE FRAGONARD, GRASSE



COURS SALEYA MARKET

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Walking orientation tour
- Day 2** Language lesson
Nice old town, flower market, and handmade sweet manufacturer
French cinema evening
- Day 3** Language lesson
Perched villages excursion
Grasse perfumery
Bowling
- Day 4** Full day in Monaco
- Day 5** Matisse Museum
Return home

This itinerary is based on an **MFL** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects the South of France caters for.

“ Our top excursions were Newfoundland Park, the In Flanders Fields Museum and Talbot House. The students found Lochnagar Crater the most inspirational. ”

Oldfield School

THE SOMME/YPRES

There are some experiences that simply cannot be replicated by a textbook and a visit to the cemeteries and battlefields of WWI is certainly one of them.

A battlefields tour to Ypres and Somme allows students to really start to understand the events of the Great War. Explore the In Flanders Fields Museum and schools will be able to discover wartime life as seen from the perspectives of not only soldiers, but nurses, children and refugees amongst others. From wandering through Yorkshire trench and dugout to gain a sense of the surroundings facing foot soldiers to exploring the 1916 Museum to learn more about the relics from the war, students will develop a clearer perspective of the effects of war on soldiers and civilians.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Poperinge
Yorkshire Trench and Dugout
- Day 2** World War One battlefield sites – Ypres
Tyne Cot Military Cemetery
German Cemetery at Langemark
Last Post Ceremony
- Day 3** Vimy Ridge
World War One battlefield sites – Somme
- Day 4** 1916 Museum in Albert
Return home

All of our itineraries can be **tailor-made** to meet your specific requirements.

SOMME HIGHLIGHTS



BEAUMONT HAMEL



THIEPVAL MEMORIAL



LOCHNAGAR CRATER

YPRES HIGHLIGHTS



MENIN GATE AND LAST POST CEREMONY



FLANDERS FIELD MUSEUM



TYNE COT CEMETERY

ROME

Home to what was the beating heart of the mighty Roman Empire, Rome offers a treasure trove of ancient buildings and archaeological sites, including the imposing structure of the Colosseum where students can learn about the role of gladiatorial events in society.

Coupled with galleries and some fascinating examples of Renaissance and Baroque architecture, Rome gives students the opportunity to explore the places they've learnt about in the classroom, gifting them an improved understanding of societal and technological changes prominent throughout ancient Roman history. With such an abundance of some of the most significant archaeological sites in Europe, Rome provides the perfect base to inspire your classics students and give them an out-of-class learning experience they won't forget.



HIGHLIGHTS



COLOSSEUM



THE FORUM



PANTHEON



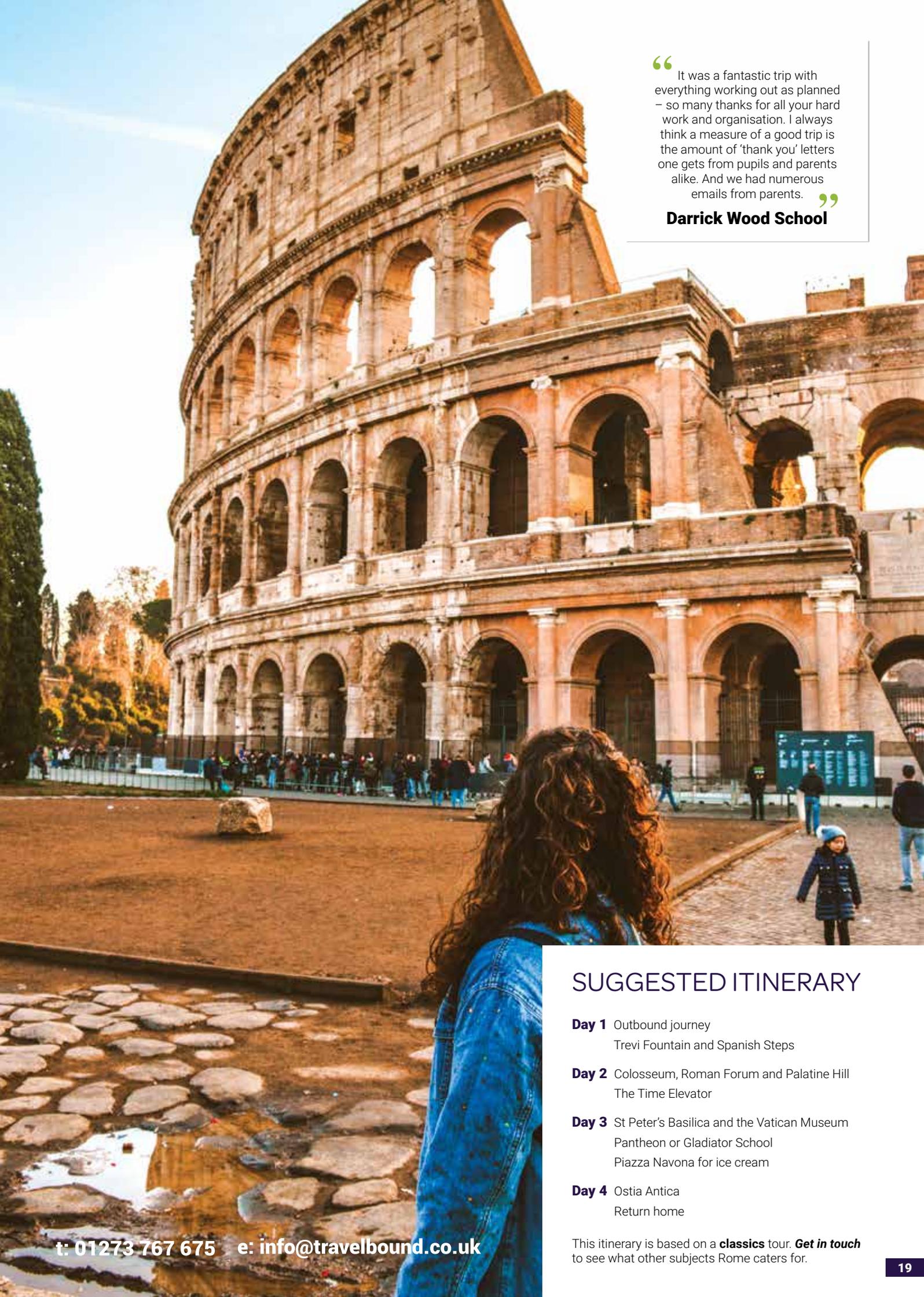
GLADIATOR SCHOOL



ST PETER'S AND THE VATICAN MUSEUMS



OSTIA ANTICA



“ It was a fantastic trip with everything working out as planned – so many thanks for all your hard work and organisation. I always think a measure of a good trip is the amount of ‘thank you’ letters one gets from pupils and parents alike. And we had numerous emails from parents. ”

Darrick Wood School

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps
- Day 2** Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill
The Time Elevator
- Day 3** St Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museum
Pantheon or Gladiator School
Piazza Navona for ice cream
- Day 4** Ostia Antica
Return home

This itinerary is based on a **classics** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects Rome caters for.

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BAY OF NAPLES

Give your students a unique insight into Roman daily life with an unmissable trip to the Bay of Naples. Hosting some of the finest dramatic scenery in Italy, your students will be able to experience a vast and varied range of cross-curricular subjects across Italy's south-western coast.

Hosting several world-famous archaeological sites, students can also gain a first-hand exploration of the ruined cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, strengthening their understanding of Roman history and giving them a fascinating opportunity to explore Vesuvius. With incredible local cuisine, unique culture and spectacular views, the Bay of Naples provides an outdoor learning experience that shouldn't be missed.

“
Our highlights were learning about the “everyday life” of Pompeii and geological facts. Our guide was excellent and the gelato expert was fun, funny, kind and intelligent. ”

American School in London

BAY OF NAPLES WITH TRAVELBOUND



CLASSICS

Pompeii
Herculaneum
Villa Oplontis
Naples Archaeological Museum
Naples Underground
Paestum

GEOGRAPHY

Mount Vesuvius
Phlegrean Fields
Capri
Amalfi Drive
Sorrento
Free geography worksheets



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Pizza Making Class
Limoncello Production
Struffoli Making Class
Ice Cream Factory
Gnocchi Making Class
Olive Oil Farm



CROSS-CURRICULAR

Sorrento
Mozzarella Farm
Capri
Tarantella Musical Show
Amalfi
Italian Language Lessons



SICILY

With a rich history reflected through sites such as the city ruins of Selinunte and the Roman mosaics at Piazza Armerina, Sicily provides the perfect base for your classics' students to delve into an island influenced by several cultures and civilisations.

Historic sites spread across this central Mediterranean island give a window into the Phoenician, Greek, Roman, Norman and Saracen civilisations that left their mark resulting in an extensive archaeological heritage waiting to be explored. Students can encounter Greek mythology, art, pottery and architecture and recognise the influence of ancient themes and ideas that are prominent in Sicilian society today, all while sitting just a few hours from Europe's largest volcano, Mount Etna.



HIGHLIGHTS



SEGESTA



SELINUNTE



VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES



PIAZZA ARMERINA



SIRACUSA



MOUNT ETNA



“

Any queries I had were dealt with by our very helpful Tour Co-ordinator. I appreciated being able to pass things onto Laura as my time in school didn't always allow for administrative tasks to be done. Brilliant and I would book through Travelbound again for this service.

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Archbishop Holgate's School

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Palermo
- Day 2** Segesta and Selinunte
Agrigento
- Day 3** Valley of the Temples
Piazza Armerina's Roman Villa
Giardini Naxos
- Day 4** Siracusa
- Day 5** Taormina and return home

This itinerary is based on a **classics** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects Sicily caters for.

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WHY A SCHOOL TRIP TO SICILY WILL INSPIRE BOTH CLASSICS AND GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS

With a fascinating mix of historical sites and natural wonders, Sicily offers a lot more than you hoped for. Students will enjoy learning about the different civilisations who lived on the island and its role in the development of the Mediterranean region.

The largest of the Mediterranean islands, Sicily lives just off the 'toe' of Italy's boot. It not only benefits from cultural influences due to its close proximity to Malta, Greece and North Africa but is also home to one of Europe's highest active volcanoes.

A VIEW TO ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS

Many civilisations understood the potential of the island and decided to settle here, stretching from the Greeks, the Carthaginians, the Phoenicians, the Romans, to the Elymians, an indigenous population of Sicily. This rich past can be witnessed thanks to the many temples and monuments still present today.

Classics students will be mesmerised when visiting the stunning site of Selinunte, a huge city built in 628BC, and the most impressive ruins in Sicily. Walk amongst the numerous temples, acropolis and agora to have a feel of what life may have been like back then.

Visit the temple of Segesta built in 4th century BC by the Greeks and Elymians. Beautifully preserved throughout centuries, its large semi-circular theatre is still being used during the summer months as a venue for Greek plays and concerts.

Make a stop at the coastal city of Agrigento, known for its vast archaeological site the Valley of the Temples. The Greek influence comes alive through the numerous well-preserved 5th and 6th century temples and excavations that lay here.

The Romans have been without doubt a big influence. Visit the famous Villa Romana del Casale where students can admire extensive examples of Roman mosaics. The hillside town of Taormina is also worth discovering, with its medieval streets and stunning views of Mount Etna. Its ancient Greek-Roman theatre is a popular venue welcoming plays, fashion shows and film festivals from all over the world.

A WINDOW TO NATURE'S WONDERS

Sicily is home to one of the most active volcanoes in the world, Mount Etna. This stratovolcano is 3,326m high and covers an area of 1,190m², with rocks ageing from 350,000 to 500,000 years. Standing on top of an active volcano is what geography students' dreams are made of with opportunities to open up discussions on the impact of the fertile soil in supporting agriculture. We can help you plan a trip up to the crater by cable car and jeeps accompanied by a local guide for all those special facts.

Geography students can explore the geological influence of Etna on the local region in the Alcantara Gorge. A stunning site where thousand years' old eruptions and lava flows met with the Alcantara river, resulting today in impressive gorges and ravines.

Bring geography lessons to life and travel with your group north of the island to discover the Aeolian Islands, a volcanic archipelago named after the demigod of the winds Aeolus. Students will learn about the hydroactivity and pumice found on Lipari island, whilst the island of Vulcano is known for being home to one of the four active volcanoes in Italy that are not submarine.

When visiting the town of Taormina, ensure your school group pop down to Giardini Naxos, a quiet fishing port that has recently become a popular seaside resort. A great opportunity to carry out a case study looking at the impact of tourism on a local community and its environment.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS WHEN VISITING SICILY

Sicily will engage your class and take them on a journey through time, learning about ancient civilisations and the evolution of local volcanoes over 100,000 years old!

Students will immerse themselves in a new culture and try some of the local dishes. Sicilian cuisine differentiates itself from Italian cuisine and has Greek, Spanish, French and Arab influences. Some of the traditional dishes include fish couscous, cannoli, and eating an almond granita with a brioche. Why not give it a go?

Ask students to learn a few words from the local language known as Siculo and challenge them to be able to order a gelato all in Sicilian by the end of trip. Discovering Sicilian culture and engaging with the locals can become one of their personal highlights and create lifelong memories.

With excursions and visits suitable for classics and geography students, Sicily is a strong contender when considering destinations for your next trip.



GREECE

Bring the world of ancient Greece to life on a school trip to the Greece - giving your classics students the perfect opportunity to explore a plethora of archaeological sites and ancient monuments.

With tours stretching from Athens, Delphi and Tolon to Olympia, Pylos and Crete, Greece provides school groups with a wealth of ancient sites that will motivate and inspire your students for years to come; experience Delphi, the centre of the Ancient Greek universe or get lost in the statues and ruined temples of Olympia. With such an array of outstanding and historic key classic sites, students will be able to gain a greater understanding of Greek and Mycenaean civilisations, gaining a first-hand experience of what they've learnt in the classroom.

“

A big thank you to the team at Travelbound for our tour to Greece. We were exceptionally well looked after. We had a very happy, well organised and relaxed tour.

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Pangbourne College



HIGHLIGHTS



ACROPOLIS AND MUSEUM



DELPHI



OLYMPIA



NESTOR'S PALACE



EPIDAVROS



ANCIENT CORINTH

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
- Day 2** Athens
Sightseeing – The Acropolis, Parthenon, and Acropolis Museum
- Day 3** National Archaeological Museum
Depart for Delphi via Ossios Loukas
- Day 4** Delphi Site
Depart for Olympia via the Rio Andirio Bridge
- Day 5** Olympia Site
Depart for Pylos via Nestor's Palace
- Day 6** Depart for Tolon via the ruined cities of Sparta and Mystra
- Day 7** Nauplion
Mycenae
Theatre of Epidavros
Sanctuary of Asklepios
- Day 8** Return home via ancient Corinth

CYPRUS

Cyprus is far from an open book with plenty for schools to explore beyond the beaches of a divided island.

While Cyprus is steeped in myth and blessed with the remnants of ancient treasures, its varied cuisine brings together an array of neighbouring influences you would expect from an island located at the crossroads of Europe, Western Asia and Africa. From the urban landscapes of Nicosia and Limassol to the wineries and factories located on the peripheries, students can study the production line of some of the greatest Cypriot exports from inception to using ingredients in a cookery lesson.

HIGHLIGHTS

Cypriot Specialities Cookery Lesson

Grigoriou Deli Factory

Cyprus Delights Factory

Omodos Village and Winery

Goat Farm Halloumi Producer

Charalambides Christis Dairy Factory

Why not try cooking a traditional Cypriot dish with your food technology students?

TRADITIONAL MOUSSAKA

RECIPE

Preheat the oven to 180°C fan oven/200°C/Gas 6.

Heat a little oil in a frying pan and fry the onions until soft. Add garlic and mince and fry until the meat is no longer pink.

Add the stock cube, tomatoes and tomato purée, bring to the boil then turn down to simmer for 10 mins. Season with salt and pepper and put in the bottom of a casserole dish.

Cut the aubergine into 1cm slices. Heat a little oil in a frying pan and fry for 1 minute each side. Put them on top of the mince in the casserole. Heat the butter in a small saucepan, add the flour and stir well.

Take off the heat and add the milk. Mix well and return to the heat. Gently bring to the boil, stirring frequently, until sauce thickens. Add the paprika and pour over the top of the aubergines.

Place in the oven for 25–30 minutes until the top is browned. Serve with green salad or baked potatoes.

Prep Time: 25 Mins

Cook Time: 30 Mins

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon oil to fry

1 large onion, sliced

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

500g pack of lamb mince, or Quorn

1 vegetable stock cube, crumbled

400g can chopped tomatoes

1 tablespoon tomato purée

salt and pepper

1 large aubergine

25g butter, measure by packet

1 tablespoon flour

1 mug milk

1/2 teaspoon paprika

BERLIN

The German capital has been bombed, split and reunified and that is just in the 20th century.

Students have a chance to walk amongst the landmarks that tell the story of not only a city's past but a country that had modernised and strengthened to become a key voice on the global stage. Whether your focus is on World War II or the Cold War, Berlin presents an endless amount of resources that allows students to truly step into the past. Students can interact with native speakers to develop intonation and confidence while speaking German as they dip into culture of a city that still emits a gritty vibe beneath its image of big business and European politics.



HIGHLIGHTS



CHECKPOINT CHARLIE AND MUSEUM



DDR MUSEUM



THE STASI MUSEUM



OLYMPIC STADIUM



MEMORIAL TO THE MURDERED JEWS OF EUROPE



SACHSENHAUSEN



“ Our favourite excursion was to the Stasi Prison, as the students liked acting as Stasi Prison guards! We also enjoyed the DDR Museum and the walking tour. ”

Guernsey Grammar

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Guided walking tour
- Day 2** Sightseeing – the Jewish Museum, Checkpoint Charlie Museum and Topography of Terror
TV Tower at Alexanderplatz
- Day 3** Sightseeing – East Side Gallery and DDR Museum
Concentration camp at Sachsenhausen or the Wannsee Conference House Memorial
- Day 4** Berlin Wall Memorial
Return home

This itinerary is based on a **history** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects Berlin caters for.

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MUNICH

With a dramatic history for students to uncover, the capital of Bavaria presents a relaxed cosmopolitan city that provides the perfect base to exploring a wide range of art, culture, business and modern history.

Students can gain an improved understanding of Munich's pre-war and war-time history and reflect on atrocities committed during World War II - a visit to the Jewish Museum or the Dachau Concentration Camp give a real insight into the life of political prisoners during the war. Munich offers students an out-of-class experience that caters to history, art, business and cross-curricular subjects and lets your students embrace new culture, language opportunities and personal development.

HIGHLIGHTS

- National Socialism Walking Tour
- National Socialism Documentation Centre
- Dachau former Concentration Camp
- Obersalzberg and the Eagle's Nest
- The White Rose Memorial Museum
- Nuremberg

THE RHINELAND

Visit the historic castles and medieval towns set against a magnificent and magical background.

The Rhineland provides the perfect setting for an educational school trip that's sure to inspire and motivate your students. With the stunning backdrop of the Rhine valley, language students can practice their German in real life situations with native speakers, while the culture, history and geography that can be learnt from an out-of-class experience to the Rhineland will inspire your group. Museums, monuments, boat trips and even a recreational day out at Phantasialand theme park, Rhineland offers a host of educational excursions that result in an unforgettable and educational experience for all students.

HIGHLIGHTS

- German Language Lessons
- The Marksburg Castle
- Boppard and Rudesheim
- Koblenz and Romanticum
- Burg Eltz
- Cologne Chocolate Museum

KRAKOW

“
The itinerary and travel pack was extremely well produced, all the information we needed was provided and we were overall very happy with all areas of the planning.”

Middleton Technology School

Krakow is a city that tells a story that remains weaved in amongst the streets and landmarks of Poland's second largest city.

Poland presents school groups with a culture that embraces its long-standing traditions seen in both social settings and cuisine. Students will be able to gain a deeper insight into the impact of World War II on communities that reached beyond the borders of Krakow. While the concentration camp of Auschwitz provides a harrowing reminder of the Holocaust, students will understand the importance of the sites in reminding the world the importance of different ethnicities living side by side.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Guided walking tour of the Old Town, including Wawel Castle
- Day 2** Jewish Quarter
Schindler's Factory Museum
Wieliczka Salt Mines
Park Wodny
- Day 3** Auschwitz
Own sightseeing
Folklore evening
- Day 4** Galicia Jewish Museum
Meet Holocaust Survivor
Return home

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HIGHLIGHTS



KAZIMIERZ - JEWISH QUARTER



SCHINDLER'S FACTORY MUSEUM



AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU



WIELICZKA SALT MINE



NOWA HUTA



RYNEK UNDERGROUND MUSEUM

Kate Broadribb shares her experiences of organising an educational tour as a teacher at **Wildern School**.

Always on the lookout to extend the learning beyond the classroom, Kate identifies opportunities for schools to further the experiences children are exposed to in their development.

3 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE STUDENTS ON RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

If you've led an educational trip abroad or even accompanied one you will know the hours of your life that go into organising it. The time you spend completing risk assessments, chasing forms from students, and finalising every aspect of your itinerary can seem endless.

However, in my years of teaching, the one thing above everything students always remember is the experience of exploring somewhere new with their peers. There's a saying that 'travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer' and I know first-hand how trips can enrich students' experiences and overall personal development.

Herein lays our motivation as educators to provide students with an educational tour: to provide learning experiences that will positively contribute to their personal development, educational understanding, and wider outlook on the world around them. Each holding their own merit, here are my top 3 reasons why you should take your students on a residential trip abroad:

1) THE TRAVEL BUZZ

New technologies may bring places into our classrooms and living rooms at the click of a button, but they will never replace the human emotion felt when you actually get to visit a place yourself. It is easy to get carried away by the students' enthusiasm, their excited observations, and dash around the top to find the best view.

A web browser street view is an amazing piece of technology, however, it does not bring the smells, atmosphere, nor buzz of a place. Enthusiasm for learning can transfer from a teacher to their students within the boundaries of the classroom, but it is the more impactful wave of inspiration that comes from coming into contact with a setting that is historically, culturally, or geographically important that provides children with the impetus to engage and discover.

2) 'TRIP OF A LIFETIME'

This phrase was used by my first group of students I led to explain their feelings and reflections of the educational tour. I was enthused to hear how many had embarked on the visit as they didn't think it was someplace they would go with their families or even later on in life. That is to say, if they didn't go in an organised school tour they may never visit such a contrasting place and get to experience this once in a lifetime trip.

To experience an ancient civilisation and walk amongst the ruins of a Greek city, or even explore the trenches of Ypres, provides students with an insight not otherwise recreated by a textbook.

Where school life is designed to shape young individuals, a travel experience abroad during their time in education can be a memory that lasts long into adulthood.

3) APPRECIATION OF DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS AND CULTURES

It is actually hard to put yourself in someone else's shoes and really consider what their life is like. Yet in geography and other aspects of the curriculum we ask our students to understand and empathise with different people in different environments all the time.

I believe nothing can compare to when a student gets to see and speak to people in the actual context of their community. Gathering first-hand accounts, providing students with an original source, and allowing them to engage with the surroundings are invaluable to their development through the subject and understanding of specific topics. It not only makes it real, but it creates an actual dialogue, something authentic that social media chats can't replicate.

At the end of the day, I lead residential trips abroad because I see a change in a student's perspective. Many ex-students from trips have gone to study, travel, and are now working abroad.

DON'T BREAK THE BANK!

Finally, it's essential to offer a range of trips to suit all budgets from local studies in the UK to overseas adventures. Tailoring your tour to meet the requirements of the students and to maximise their time in a new learning environment not only allows for schools, FE colleges, and universities to tick the curriculum boxes, but ensures students leave having developed holistically and created memories to last a lifetime. A trip abroad does not have to break the bank to have a lasting impact on a student.

**“It’s a big world out there. It would be a shame not to experience it”
J.D. Andrews**



BARCELONA

Barcelona has everything from its bustling centre at Plaça de Catalunya to the seaside neighbourhood of Barceloneta offering up art, language and cultural immersion opportunities.

Every visit to Barcelona deserves the grand unveiling of the skyline from the summit of Montjuic Hill to take in the grand scale of the city against the backdrop of the Montserrat mountains. From wandering along Las Ramblas to entering the mind of Pablo Picasso at the Picasso Museum, art back at school will never be the same. A school trip to Barcelona acts as a kickstarter to creativity and inspiration.



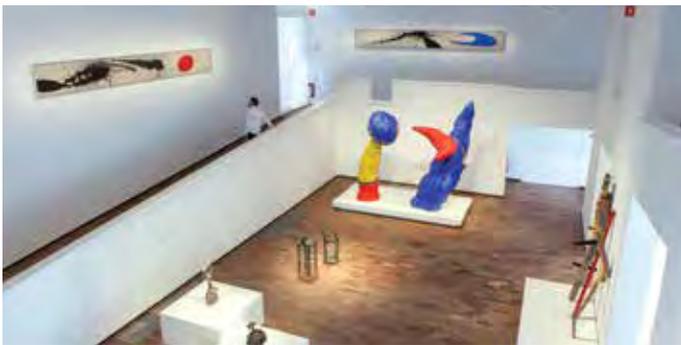
HIGHLIGHTS



GAUDI – SAGRADA FAMILIA, PARC GUELL CASA BATTLO, CASA MILA



GAUDI WORKSHOP



JOAN MIRO FOUNDATION



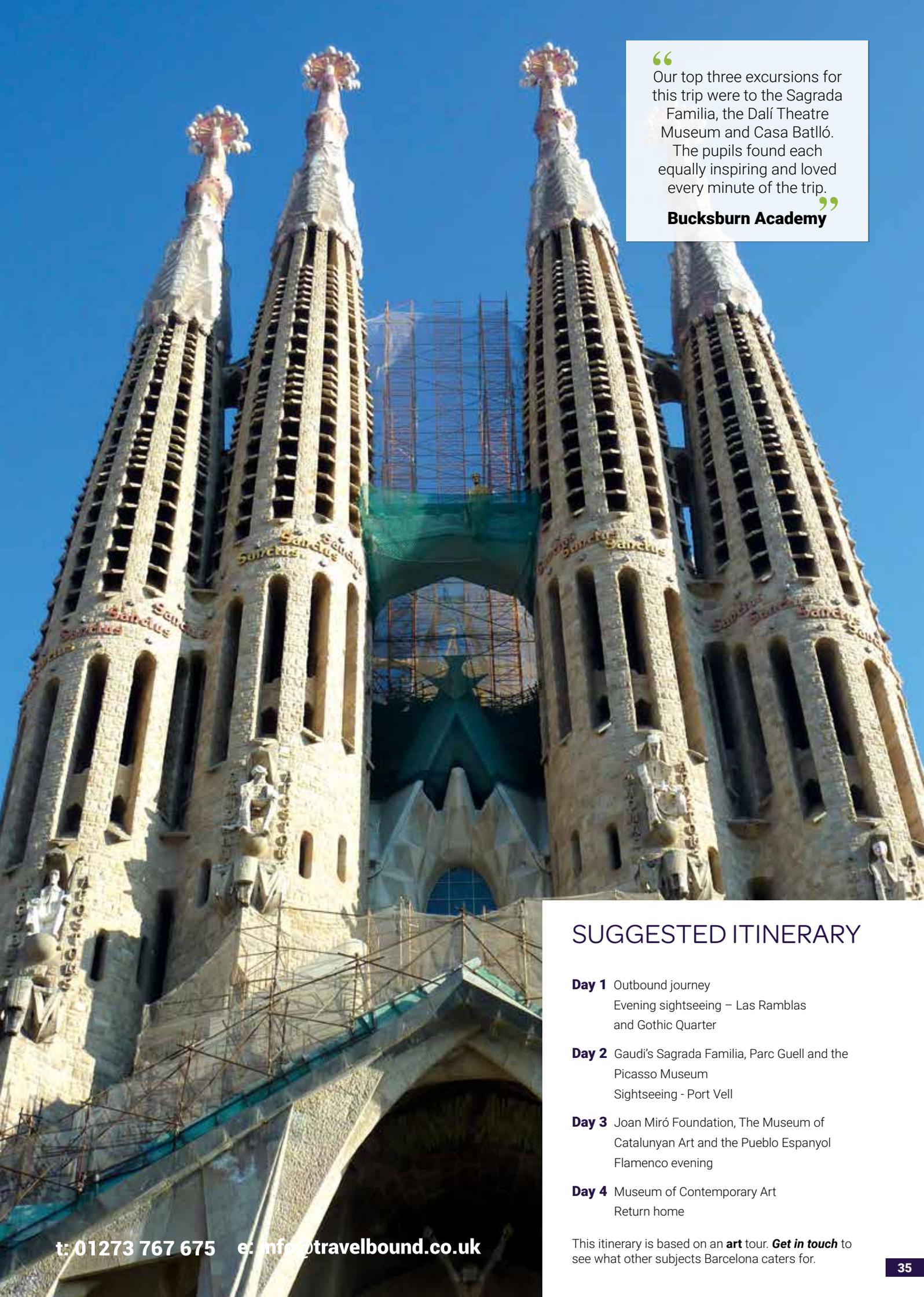
THE MUSEUM OF CATALUNYAN ART



PUEBLO ESPANOL



BARCELONA CITY TRAIL



“
Our top three excursions for this trip were to the Sagrada Família, the Dalí Theatre Museum and Casa Batlló. The pupils found each equally inspiring and loved every minute of the trip.”

Bucksburn Academy

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Evening sightseeing – Las Ramblas and Gothic Quarter
- Day 2** Gaudi's Sagrada Família, Parc Guell and the Picasso Museum
Sightseeing - Port Vell
- Day 3** Joan Miró Foundation, The Museum of Catalunan Art and the Pueblo Espanyol
Flamenco evening
- Day 4** Museum of Contemporary Art
Return home

This itinerary is based on an **art** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects Barcelona caters for.

MADRID

Regarded as one of Europe's cultural capitals. Madrid is sure to enthuse your students with its art, culture, food and language.

Madrid's educational options are endless as you explore the vast number of museums and galleries with your art students, captivate your history group with a visit to some of the Spanish Civil War monuments, or practise Spanish in a natural setting with native speakers. This vibrant city is perfect for adventuring into a new environment with your students, providing them with an out-of-class experience that's bound to evoke excitement and broaden the mind.

“ The group enjoyed visiting Toledo the most during this trip. We also went to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium during our time in Madrid. ”

Bonus Pastor Catholic College, Bromley



HIGHLIGHTS



PALACIO REAL



RETIRO PARK



TOLEDO



MUSEO DEL PRADO



FLAMENCO EVENING



BERNABÉU FOOTBALL STADIUM TOUR

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Evening city sightseeing
- Day 2** The Royal Palace
Plaza Mayor and Museo del Prado
- Day 3** The Bernabéu football stadium
Museo Reina Sofia
Flamenco evening
- Day 4** Shopping in the Gran Via
Return home

All of our itineraries can be **taylor-made** to meet your specific requirements.

ANDALUCIA

“
Travelbound did a great
job organising this
trip. The group loved
the whole experience,
especially Granada!”

**King Edward VI School,
Southampton**

Andalucia rolls everything you could want from a school trip into one. The rich cultural traditions and warm climate of Andalucia makes it a popular destination amongst schools seeking a vibrant learning environment for their language students.

The Andalusian countryside and natural landscapes provide students with an insight into the region's makeup outside of the big cities. Students will certainly be provided with a different perspective with the cities of Seville, Granada and Córdoba creating an equally dramatic landscape. Capitalise on the opportunities to engage with native speakers as students perfect their pronunciation and confidence through real-time interactions at local markets. Expect flamenco nights, unique architecture and a flavour for the local cuisine as your school trip to Andalucia sets a benchmark for all future educational tours abroad.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Flight to Malaga
Paella lesson
- Day 2** Full day in Granada to see the Alhambra,
Granada Cathedral and Royal Chapel
Albayzin - Old Islamic Quarter
Tapas evening
- Day 3** Morning in Malaga to see the Picasso
Museum, Gibralfaro Castle, Malaga Roman
Theatre and Malaga Cathedral
Afternoon at Tivoli World in Benalmadena
- Day 4** Full day in Seville to see the Cathedral of St
Mary, La Giralda Tower, Santa Cruz Quarter
and the Alcazar
Flamenco show
- Day 5** Return home

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HIGHLIGHTS



SPANISH LANGUAGE LESSONS



PAELLA LESSON



GRANADA



SEVILLE



CÓRDOBA



FLAMENCO SHOW

AMSTERDAM

The eye is always wandering in a city that is adorned with unique architecture at every turn.

Amsterdam is its own treasure trove where the little trinkets and priceless gems are museums packed with world-renowned masterpieces. Easy to explore on foot, Amsterdam presents school groups with an eye-opening tour to discover what has inspired artists for centuries. It is from the elegant merchants' mansions and carillon-crowned churches students will discover the city's rich history from Holland's Golden Age. With Rembrandt's former home and the Anne Frank Museum just waiting to be explored, students will soon learn there is more to Amsterdam than meets the eye.



HIGHLIGHTS



VAN GOGH MUSEUM



RIJKSMUSEUM



REMBRANDT HOUSE



ANNE FRANK'S HOUSE



FOAM AMSTERDAM



CANAL CRUISE

“ The itinerary was well thought out and appropriate for our group and our wishes. ”

Newlands Girls School

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Day 1 Outbound journey

Day 2 Van Gogh Museum
Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art
Canal cruise

Day 3 Rijksmuseum in Museum Square
Tour of Anne Frank's House

Day 4 Rembrandt House
Return home

This itinerary is based on an **art** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects Amsterdam caters for.

CROATIA

With an extensive coastline on the Adriatic Sea, intriguing geomorphological sites, outstanding natural landscapes and a convenient border into neighbouring Slovenia, Croatia provides a truly unique experience.

This Eastern European country is still relatively untouched by mass tourism and offers an array of outstanding natural formations that will give your group an in depth look into the effects of geological processes and the impact of global environmental changes. Surrounded by beautiful lakes linked by waterfalls, the Dinaric Alps and some unique cave formations, Croatia provides educational opportunities that's sure to further your geography students' in-class-knowledge and offer them some fascinating case studies such as the Plitvice Lakes.

HIGHLIGHTS

Opatija and Kvarner Bay

Ucka Nature Park

Postojna Cave (Slovenia)

Predjama Castle (Slovenia)

Plitvice Lakes

Lungo Mare sea promenade

AZORES

Renowned for its spectacular volcanic scenery and flora, São Miguel is the biggest island of the Azores.

From São Miguel geography students can develop a deeper understanding of both human and physical aspects, from the effects of plate tectonics to the impact of sustainability issues on local tourism. An educational tour to this rugged and mountainous archipelago will excite and inspire individuals through first-hand experiences of nature's wonders and other outstanding geological features, including the twin crater lakes of Sete Cidades and the Caldeira Velha hot spring.

HIGHLIGHTS

Furnas Valley – Caldera Lake and Interpretation Centre

Caldeira Velha hot spring

Geothermal Power Plant

Sete Cidades

Gruta do Carvao lava tunnel

Whale watching

ICELAND

“
The guide was brilliant
- very clear and
interesting, pitching it
right for our students.
”

Shire Oak Academy

With stark landscapes and natural wonders a trip to Iceland provides your school group with the ultimate field trip as students explore geysers, glaciation, plate tectonics, volcanos and issues surrounding sustainability.

Students will embark on an adventure into nature with an opportunity to really experience glaciation with a guided walk on a glacier. Seeing the force of a geyser exploding, bathing in the waters of the Blue lagoon and visiting the largest geothermal power plant in the world allows students to understand the force of geothermal activity and how this can be harnessed. The waterfalls of Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss will amaze and standing over the fault line between the North American and Eurasian Plates is a unique experience for young geographers.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Outbound journey
Blue Lagoon
- Day 2** Þingvellir National Park and the
Almannagja fault
Kerið crater, Gullfoss waterfalls and Geysir area
- Day 3** Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls
Sólheimajökull Glacier and Vík beaches
- Day 4** Hveragerði Greenhouse village and Hellisheiði
Geothermal Power Plant, Reykjanes Peninsula
- Day 5** Return home

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HIGHLIGHTS



BLUE LAGOON



ÞINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK



GULLFOSS WATERFALL



HELLISHEIÐI GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT



THE LAVA CENTRE



SÓLHEIMAJÖKULL GLACIER

NEW YORK

It may be 'the city that never sleeps' but with so much to see it will be important your students get their rest!

Packed full of history, New York is awash with notable landmarks, significant events and superstars. Capture the beauty of the Big Apple from the top of the Empire State Building before heading down to the site of ground Zero for an in-depth look at the impact of 9/11 on the city. New York is proud of its culture and strength it emanates from a melting pot of cultures. Take a boat cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and learn about immigration through the gateway of New York. Tap into the development of New York communities over time with tours of Harlem and Brooklyn before taking a seat at one of New York's famous sporting arenas.



HIGHLIGHTS



TIMES SQUARE



BROADWAY SHOWS



CENTRAL PARK



STATUE OF LIBERTY



EMPIRE STATE BUILDING



NEW YORK MET MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, DC

Washington, DC presents schools with an all-encompassing journey into America's national treasures.

Explore American history and culture through a range of multimedia and interactive exhibitions in Washington, DC as students develop together as lifelong learners on a school trip to remember. History is packed into a concentrated area of the city meaning Party Leaders can rest at ease over getting their students from A to B and maximise their students time in the capital. Be blown away by the museums of the Smithsonian Institution, walk the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to where Martin Luther King Jr gave his 'I have a dream' speech, and head for the White House Visitor Center for an incredible insight into Washington, DC's most iconic landmark.



HIGHLIGHTS



THE WHITE HOUSE



LINCOLN MEMORIAL



NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM



INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM



ARLINGTON CEMETERY

ALABAMA

You can't help but think of the American Civil Rights Movement when you hear the word Alabama. With a history that has been both emotional and troubling, students will engage in a deep learning experience unique to the region that has a lasting message which reaches far wider across the nation.

Follow the Alabama Civil Rights Trail with your history students to understand the struggle and protests for racial equality. Exploring key locations throughout Alabama, including Selma, Birmingham and Montgomery, students will get a comprehensive view on the actions and events which led to voting rights and the end of segregation for African-Americans.



HIGHLIGHTS



EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE, SELMA



THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS



ROSA PARKS MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY



BIRMINGHAM GUIDED CIVIL RIGHTS CITY TOUR



FREEDOM RIDE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY



WORLD OF COCA COLA MUSEUM, ATLANTA

WEST COAST

The United States' West Coast has long had an urban allure with landmark cities, including San Francisco, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, providing insights into tourism, business and entertainment.

Provide your students with a cross-curricular experience that deepens their insight of the United States. Create aspiring geographers through the study of the sailing stones in Death Valley or stimulate enquiry into some of history's infamous inmates at Alcatraz on your next school trip to the USA. From San Francisco where even the most outlandish ideas become strokes of genius bought into by a global audience to the glitz, glamour and show business life lessons of Los Angeles, students can gain valuable insights into some of the United States' greatest exports.

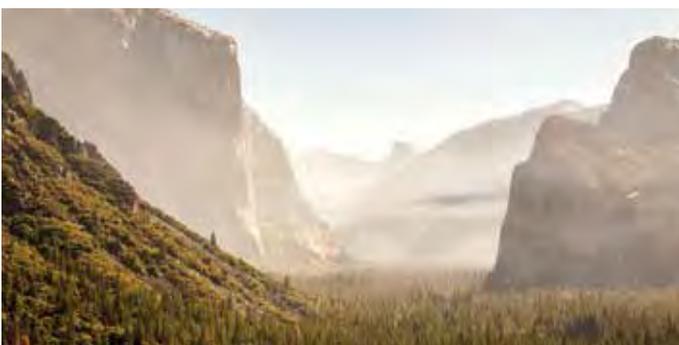
HIGHLIGHTS



SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR



ALCATRAZ



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



THE GRAND CANYON



LOS ANGELES CITY TOUR



LOS ANGELES THEME PARKS



THE RISE OF STEM FOCUS ON SCHOOL TRIPS ABROAD

More schools have actively adopted the idea of improving students' skills in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). We take a look at how this can translate to a STEM learning experience in San Francisco and what students and teachers can gain from the educational trip abroad.

At Travelbound, we understand STEM requires an interdisciplinary approach to learning and teaching. Our educational tours are created with the curriculum in mind but tailored to meet the learning opportunities you're seeking for your students.

TIME, FOCUS AND ENERGY INTO STEM

Implementing STEM initiatives in school can be seen through numerous channels, but have you considered how a school trip abroad can be used? One of the key areas of encouraging students to pursue the areas covered under STEM is to understand the influencing factors on students in secondary and further education. *Are there ways to tap into engagement levels for STEM subjects through a school trip abroad?* One of the findings from Subject Choice in STEM: Factors Influencing Young People (aged 14–19) in Education (2010) concluded that schools devoting 'a greater proportion of teaching time to mathematics in Year 10 tended to have significantly higher take-up for mathematics at A-level.' This was found in contrast to additional teaching time allocated for science.

The greatest influence on pursuing subjects is, arguably unsurprisingly, students' own views. Students want to enjoy what they study and know certain STEM subjects will be useful in the future. Making the subjects engaging and relatable to practical situations is key and is achievable.

SCIENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

One of the many destinations available for school trips with a STEM focus is San Francisco. Since the Obama years, the USA have had directives around the mantra 'educate to innovate'. This has seen developments not only within the U.S. education system to improve the quality of teaching, but the quality of resources to reinforce learning.

San Francisco has a reputation for some of the world's biggest and noteworthy technology being born from outlandish ideas that have found a market. Silicon Valley, located in the southern San Francisco Bay Area, boasts the familiar names of Apple, Facebook and Google. The area is surrounded by famous institutions, including Stanford University, the Computer History Museum, NASA's Ames Research Center and the Tech Museum of Innovation.

Museums may hold a stigma around endless information being displayed in an old-school walkaround format, but the Bay Area has had its reputation of shaking things up reflected in a series of excursions that certainly seek to engage and motivate learners.

Interactive experiences lead the way in educating students about the innovation that surrounds us and what the future holds. The 'glass ball' exhibits not only allow students to be excited about what is to come, but question what is possible. The Intel Museum in Santa Clara is the perfect example of supporting students' study of technology and the many products to have been born from the evolution of computers. The museum attaches importance to the difference Intel has made in the way the world lives immediately placing its developing technologies in practical situations.

It may be a given that a school trip abroad can re-motivate young learners and see students develop a range of personal skills. However, the learning environment they are provided with not only acts to stimulate enquiry and interest but support teachers with useful tools to tap into learning and subject comprehension.

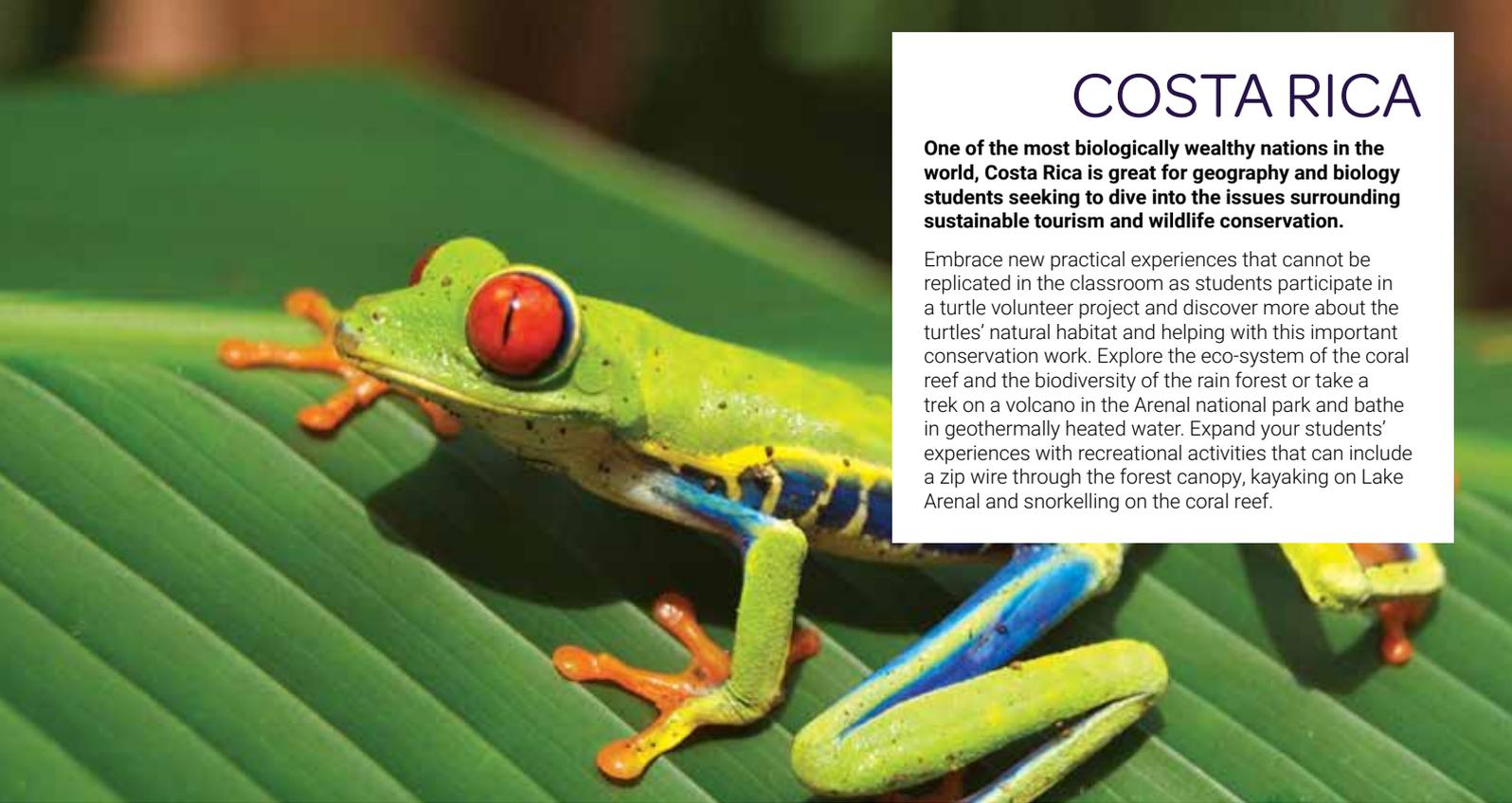
Standout excursions to support your STEM experience in San Francisco:

- The Tech Museum of Innovation
- Intel Museum
- California Academy of Sciences
- NASA Ames Visitor Center
- Exploratorium
- Computer History Museum
- Silicon Valley Guided Tour

COSTA RICA

One of the most biologically wealthy nations in the world, Costa Rica is great for geography and biology students seeking to dive into the issues surrounding sustainable tourism and wildlife conservation.

Embrace new practical experiences that cannot be replicated in the classroom as students participate in a turtle volunteer project and discover more about the turtles' natural habitat and helping with this important conservation work. Explore the eco-system of the coral reef and the biodiversity of the rain forest or take a trek on a volcano in the Arenal national park and bathe in geothermally heated water. Expand your students' experiences with recreational activities that can include a zip wire through the forest canopy, kayaking on Lake Arenal and snorkelling on the coral reef.



HIGHLIGHTS



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TURTLE CONSERVATION PROJECT



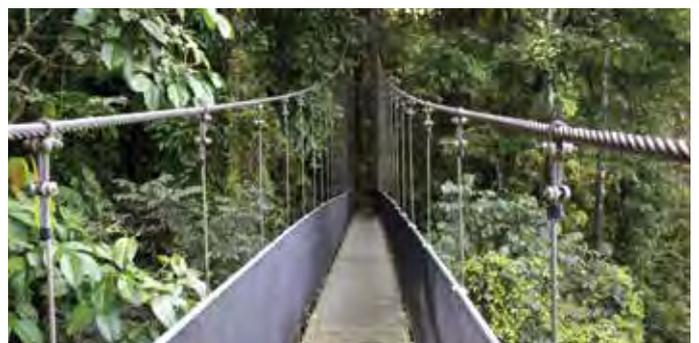
ARENAL VOLCANO AND BALDI HOT SPRINGS



CAHUITA NATIONAL PARK



PACUARE NATURE RESERVE



RAIN FOREST CANOPY

CHINA

An ancient civilization and a continually developing modern economy, China presents school groups with a chance to uncover the legacy of past dynasties and the political and economic role of this vast country in the modern world.

Tailor your tour to China to cover your chosen subject focus and tap into experiences that will support history, religious studies, business studies, citizenship and art. Choose from a wide range of destinations that allows for your students to explore some of China's most iconic landmarks, including the Forbidden City, The Great Wall of China, The Summer Palace, and The Terracotta Army. Extend your stay with visits to Shanghai allowing your students to explore the highly technological Financial District and to Chengdu where students can learn about the work carried out to protect pandas.



HIGHLIGHTS



BEIJING



XIAN



CHENGDU



SHANGHAI



HONG KONG



MOUNT TAI & QUFU

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Thank you so much to all at Travelbound for making the trip such a very great success. The itinerary was incredible and the organisation the best that I have ever known on a school trip. ”

Warwick School

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Overnight flight to Beijing
- Day 2** Olympic Park, Birds Nest and Water Cube, Summer Palace
Overnight in Beijing
- Day 3** Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City
Temple of Heaven and Hutong walking tour
Acrobatic show in Beijing
- Day 4** The Great Wall of China
Tea ceremony
Overnight train to Xian
- Day 5** Big Wild Goose Pagoda
Xian Ancient City Wall
Muslim night market, Xian
- Day 6** Terracotta Army Museum and Huaqing Hot Spring Park
Bullet Train to Chengdu
Overnight in Chengdu
- Day 7** Dujiangyan panda base & volunteer experience
Dujiangyan ancient irrigation system
Overnight in Chengdu
- Day 8** Leshan Giant Buddha
Wuhou Temple, Jinli Old Street and People's Park
- Day 9** Dufu Cottage
Airport transfer
Flight to the UK

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This itinerary is based on a **cross-curricular** tour. **Get in touch** to see what other subjects China caters for.



THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING AUTHENTIC SCHOOL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES IN CHINA

It happens the moment you step off the plane... culture hits and the rush of being in China takes over. Sights, scents and language perk up your ears and the adventure begins. To make the most of this experience your itinerary needs to be filled with authentic excursions and insights that cannot be replicated in the classroom.

To achieve the best options for school groups visiting China requires years of experience. Working closely with our partners on the ground in China, Travelbound can tailor your school's itinerary to not only include the centres you want to explore but provide authentic experiences that taps into Chinese culture and traditions. We caught up with Drin to share with teachers how the team in China provides authentic travel experiences across the country for schools travelling from the UK.

Hi Drin, please tell us a little bit about your role in working with Travelbound?

As Marketing Director of our company in China, I supervise our co-operation with Travelbound through my experience of over 30 years in the travel industry. Travelbound is our oldest and most valuable partner who we have been working together for over 20 years. We are very happy and proud to keep such a long term and friendly co-operation with Travelbound and look forward to a closer co-operation with Travelbound for another decade.

We are passionate about providing school groups with authentic cultural experiences. How do you feel school trips to China's greatest cities can best benefit young learners?

China was a great power in history like Great Britain in the 19th-20th century. Chinese culture has deeply influenced East Asia and South East Asia for over 1,000 years. China has wonderful writing system and tradition back to 2,000 years ago so we can easily understand our ancestors' thoughts from that time. It is amazing if you compare China with other ancient civilizations such as Egypt and India. As representative of the oriental civilization, if we divide the world into East and West and if UK students could only visit one country in the world, I think it would be China. China would open a new window for young learners and help them better understand differences between distinct cultures to help build a global view in their life.

Through your 30 years' of experience, what have you found to be the most popular excursions for school groups?

The school groups that join us always want to visit the Great Wall of China, the Terracotta Army at Xian, and the Oriental Pearl Tower in Shanghai. The panda sanctuary in Chengdu is also increasingly popular. These combine once in a lifetime experiences, one of the world's wonders and a deep insight into China's ancient civilisation.

How do schools get around the cities? Does this vary between Beijing, Shanghai, Xian and trips to Mount Tai and Qufu?

There are many different ways to get around the major Chinese cities, including internal flights, the bullet train or overnight train, and coach transfers. Taking the 1.5-2 hour flight between Beijing, Xian and Shanghai cuts down on travel time but tends to be costlier. Some school groups opt for the day-time bullet train, which can take 5 hours between Beijing and Shanghai, 6 hours between Beijing and Xian, and 2 hours between Beijing and Mount Tai. The overnight soft sleeper train will take 12 hours between Beijing and Xian or 15 hours between Xian and Shanghai. School groups will be divided into 4 passengers to one private cabin). Between Mount Tai and Qufu, school groups can take a 1 hour coach drive.

What can you offer Travelbound school groups venturing on a single city or multi-centre tour?

Schools will receive a local guide service for a single city tour where our local guide will look after the groups and assist in offering tour information, meal arrangement, co-ordination with hotel and coach drivers. For multi-centre tours, we will add a national guide for groups of over 20 passengers. Our national guide serves like a tour leader playing a very important role especially during transfers between cities on flight or train journeys.

What should students be aware of prior to travelling to China?

China is a very big country similar to the USA in latitude, very cold in winter like Norway and very hot in summer like Spain. We therefore suggest schools and students check weather forecasts before coming to China.

Food in China is quite different from Chinese food in UK. You will find much more variety of food in China. Even for the same dishes you may be very familiar with such as "sweet and sour pork", you will find a different taste in China as Chinese food abroad has changed towards Westerners' taste. Breakfast will be a Chinese and Western combination buffet at the school's hotel, while lunch and dinner will be Chinese food at a local restaurant. If students are tired with daily Chinese food, we can arrange 1-2 Western fast food meals such as MacDonald's or KFC for variety.

China's customs are usually related with various traditional festivals, especially Chinese New Year. The date for Chinese New Year is different every year, usually between mid-January and mid-February and lasts for 15 days. Other Chinese main festivals are the Lantern Festival (last day of Chinese New Year), Tomb-sweeping Festival (early April), Dragon Boat Festival (June), and the Moon Festival (September).

What is a must-see for any school group visiting China?

Like with the popular excursions for schools, I feel you cannot skip visits to the Great Wall of China, the Terracotta Army, the Oriental Pearl Tower, Chinese traditional gardens in Suzhou, and time with the pandas. They are unique experiences which will live long in the memory of your students.

What advice would you give teachers booking a school trip to China?

I would suggest teachers read a few books about China, especially about China's history from 1840 to 2000, and watch a few Chinese movies before coming to China. It would help teachers better to understand China's past, present and future, so they can pass the ideas to students during the trip.

VIETNAM

Bursting with colour, life and ancient culture, Vietnam is one of the most captivating and easily navigable of the Southeast Asian countries.

With modern historical events still felt in the country, history students will find that they are moved and affected by what they see and learn during their school trip. The cultural influence of Chinese and French occupation can still be identified in Vietnam and itineraries can include significant sites of the Vietnam War such as the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels. Ancient culture can also be discovered with visits to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hoi An and Hue. Students can also explore geographical features, including the spectacular coastline, the iconic limestone pillars of Halong Bay and the fertile plains of the Mekong Delta. There is also the perfect opportunity to see the contrast of rural life with life in the large cities.



HIGHLIGHTS



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