

## How We Price

At The Learning Adventure, we genuinely care about your students' all round experience: this spans their activities, the accommodation that they stay in, as well as the time and money put in for them to go on our unforgettable journeys.

No matter what your budget is, we're always willing to listen to your trip requirements. We are happy to advise **honestly and openly** on what is and isn't doable for the budget that you and your students are working with. Just [ask us](#) and we will work with you to craft a trip that gives you the best value for money.

In fact, there's a lot available to you already, completely for free! You can find our resources [here](#).

We've compiled a comprehensive list of detailed information about how we price our trips, and how we can help you adjust your trip to meet your budget requirements:

### **ASIA SCHOOL TRIP BUDGET FORECAST**

*Budgeting for a school trip can be a daunting task. We have been running educational tours for a while now, and we're now taking over 3,000 young people on trips every year – so we know a thing or two about travel budgets. Take a look at our checklist below for an idea of what to budget for in a school tour.*

#### **Length of trip**

Get an idea of the length of time you can be away from school at certain times of year and what this would cost (don't forget to add a day in each end for travelling to/from where you are visiting).

Chatting to a tour operator allows you to have a fixed idea in your head. Our prices for China, for instance, start from £690 per person. Check out our tour pages for [Southeast Asia](#), [China](#), and [Japan](#) for more information.

## Locations to visit

Decide which locations you want to visit and let us know as early on as possible if you have any pre-existing links for you in Japan, China, or Southeast Asia, such as partner schools for school exchange days. It's easy to get carried away and want to include several destinations but the more places you visit the greater the cost. One easy way to reduce costs is to remove a day or two from your ideal trip length or to stay in just one city rather than travelling around. We will make sure that we fill all your days with some awesome activities and cultural experiences.

While rural areas are cheaper to travel in, they cost more to reach than the big cities. In China or Japan, flying into a major city and then visiting one or two other main cities with different historical backgrounds as the best value way to experience a country (take a look at our [10 day Shanghai, Xi'an & Beijing Culture Trip](#) in China, or our [10 day Tokyo, Hiroshima & Kyoto Cultural Highlights Trip](#) in Japan).

## Seasonality

In general, travel during the Lunar New Year's (beginning of February), Cherry Blossom (beginning of April), and Autumn festivals (mid-September) will need to be booked further in advance due to the higher volume of tourists, both local and foreign. You may also anticipate higher accommodation costs during these periods to influence the overall price of your booking. If you are thinking of travelling during these dates, [enquire](#) as early as possible.

## Accommodations

Schools that travel with us vary widely in their requirements for accommodation standards. Our staff are always happy to take you through how the different types of accommodations affect your overall pricing. No matter which accommodation tier you choose, rest assured that all of them have been risk-assessed and audited and that those documents are made available to you and your SLT to review. If the students and your school don't mind booking dormitories in hostels instead of hotel rooms, it's a sure way to save on the overall price of the trip. Our quotations almost always have teachers staying in private rooms on our trips.

## Visa

Find out the current prices of visas, and the process. Most visa-services offer the standard multiple-entry China visa for £185/ £195 per person. We provide this visa and the cheaper group visa at competitive prices. Ask us more about our visa service at [info@thelearningadventure.com](mailto:info@thelearningadventure.com). If travelling to Japan with UK or US passports, a visa will not be required.

## Flights

Get an idea of the prices for flights. We recommend budgeting between £550-£700 per person for flights if coming from the UK. We work closely with a global flight booking company to book flights for all our school groups and in 2016, our return flights to China cost an average range of £519 – £589 per person. We recommend budgeting above that to cater for price fluctuations, however, especially if you plan to travel during the summer holidays or any of those peak seasons we've mentioned above. Depending on how you organise flights, you may need to include the cost of the teachers' flights in the price you give to students.

Decide whether you will meet the students at the airport or whether you will organise a coach. Prices vary so check with your local minibus supplier for prices on coach travel to catch your flights.

## Domestic Transportation

When you [request a quote](#), your representative will have indicated all timings and class of travel on the quotation sheet itself. Keep in mind that as a rule of thumb, in terms of prices: flights > bullet trains > trains > private buses > public transportation. You may consider allowing your students to experience the ultra-modern public transportation systems in one of China or Japan's major cities while shaving a day's private bus fee off your total price to students. Finally, night trains are available between most major cities in China and are a great way to travel while saving on one night's cost of accommodation.

## Insurance

You will need insurance for the trip – the school will likely have its own insurance as standard, but some schools purchase separate insurance for each trip. For UK customers, we recommend [STA](#) for group insurance. For US customers, see our [travel insurance guide](#).

If you are a school based in China travelling domestically, ask us at [info@thelearningadventure.com](mailto:info@thelearningadventure.com) about the travel insurance that we provide as part of your overall package.

## Pocket money

Some parents will ask about pocket money and how much they should give their child for souvenirs in China. If parents want to give a little bit of money, we recommend giving them between 200 – 800 yuan for 10-14 days (depending on their spending habits!).

Here are some examples of prices to give you an idea of how much things cost:

### China

- Can of coke: 3 RMB
- 'Fake' branded bag, hoodie, or a pair of shoes: often between RMB 200- 400 (this will require negotiation with the market stall holder)
- Postcard: 5 RMB
- Sunglasses: 40 – 100 RMB
- Novelty Mao watch: 30 RMB

### Japan

- Can of coke: 120 JPY
- Postcard: 60 JPY
- Small souvenirs, such as chopsticks: 200 – 400 JPY

### Thailand

- Ice cream: 20 – 40 THB
- Mango Sticky Rice: 40 THB
- Elephant trousers: 120 – 150 THB
- Thin silk scarf: 100 THB

***For more information on how to budget for your school trip and organise other aspects of your visit, visit our [Resources page](#).***

***Ready to plan your school trip? We are experts in designing bespoke itineraries that meet your learning objectives. Get in touch today by emailing us at [info@thelearningadventure.com](mailto:info@thelearningadventure.com) to start planning your school itinerary.***