Educational tours abroad, across Asia and Europe
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Around the world, there is constant discussion about what education really means; what does learning truly entail and how can we best prepare our students for the outside world? Of course, learning facts and figures are vital but we, at The Learning Adventure, believe there is so much more to education that can be learnt in the classroom. True experience and knowledge can only be gained by being out in the real-world and challenging oneself through active learning.

Directors' Note

Some of these trips will stimulate critical thinking; some will foster a sense of responsibility and others will enable students to work together and display commitment and determination to complete the task.

We always encourage our students to reflect and we do the same ourselves: constantly questioning, evaluating and improving our trips to make them the best they possibly can be.

The itineraries in this brochure all align with these goals and aim to help students on their journey to being principled global citizens with an awareness of the outside world.
The Learning Adventure

We take over 1,000 students a year on some unforgettable adventures. The Learning Adventure is a full-service tour provider, which means we manage every component of our tours ourselves: from discussing your initial requirements with our experts to when you are on the trip with your students and our Adventure Leaders.

We tailor all our itineraries according to your objectives: from subject focused trips to cultural tours to our more advanced CAS & Services trips, residential and activity weeks.

Awarded by the British Youth Travel Association for the category of ‘Best Educational Product,’ The Learning Adventure is a globally recognised educational travel brand. As a certified DMC (destination management company) we have the operational know-how and ability to cover trips in destinations across the world, including China, France, Italy, Japan, UK and Southeast Asia.

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Head of Education at The Learning Adventure

Subject Focused Trips
Bring your curriculum to life with subject focused school trips. Speak to our experts and enhance your student’s understanding of a particular topic outside the classroom.

IB CAS Trips
We build our CAS trips on the IB DP program’s philosophy and approach to education. We seek to challenge and encourage critical thinking in students both academically and socially with experiential learning.

Adventure School Trips
Inspire, motivate, and challenge students with our wide range of adventure activities. Take kung fu lessons in Shaolin, go skiing in Hakuba, or horseback riding in Inner Mongolia. Explore the brochure for more.

Language Culture Trips
Mandarin lessons & camping on The Great Wall of China or practicing French through theatre? Let students not just fall in love with the language but with the country too.

Incredible Educational Tours
in Asia and Europe

Explore
What's Included

All transportation within your destination country, including all inner-city transfers (buses, trains, flights).

City transportation in private and fully insured coaches. Occasional public transport.

Clean and risk assessed accommodations (standard three or four star accommodation, guest houses, hostels, depending on specifications). Students single sex, single/twin rooms (depending on specifications). Teachers in private, single/twin rooms.

All meals during your stay according to the itinerary.

Drinking water.

All tickets to attractions listed on the itinerary.

Local adventure leader.

For all itineraries displayed in the brochure, the price includes one teacher free for every ten pupils.

All itineraries and activities are flexible. All our prices are displayed in GBP.

Get in touch at info@thelearningadventure.com to discuss your requirements.

All activities, transportation & accommodation have been risk-assessed and we will share all relevant assessments with teachers pre-departure.
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Health & Safety

At The Learning Adventure, we are committed to ensure that all our trips meet the latest health & safety standards. To do so, we adhere to the British School Travel Forum strict code of practice and safety standards to vet accommodation, transport, activities and food service providers used on your trip. Our tour audits are available to your administration once your itinerary is confirmed.

Medical Facilities
We make sure that our team is aware of the nearest medical facilities at each location on your trip and how best to transport your student there in case of an emergency.

24-HR Contact Number
All our Adventure Leaders have an emergency phone number that is available to contact 24/7. In the unlikely event of an emergency, our Adventure Leaders will provide you with all the necessary support to deal with the misadventure.

Food Allergies & Restrictions
We have a wealth of experience in dealing with all types of diets: Gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, halal, kosher, nut allergy, and fussy eaters. We can help provide various delicious food alternatives for students and teachers on a restricted diet. Your client officer will be in touch for details.

To make sure you have everything you need for a successful trip, a pre-departure pack will be emailed to you. Within the pre-departure pack, you will find your trip itinerary, schedule, background on historical sites, activity descriptions, packing lists and additional relevant information. Before your departure date, we will schedule a call with you to walk through all the important elements of the trip and answer any questions you might have.

Adventure Leaders

School trips are an exciting element of your class curriculum, so it is essential that everything goes smoothly. Our Adventure Leaders are experts in their field and will help you get the most out of your trip.

Minimum requirements and competencies for all Adventure Leaders:

- Competent guiding experience.
- Competency in English.
- Familiarity with all health & safety procedures.
- Equipped with first aid kit.

For more information about our Adventure Leaders, speak to your sales representative or email us at info@thelearningadventure.com.
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Educational Experiences

Geography
Organic Farming Experience
Rice Terraces Visit
Mud Caves and Hot Springs
Student Fieldwork Presentations
Guest lecture on urbanisation
Case study on impact of erosion

Active
Bamboo Forest Hike
Hiking on The Great Wall
Cycle Xi’an’s City Walls
Bamboo Rafting
Kung Fu Lesson
Hiking amidst the Longji Rice Terraces
Tai-chi experience

Food
Roast Duck Dinner
Traditional Hotpot
Wangfujing Night Food Market
Dumpling Making class

Cultural Experiences
Historical Tour of Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City
Terracotta Warriors
Visit to Panda Research Centre
Leshan Giant Buddha
Travel via bullet train
Sichuan Opera performance
Acrobatics Show

Languages
Mandarin lessons
Market speaking challenge
Speaking with local students
Pearl Market - vocab test

Interactive experiences
Visit to a Chinese school
Panda Volunteering experience
Calligraphy class
Chinese cooking class
Local migrant school experience
Traditional tea ceremony
Muslim Quarter food tour
Forestry School visit
Water Mill Repairing Project
In an itinerary that feels like a movie adventure, students will journey to the grasslands and sand dunes of Inner Mongolia for a taste of China that is sure to be something different. The trip kicks off with a visit to Buddhist monasteries followed by an authentic Mongolian feast. Adventures continue with students rotating in groups between learning Mongolian wrestling, horseback riding, archery, and how to prepare authentic Mongolian food. The itinerary continues to cover living and learning alongside local tribespeople about their nomadic lifestyles. Students will also see monuments raised to Genghis Khan, go sandboarding, ride ATVs, and go camel trekking. One of our most exciting itineraries!

You can combine this itinerary with Beijing or Xi’an as an extension... Ask for more information from our specialists now.

Day 1: Sainuu!
Arrive in Hohhot and make your way to the city centre. First, visit the Dazhao Temple to learn about the expansion of Chinese Buddhism. Explore the local artisan street and browse the various handicrafts that are traditionally sold there. Drive over the mountains into the grassland and finish the day with an authentic Mongolian feast and traditional welcoming ceremonies.

Day 2: Life on the grassy steppes
Eat like the locals with a traditional breakfast and milk tea. Take a walking tour of the grasslands and learn about the different plants around. Enjoy a short pony or pony carriage tour to a local Mongolian holy gathering spot. Fly kites under the blue skies and finish the day with a campfire under the stars and storytelling session!

Day 3: In the desert
Venture into China’s desert and pass the ghost town of Ordos. Learn about the economic circumstances around its desertion before continuing to your desert site. After a safety briefing, take your pick of adventure activity, from sand sledding to camel rides to zip lines. The choice is yours!

Day 4: The Great Khan
Travel back in time as you visit the Genghis Khan memorial, featuring original shrines, weapons and even the conqueror’s actual bow and saddle! Learn about his political legacy and his influence on China’s development. After a history filled morning, make your way back to Hohhot for dinner and evening entertainment.

Day 5: Milk, Muslims, and migration
Pay a visit to the Yili milk products factory, one of Inner Mongolia’s largest industries and learn about the process of milk distribution. Head to the Inner Mongolia Museum which features a remarkable dinosaur exhibition. Stop at the Islamic district of Hohhot where you can find the Grand Mosque. Continue on to the airport for your flight home!

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Learning Outcomes
Action; students will push themselves physically through the wealth of activities planned throughout the week. Horseback riding, dune sliding, and sandboarding etc... will be sure to give students a sense of pride in their physical accomplishments! from tea ceremonies to marketplace bartering.

Ethnic/Cultural Diversity; though still within China, students will be quick to notice that these people live completely different lifestyles, with different cultural practices. Students will be immersing themselves in the best of Mongolian culture throughout the itinerary, experiencing their culinary, sports, spiritual, historical, and nomadic culture.

Service & Sustainability; Learning the lifestyle of the local nomadic tribespeople, students will be able to experience first-hand just how co-dependent these people’s lives are to the patterns of nature. Students should compare their experiences on the trip to those of their daily lives back home for an understanding of how environmental change and consumption affects real people’s livelihoods.
China Martial Arts Trip

Subject: Sports
Education Level: Secondary
5 days

Starting from £460

A sports-service itinerary, this trip challenges students to push themselves physically while building meaningful relationships and interactions with the students at a local Kungfu School for underprivileged children. The school is run by a Shaolin Kungfu master for children who choose not to go to, or are rejected, from traditional schools. We visit the school to help renovate and aid their school in the mornings and learn Kungfu from them in the afternoons. Before going to the Shaolin area, students visit one of the four Great Ancient Capitals of China – Luoyang to see the 100,000 Buddhas.

You can combine this itinerary with Xi’an, and Beijing as an extension... Ask for more information from our specialists now

Day 1: The Longmen Grottoes
Meet your trip leaders and head into Luoyang city. Dive straight into activities as you visit the Longmen Grottoes and participate in a Traditional Chinese Ink Art lesson. After dinner, experience the life of the city at night with a visit to Lijingmen Street, where you can enjoy the display of local arts and crafts.

Day 2: Shaolin
Head to Dengfeng and check into your accommodation. Walk to the Shaolin Temple, the home of Shaolin Kung Fu. Enjoy a walking tour and performance before embarking on a hike to the Dharma Cave. Visit the Kungfu school where you will watch a show and take part in a lesson taught by a Shaolin Monk.

Day 3: Training day 1
Spend the marking helping with tasks and chores at the Kungfu school. Eat a big lunch because this afternoon you will be training with the students. Work towards perfecting a routine by the end of your stay!

Day 4: Training day 2
Review the sequence you were learning yesterday before helping with more chores at the Kungfu school. In the afternoon, put your body to the test as you learn an additional Kungfu sequence. Spend the evening participating in a creative crafts exercise, before enjoying a Chinese style dance-and-sing-along by the campfire.

Day 5: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
Make sure your skills are the best they can be, as you do a final run through of the Kungfu sequence you learned during your trip. Say goodbye to your Adventure Leaders and trip leaders before making your way to the airport. Leave excited to apply what you’ve learned, back home!

Learning Outcomes
Action; students will practicing Kungfu (minimum 10 hours), and participating in renovation/restoration projects at the Kungfu school.
Creativity; students will be working on Chinese Ink Art projects, crafts with the Kungfu school students.
Service; We help to maintain and renovate the Kungfu school at which we have our Kungfu lessons.

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Sichuan CAS Trip
Subject: CAS
Education Level: Secondary
6 days

Starting from £570

Our Sichuan itinerary features all the best China has to offer. Students learn about the iconic Giant Panda in a hands-on environment – feeding them up close, making food for them, cleaning their enclosures, and practicing research methods. In addition, students participate in cooking classes, learn Kungfu, hike Mt. Qingcheng (a Taoist holy site) and see the largest stone Buddha in the world – the Leshan Buddha. A perfect CAS trip with the unmissable Chinese bear mixed in, we guarantee this to be an unforgettable experience for students and teachers alike.

Day 1: Hello Chengdu
Meet your leaders at the airport and make your way into Chengdu city. After a short trip briefing on the bus, head to Jin Li Street and enjoy some Chinese charm. Take part in a scavenger hunt as you explore the area, for a chance to win a small prize. Enjoy a delicious welcome banquet of Sichuan hot pot for dinner.

Day 2: Religion and culinary culture
Take a walking tour of Chengdu’s Wenshu Monastery and sketch the temple and its surroundings. Visit the Sichuan Museum before joining a Sichuan style cooking class. After eating your delicious creations for lunch, head to a local school where you can tour the hallways and enjoy activities together. In the evening, visit a traditional teahouse to see Sichuan Opera.

Day 3: Experience sustainable agriculture
Travel to nearby Eco Farm and Anlong village where you can experience sustainable agriculture first-hand. After a morning of hard work, enjoy an organic rural lunch before getting back to work! End the day at the farm as you transfer to Dujiangyan in preparation for tomorrow’s service project.

Day 4: A day in the life of a panda
Take part in a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Wolong Panda Research Base where you can spend the day with the local caretakers and experts! Feed them bamboo, clean the cages and care for the pandas, before helping in the nearby tea plantation. In the evening, explore the Old Gate located opposite your accommodation.

Day 5: Climbing giants
Head to the Taoist holy site of Mount Qingcheng for a hike up the mountain. Take a cable car to the peak and enjoy the spectacular views. Transfer to Leshan city to see the world’s largest stone Buddha. After climbing up and down the statue, celebrate the end of your week with a pizza party and talent show.

Day 6: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
Say goodbye to your Adventure Leaders and trip leaders before transferring to the airport. Leave excited to apply what you’ve learned, back at home!

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Tibetan Plateau Service Trip

Subject: Service  
Education Level: Secondary  
5-8 days

Starting from £750

The Learning Adventure’s service projects are designed longitudinally. We encourage students to get in touch with our team as early on as possible to work on understanding all aspects of the service project before they arrive. Our goal is to orient, advise and encourage students to take ownership of their service projects and work towards sustainable solutions to real-world problems.

This featured itinerary, is based in rural Sichuan on the Tibetan Plateau. Students will enjoy the pristine environment as well as a genuine chance to interact and live amongst the Tibetan people.

Additional Destinations & Itineraries that are available for this theme are... Guizhou, Xi’an, Suzhou, Chengdu, Fujian, Yangshuo... Ask for more information from our specialists now

Day 1: Urban China
Meet your leaders and receive a quick trip briefing as you transfer to Chengdu city. Head to Jin Li Street for some ancient Chinese charm and try your hand at The Learning Adventure's Jin Li Street scavenger hunt. Finish the day with a delicious hot pot feast!

Day 2: Into the mountains
Begin your transfer to Mt. Siguniang. Check into your accommodation and grab some lunch. Set off on a four-hour hike, reaching highs of 3800m above sea level. After an afternoon full of exercise, return to the hostel for dinner and relax around a campfire.

Day 3: The Tibetan Plateau and its people
Start your day early as you make your way to the service site. Meet your host family and enjoy a traditional Tibetan lunch. Receive an orientation and safety briefing about your service project before taking a walking tour of the area. Visit the holy mountain shrine and the centre that is your base camp.

Day 4: Ready, action!
This morning you will begin your service project! Split into small groups and tackle separate projects to get as much work done as possible. Take a break for lunch before continuing working throughout the afternoon. Join the host families and local villages in the evening as they share oral traditions around a bonfire.

Day 5: Continue serving
Pick up where you left off yesterday and continue with your service project. Relax as you eat lunch and keep working hard during the afternoon. In the evening, learn the art of traditional Tibetan embroidery from an expert embroiderer in the village.

Day 6: Meet more locals
Learn about student life in this Tibetan village as you take a tour of the local school. Make your way through the forest to a Tibetan White Stupa to learn about Tibetan Buddhism. Don't forget to make a wish! Continue with your service project before joining the locals as they make handicrafts in the evening.

Day 7: Wrapping it up
Work hard in the morning to finish your service project. In the afternoon, participate in a special coming-of-age ceremony as you celebrate the completion of your project! Spend the evening reflecting on what you have learned and sharing stories of your volunteering experience with your teachers and peers.

Day 8: Continue The Learning Adventure back home
Begin your transfer back to Chengdu airport, where you will say goodbye to your trip leaders. Leave excited to apply what you have learned from your trip and service project, back at home!

Learning Outcomes

- Appreciate the physical challenge necessary in reconstruction projects
- Understand what applied sustainability is and partake in an ethically sound project
- Delve into the details of project planning and how to wed thought to action

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China Photojournalism Trip

Subject: Creative
Education Level: Secondary
8 days

Starting from £830

This album worthy trip invites students to immerse themselves in the history, culture, and hidden landscapes of China. Offering an ideal blend of shooting opportunities, participants are invited to capture the best of traditional Chinese architecture in China's ancient capital, Xi'an, as well its modern-day metropolis, Beijing. We finish the trip at the southern rivers and karst mountains of Yangshuo.

This trip includes professional classes daily with our resident photography teacher. Lessons combine theoretical discussions and practical applications. Topics cover aperture/speed, ISO, macrophotography, panning, temperature, lead-in lines, shot angles and much more. In a truly unique learning adventure, students will not only learn how to capture China through the lens but also learn about the historical evolution of this massive nation.

Day 1: Hello, Beijing!
Arrive in the world’s largest city and transport back in time with a visit to the ancient Hutongs. Check in to your accommodation and get briefed about what to expect on the trip. In the evening, treat your taste buds to Chinese delicacies at the Wangfujing Night Market.

Day 2: Architectural studies
Kick-start your day with your first photography lesson, before heading to the Temple of Heaven. Watch the art of a traditional tea ceremony in the park and for lunch, fill your bellies with a delicious Peking Roast Duck banquet. Explore Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Jingshan Park before you head to the Great Wall ready for tomorrow.

Day 3: Sunrise at the world’s greatest wall
Hike up the Great Wall for an unmissable sunrise. Receive a lesson on sunrise/set photography and practice your skills in one of the world’s most iconic places! Head back to the city for a visit to the Summer Palace and voyage across the palatial lake on a wooden boat. Catch the night train to your next destination, Xi'an.

Day 4: Ancient vs. modern city
Welcome to the ancient world’s trade capital, Xi’an! Have today’s photography lesson before setting off to the Terracotta Warriors. Back in the city, zoom along the city’s ancient walls by bike. Sample the unique flavours of Hui Muslim food, before taking a stroll to the Drum and Bell tower which is beautifully lit at night.

Day 5: Sunset on the rice terraces
Board a morning flight to beautiful Guilin and make your way to the iconic Longji rice terraces. Receive a landscape photography lesson and experiment with your skills as you capture the spectacular sunset and star-filled night sky.

Day 6: Portraits of the people
Hike through the remote rice terraces and make pit stops in the indigenous villages. If you’re lucky, you’ll get permission to photograph the locals in their embroidered traditional wear. Later, transfer to Yangshuo, famous for its impressive karst peaks. Finish the day as you catch a performance in an open-air natural theatre.

Day 7: Mountains & rivers
Start the day with a photography lesson relevant to today’s activities. Take a break as you embark on a cycling route on the water’s edge. Venture onto the water on bamboo rafts as you capture the gorgeous scenery and river life. Head to the iconic Moon hill before hiking to underground mud cave. Tonight, you’ll board your flight to Guangzhou!

Day 8: Continue The Learning Adventure back home
It’s time to say goodbye to our Adventure Leaders and trip leaders before embarking on your journeys home. Leave excited to apply all your new skills back at home!

Learning Outcomes

- Specialized Photography instruction that is based on geographical location, and an in-depth understanding of China’s history both modern and ancient
- How to wed thought to action
- Portrait, landscape, documentary, night, and architectural photography lessons with assistance in creating a finished digital portfolio

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China Business University Trip

Subject: Business
Education Level: UNI/MBA
8 days

Starting from £1,020

Including visits to global tech giants like Alibaba and Jingdong, as well as a visit to the commercial divisions of the American Embassy in China, this MBA trip is filled with relevant lectures and business insights about China.

This immersive look at China’s story of economic growth includes Q&A sessions with cutting edge companies, visits to manufacturer companies, as well as lectures from seasoned businesspeople in the market. Students are certain to get an in-depth look at the dynamism behind one of the world’s fastest growing economies.

Additional Destinations & Itineraries that are available for this theme are... Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Suzhou, Chengdu, Tianjin. Ask for more information from our specialists now.

Day 1: Suiting up
Arrive in the country’s capital and head to your accommodation where you’ll have a trip briefing. Start your trip with a business rite of passage, getting a tailor-made suit at the Yansha Outlets. Finish your first day with a delicious traditional Chinese welcome meal.

Day 2: Company visit
Pay a visit to an incredibly successful Chinese E-commerce company, Jingdong. Take a tour and particular in a Q&A. Next, get your historic fix as you visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, followed by panoramic views at Jingshan park. Finish the day with a lecture from a foreign perspective.

Day 3: Ambassadors for trade
Start the day with a visit to the commercial departments of the American Embassy, where you can explore international trade between the two largest countries in the world! Go back in time with a trip to a secluded and beautiful section of the Great Wall. Hike along the wall and take in the scenic view of rural China.

Day 4: University visit
Venture into the ancient city with a tour of Beijing’s hutongs. Stop by a local university where you can meet economics, trade and business majors. Learn about the similarities and differences between how business is taught versus back at home. Hop on a night right as you head to Shanghai!

Day 5: Engines & stocks
You have arrived in the world’s most populous city! Head straight to the China Stock Museum to learn about China’s stock industry. Take a tour of the Shanghai Volkswagen offices, the oldest Sino-foreign venture to date. In the afternoon, enjoy a talk about “Doing Business in China”.

Day 6: China’s tech giants
Make your way to nearby Hangzhou, the San Francisco of China, and home to China’s biggest e-commerce player, Alibaba. Take a tour of the offices and enjoy a lecture about the business in China. Relax as you walk around the West Lake before venturing down the bustling Hefang Ancient Street.

Day 7: China’s largest financial district
Encounter Old Shanghai as you visit the Yu Yuan Gardens and the City God Temple Bazaar. Try Shanghai’s famous Xiao Long Bao dumplings, before venturing into the financial districts for a trip to the top of the Pearl Tower. Walk around The Bund with your Adventure Leader before taking an evening cruise along the river.

Day 8: Continue The Learning Adventure back home
It’s time to say goodbye to our Adventure Leaders and trip leaders as your transfer to the airport. Leave excited and ready to apply what you’ve learned about business back at home!

Learning Outcomes

- Understand how China’s economy has grown, across various industries, and how it has affected its people’s livelihoods, living standards, and prospects
- Recognize China’s global impact and the ins and outs of international trade in China
- Grasp the importance of advanced technology in China and what role China plays in the overall industry
- Comprehend the overall historical waxing and waning of China on the global stage

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Beijing & Shanghai Culture Trip

Subject: Culture
Education Level: Secondary
9 days
Starting from £590

Our 9-day China culture itinerary offers students a comprehensive look at both urban political & economical centers of the country. This shortened version of our 14-day tour, students will have the chance to examine the intersectionality of culture, history, demography and how it all fits into China’s modern reinvention.

Both cities on the trip are a must-visit: Shanghai, the world’s most populated metropolis, and Beijing, China’s political center.

Additional Destinations & Itineraries that are available for this theme are... Shaolin, Inner Mongolia, Guizhou, Guilin, Chengdu, Xi’an, Shandong, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Yunnan... Ask for more information from our specialists now

Day 1: Hello Shanghai
Arrive in one of the world’s most developed cities and take a tour of two famous hot spots, People’s Square & Nanjing Road. Get your art fix with a visit to The Shanghai Museum. Finish the day with a welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 2: Old & New City
Encounter Old Shanghai as you visit the Yu Yuan Gardens and the City God Temple Bazaar. Try Shanghai’s famous Xiao Long Bao dumplings, before venturing into the financial districts for a trip to the top of the Pearl Tower. Walk around The Bund with your Adventure Leader before taking an evening cruise along the river.

Day 3: The Cultural Revolution
Venture off-the-beaten-track with a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple. Burrow underground as you visit the Propaganda Poster Museum, before taking a trip to the trendy culture and arts district in the Former French Concession. Board your first night train as you head to the country’s capital!

Day 4: Hello Beijing
You have arrived in the largest city in the world! Visit the 2008 Olympic stadium and climb to the top for a bird’s eye view. Take a Kungfu lesson in a local park and explore the Temple of Heaven, where you can watch a traditional tea ceremony. Try your hand at haggling at one of the famous ‘fake markets’.

Day 5: A trip through historic Beijing
Weave your way through Beijing’s Hutongs and make a pit stop for lunch. Get your historical fix as you explore Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Jingshan Park. Treat your taste buds to Chinese delicacies at the Wangfujing Night Market.

Day 6: The Great Wall
Go back in time with a trip to a secluded and beautiful section of the Great Wall. Hike along the wall and take in the scenic view of rural China. Return to the city and finish the evening with an acrobatic and theatrical performance show.

Day 7: A day in the life of a Chinese student
Learn about the life of Chinese students with a school day exchange. Tour the hallways and take part in lessons with your new buddies. After a day full of learning, fill your bellies with a steaming Chinese hot pot, a must-try on your visit to China!

Day 8: Peking duck & palaces
Take a scenic walk Summer Palace and its grounds before voyaging on a wooden boat across the palatial lake. Visit the 798 Art Zone to see the city’s urban artists. For your final dinner in Beijing, enjoy a traditionally royals-only dish: a Peking roast duck banquet.

Day 9: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
Say goodbye to our Adventure Leaders and trip leaders and transfer to the airport. Set off knowing that you can apply what you’ve learned from your experiences here, back at home!

Learning Outcomes
Students come face to face with no less than 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites including the Great Wall and the Forbidden City

Experience the contrasts between urban and rural, modern, and ancient as well as the different customs & cultures of the north and south

Engaging in Kungfu lessons, tea ceremonies and hikes guarantee in-depth experiential learning

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China History Trip

Subject: History
Education Level: Secondary
9 days

Starting from £780

Based in Beijing and Xi'an, this history itinerary showcases some of the fascinating parts of Chinese history. Beijing has been a walled city since 1045BC and its unique geographical advantages has made it a coveted seat of power for over 3 millennia. Beijing has been the largest city in the world for most of the 2nd millennium and remains today as one of the most important political centers of the world. Additionally, students will be traveling to Xi'an – the silk road capital and a massive center for trade historically.

The Learning Adventure emphasizes an integrated approach to history. Adventure Leaders are trained to cover every day life in the past as well as the significant political events that have brought China to its current world status today.

Additional Destinations & Itineraries that are available for this theme are... Hong Kong, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Chengdu, Xi'an, Pingyao, Luoyang. Ask for more information from our specialists now.

Day 1: Life in the 1200’s
Step back in time with a journey through the city's ancient hutongs and discover what life was really like inside the traditional houses. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and trip briefing about what to expect on the trip.

Day 2: Imperial China
Wander through Tiananmen Square and marvel at the grandeur before getting a further fix of imperial majesty at the Forbidden City. Gaze atop them both at Jingshan park before a calligraphy lesson from an expert and a foodie evening at a night market and over a dinner fit for an emperor: Roast Duck.

Day 3: The Great Wall
Travel to a secluded and stunning section of the nation's crown jewel: The Great Wall. We avoid the crowds and hike from watchtower to watchtower whilst learning how the Wall has influenced the nation's history and geography. Finish the day by marvelling at an acrobatics show.

Day 4: The Philosophy of China
Discover more about Buddhism and Confucianism with visits to the iconic Lama Temple and the 700-year old Confucius temple. Discuss how these values permeate Chinese thought whilst ambling through the grounds of the Summer Palace. That evening: a lecture about the Cultural Revolution.

Day 5: Past to present
Kick-start your day with a morning Kung Fu lesson before wandering around the Temple of Heaven. Engage in a traditional tea ceremony before visiting the 798 Art district and seeing the urban art. Dinner is in Mao-era themed restaurant with striking period imagery.

Day 6: Ancient culture capital
Hurtle along to Xi'an at 350km an hour via bullet train. On arrival- visit the Muslim Quarter and learn about the old Silk Road route amidst the atmospheric market. Sample the local cuisine before an evening walk through the gorgeous city centre.

Day 7: The Terracotta Warriors & City Wall
Marvel at one of China's most famous symbols; The Terracotta Warriors. Our Adventure Leaders will unravel the mysteries and stories about this fascinating excavation. Cycle the City Walls in the afternoon whilst gazing out across the old and new parts of this ever-evolving city.

Day 8: Religious history of Xi'an
Uncover more about China's religious history with stops at the Wild Goose Pagoda- a site of Buddhist religion before visiting the city's Great Mosque. Both are truly fascinating architecturally as well. We end the day with a traditional paper-cutting workshop and delicious dinner.

Day 9: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
Bid farewell to our Adventure Leaders and head to the airport whilst reflecting on a week of cultural discovery.

Learning Outcomes
Understand the narrative of Beijing & Xi'an through the ages
Describe the events that led China's to occupy its current world status
Move beyond just memorizing political event-based histories, conceptualize the art, music, traditions and customs in each time period guarantee in-depth experiential learning

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The Learning Adventure

Mandarin Intensive Trip

Subject: Language
Education Level: Secondary & UNI/MBA
10 days

Starting from £750

This trip involves daily Mandarin classes taught while traveling through China’s beautiful and exciting Eastern coast. Our Mandarin lessons are customized and relevant to the students’ journey at every step of the way. A wide range of lessons, ranging from oral to presentation style classes, will be bolstered by real world situations in which students’ can apply the theory they learn.

Whether we are amongst bamboo forests, the skyscrapers of Shanghai, or the ancient palaces of Beijing, students are sure to walk away from this trip feeling confident in their own language skills and convinced of the practicality in learning Mandarin.

Day 1: 你好中国, 你好上海!
Welcome to one of the world’s most developed cities! Take a walking tour of two famous hot spots, People’s Square & Nanjing Road as you acclimate to China. Pay a visit to the world’s biggest Starbucks and learn how they make their signatures blends. Finish the day with a traditional Chinese welcome dinner.

Day 2: A very good place to start
Kick start the day with your first series of Mandarin lessons. After a morning of learning, venture into the city’s financial district for a trip to the top of the Pearl Tower. Walk around The Bund with your Adventure Leader before taking an evening cruise along the river.

Day 3: Mandarin in action!
Continue your hard work during more Mandarin lessons this morning. Encounter Old Shanghai as you visit the Yu Yuan Gardens and the City God Temple Bazaar, where you can play our Mandarin Scavenger Hunt! Try Shanghai’s famous Xiao Long Bao dumplings before testing your own skills with a cooking class. End the day watching a spectacular acrobatic performance.

Day 4: A day in the life of a Chinese student
Learn about the life of Chinese students with a school day exchange, where you can tour the hallways and take part in lessons. Take the chance to practice your Mandarin with a small speech during the welcome ceremony. In the afternoon, experience cultural activities such as Fan Painting and Tea Culture.

Day 5: Bamboo forests
Venture out of the city as you pay a visit to Moganshan. Hike through China’s most beautiful bamboo forests before visiting Chairman Mao’s summer home. Get ready for your mid-trip review and prepare a presentation to showcase your learning. You could be in to win a prize!

Day 6:  China’s most beautiful city
Visit nearby Hangzhou for a trip to West Lake, an incredible classical eastern-style garden. Learn about the rules and history of these retreats before engaging in a poetry class. In the afternoon, take a walk through Hefang Ancient Street. Hop on board the night train as you head to the country’s capital.

Day 7: The centre of the middle of the world
Arrive in one of the world’s most developed cities and pay a visit to the Temple of Heaven. Take a tour of the complex and experience a traditional tea ceremony in the park within. Dive into ancient Beijing with a tour of the Hutongs. Finish the day with a delicious Chinese hot pot dinner.

Day 8: Palaces & parks
Start the day at the Summer Palace as you explore its gorgeous grounds. Take a wooden boat across the lake for the best views of the palace. Stop by Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City before taking in the panoramic views at Jingshan Park. After a Mandarin lesson on food, sample Chinese delicacies at the Wangfujing Night Market.

Day 9: The Great Wall
Bring ancient history to life with a visit to a secluded section of the Great Wall. Hike along the wall as you take in the scenic view of rural China. Back in the city, begin your final Mandarin lesson before putting your bargaining skills to the test at the Pearl Market.

Day 10: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
It’s time to say goodbye to our Adventure Leaders and trip leaders and transfer back to Shanghai. Make your way to the airport and leave excited to apply what you’ve learned on your trip, back at home!

Learning Outcomes

Specialized Mandarin instruction that is based on geographical location, and an in-depth understanding of China’s history both modern and ancient.

9+ hours of Mandarin ‘classroom’ lessons and 10 days of practical Mandarin – including interaction with local students in a 1-day school exchange.

An appreciation of cultural customs and practices ranging from tea ceremonies to marketplace bartering.

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China Geography Trip

Subject: Geography
Education Level: Secondary
10 days

Starting from £910

This geographical exploration trip is perfect for students and teachers looking to examine China, its landscapes, her people, and how they’ve interacted through the ages to establish the modern China as we know it today.

Starting on the south coast of China and moving up to its heartlands, this itinerary examines how migration and economic development are related. In addition, we study the different effects of rapid industrial development in different regions.

Additional Destinations & Itineraries that are available for this theme are… Yunnan, Shandong, Fujian, Beijing, Shanghai, and Inner Mongolia… Ask for more information from our specialists now.

Day 1: Hello, Hong Kong!
Begin your trip in one of the world’s most diverse metropolises, Hong Kong! Take a tram up to Victoria peak for the best panoramic views of the city. Afterwards, visit the Botanical Gardens and Zoo. In the evening, ride the ferry to Kowloon to explore Nathan Road, the Avenue of the Stars and the Temple Street Night Market.

Day 2: Border crossings & Buddhism
Hop on a train as you cross the border into Guangzhou. Head to a delicious Dim Sum lunch, a wonderful Cantonese culinary experience. Prepared to be awed at the Buddhist Bright Filial Piety Temple, before paying a visit to Yuexiu Park, one of the most beautiful nature reserves in Guangzhou.

Day 3: China’s bread (rice) basket
Board a train to neighbouring Guilin, famous for its idyllic rice paddies. Take in the scenery onboard before heading to Longsheng where you can learn about Chinese agriculture. Walk amongst the picturesque rice terraces before visiting the Dragon’s Back area – how intriguing! Spend the night in a cozy hostel at the foot of the hills.

Day 4: From fields to food
Hike through the remote rice terraces and make pit stops in the indigenous villages. Later, make your way to Yangshuo, famous for its impressive karst peaks. Get cracking in the kitchen as you take part in a class at the local cooking school and enjoy your creations for dinner.

Day 5: Mudcaves and bamboo rafts
Cycle along the river as you take in the glorious scenery, before embarking on a bamboo raft ride to experience it up close. Visit the iconic Moon Hill and hike to the underground mud cave for an afternoon of fun! In the evening, explore the wonders of West Street’s vibrant night bazaar.

Day 6: A deeper look
Spend the morning rock climbing in one of the best locations in the world for it! After your full body workout, partake in a workshop as you learn about the farm-to-table cycle. Finish the day with an exhilarating performance in an open-air natural theatre.

Day 7: School exchange
Learn about the life of Chinese students with a school exchange, where you can tour the hallways, take part in lessons and eat lunch with your new buddies. In the afternoon, pay a visit to the iconic location found on the back of the 20RMB note.

Day 8: Pandas!
Board a morning flight to Chengdu, home to the Panda Breeding Research Centre. Learn about the successful conservation project that brought the pandas back from the brink of extinction. Finish the day with a visit to a tradition teahouse and performance hall where you can catch an evening Sichuan Opera show.

Day 9: Final presentations
Enjoy a leisurely coach ride to Leshan, where you will visit the tallest stone Buddha in the world! Hike down to the statue’s feet and back up again to the top of its head. For dinner, enjoy the spicy regional favourite meal, Sichuan hot pot. Present your fieldwork presentations to your peers and teachers.

Day 10: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
Say goodbye to your Adventure Leaders and transfer to the airport. Set off knowing that you can apply what you’ve learned from your experiences here, back at home!

Learning Outcomes
Learn about migration, industry and geography
Portrait, landscape, documentary, night, and architectural photography lessons with assistance in creating a finished digital portfolio

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From the roots of the ancient silk road to its modern-day revival, this itinerary takes students to the country’s three most important trade cities throughout the centuries: Shanghai, Xi’an, and Beijing.

This immersive look at China’s story of economic growth includes Q&A sessions with cutting edge companies, visits to manufacturer companies, as well as lectures from seasoned businesspeople in the market.

As well as visiting amazing historical sights and enjoying outdoor activities, students will tour local companies and a factory and see the dynamism of the world’s fastest-growing economy first-hand.

Day 1: Shanghai’s glitz and glamour
Arrive in one of the world’s most developed cities and explore two of its most famous areas, People’s Square and Nanjing Road. Pay a visit to the Shanghai Museum, home to China’s leading collection of historical pieces. After a trip briefing, end the day with a delicious welcome dinner.

Day 2: Company visit
Tour around the offices of Shanghai Volkswagen, the oldest Sino-foreign enterprise to date! Venture into the financial districts for a trip to the top of the Financial Centre. Walk around The Bund as you learn about the city’s trade history, before taking an evening cruise along the river.

Day 3: Factories and bazaars
Pay a visit to a manufacturing hub where you have the opportunity for a Q&A. Try Shanghai’s famous Xiao Long Bao dumpling, before encountering Old Shanghai as you visit the Yu Yuan Gardens and the City God Temple Bazaar, where you can see the local markets come alive.

Day 4: East meets West
Check out the world’s biggest Starbucks where you’ll see how they make their signature blends! Stop at Shanghai Urban Planning Museum and learn how the world’s highest urban population functions. Burrow underground to the Propaganda Poster Museum, before entering the trendy arts district in the Former French Concession. Board your first night train as you head to Xi’an!

Day 5: Origins of the Silk Road
Take a trip outside the city to see the remarkable Terracotta Warriors. Head back for a tour around the historical Muslim Quarter market where the Silk Road traders first settled in China. Sample the unique flavours of Hui Muslim food, before taking a stroll to the Drum and Bell tower which is beautifully lit at night.

Day 6: The old and the new
Visit a children’s home outside the city, where you can interact and play English learning games. Stop by a local museum and try your hand at calligraphy. Tick off an absolute must for your visit as you zoom around the ancient city walls by bike. Board the night train as you head to the city’s capital.

Day 7: Company visit
Observe first-hand how businesses work in the fastest growing economies with a visit to a tech/app company. Take a tour of the offices and have the opportunity for a Q&A. Get your historical fix as you explore Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Jingshan Park, before sampling Chinese delicacies at Wangfujing Night Market. Finish the day with a delicious Peking roast duck dinner.

Day 8: How Beijing influences the world today
Bring ancient history to life with a visit to a secluded section of the Great Wall. Hike along the wall as you take in the scenic view of rural China. Back in the city, attend a special lecture from a specialised speaker.

Day 9: Tech, trade, & temples
Fast forward to the future as you pay a visit to a virtual reality company. Take a tour of their offices and learn about their businesses around China. In the afternoon, visit the scenic Summer Palace before voyaging on a wooden boat across the palatial lake. Finish the day with presentations about your new-found knowledge!

Day 10: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
It’s time to say goodbye to our guides and trip leaders as your transfer to the airport. Leave excited and ready to apply what you’ve learned about business and technology back at home!

Learning Outcomes
Grasp the importance of advanced technology in China and what role China plays in the overall industry
Understand how China’s economy has grown, across various industries, and how it has affected its people’s livelihoods, living standards, and prospects
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Shanghai, Xi'an & Beijing Culture Trip

Subject: Culture
Education Level: Secondary
10 days
Starting from £980

Explore China's three most important urban hubs, both in the modern day and in ancient history.

Throughout this 10-day exploration, students will have the chance to examine the intersectionality of culture, history, demography and how it all fits into China's modern reinvention.

Each of the 3 destinations on the trip is a unique cultural hub: Shanghai, the world's most populated metropolis, Xi'an, the starting point of the Silk Road, and Beijing, China's political centre.

Day 1: China's consumer culture
With a GDP higher than double the national average and a life expectancy higher than that of the UK, Shanghai is one of the world's most developed cities. Take a walking tour of People's Square & Nanjing Road where, every day, one million people shop and upwards of a billion RMB changes hands. We then go to the world's biggest Starbucks! Finish the evening with a welcome dinner.

Day 2: Old & new city
Start the day in Old Shanghai to visit the Yu Yuan Gardens and the nearby City God Temple Bazaar to see the local markets in action. Tour Shanghai's dramatically futuristic financial district, Lujiazui where we head to the top of the Shanghai Tower. In the evening, our guides explain Shanghai's colonial history as we walk around The Bund.

Day 3: Urban Schooling
Take a half-day school exchange at a Chinese school, specially matched to meet your educational interests. Take a school tour and spend the day alongside Chinese students in lessons, sports and eating lunch together. Next, visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Museum to learn how the city functions. We catch the night train to our next stop, the Ancient World's trade capital and mother of the Silk Road – Xi'an.

Day 4: Origins of the Silk Road
Visit the Terracotta Warriors; one of the world's most mysterious necropolises (just 1% of the whole complex has been excavated!) and a scientific marvel. Visit Xi'an's historic Muslim Quarter market with all its sights and sounds. Students will sample the unique flavours of Hui Muslim food before finishing the day with an evening stroll to see the Drum and Bell tower lit up at night.

Day 5: Ancient culture capital...
Visit the Great Wild Goose Pagoda then try an authentic calligraphy lesson. In the afternoon, do the absolute must in Xi'an; the bike ride around the top of Xi'an's ancient City Walls. They are China's best-preserved city fortifications and an excellent way to compare and contrast the old historic city with the soaring skyscrapers of modern Xi'an. Board the night train headed for China's sprawling capital – Beijing.

Day 6: Beijing
Explore The Summer Palace and its temple complexes. Walk through the grounds and then take a wooden boat across the palatial lake. Then, students will be testing their bargaining skills at the Pearl Market – one of China's famed 'fake markets' for souvenirs and other knick-knacks to bring home.

Day 7: Palaces, parks and temples
Take a kungfu lesson in a local spot popular with Tai chi practitioners. Do some sightseeing at the Temple of Heaven, originally where the emperor participated in religious rites, the complex is a stupendous feat of classic imperial Chinese architecture. After a tour, students engage in a traditional tea ceremony at a park within. End the day visiting Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and Jingshan Park for a panoramic view of the city's sights.

Day 8: The Great Wall
Go back in time as we travel to a secluded and incredibly beautiful section of the Great Wall while avoiding the crowds. Take a hike whilst learning about the how the Great Wall has influenced China historically & geographically. Upon returning to the city we finish the evening with an acrobatic and theatrical performance show.

Day 9: Tech, trade, & temples
Students will be led on a guided tour through Beijing's Hutongs – the old alleyways that have served as local neighborhoods since the 1200s. Visit the Lama Temple, Beijing's most iconic bastion of Tibetan Buddhism. Our guides explain the differences between Tibetan Buddhism and the more commonly practiced Han Buddhism. Move to the Confucius temple which was built in the 1300s. We finish our trip with Hot Pot, a traditional boiling, fragrant broth used for self-cooking an assortment of meats and vegetables. A China must-try!

Day 10: Continue The Learning Adventure at home
We say goodbye to our guides and trip leaders and transfer to the airport. Apply what we've learned from our experiences here back at home.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the contrasts between urban and rural, modern, and ancient as well as the different customs & cultures of the north and south.
- Engaging in Kungfu, cooking, and calligraphy lessons as well as tea ceremonies and hikes guarantees in-depth experiential learning.

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Educational Experiences

Interactive Experiences
Sushi-Making class
Calligraphy Lesson
Japanese school visit
Peace Talk from Hiroshima survivor
Meditation class
Tea Ceremony
Geisha Performance
“Cooking with Grannies” experience
Paper Fan Making
Taiko Drumming Class
Arcade Challenge

Active

Skiing Trips
Trek in Hakone Mountains
Cycling in Kyoto’s Imperial Gardens
Batting Cages
Rugby training and matches
Kayaking in Miyajima
Fushimi Shrine walk

Business and Tech

Maglev Exhibition Centre- see live testing
Stock Exchange Market visit
Toyota Mega Web Car theme park
Science Park experience
Visit to leading tech companies
Car manufacturing factory visit
Honda ASIMO Robot Show

Cultural Discovery

Fish Market experience
Gion Corner
Robot show
J World and Pokemon Centre visit
Skyline views at Tokyo Metropolitan Government building
Buddhism discovery in Asakusa
Bullet Train travel
Mt Fuji visit

Art

Sketchpad challenge
Tokyo Animation college
International Manga museum
Mori Art museum
Ghibli museum
Suginami animation museum
Visit calligraphy studio

Geography

Visit to a volcanic valley
Farm visit and interactive activities
Guided tour from forestry park ranger
Discover agricultural waterways in Sasakura
Natural disaster response workshop in Fukushima
The Learning Adventure

Tokyo to Kyoto Art & Design Trip

Subject: Creative
Education Level: Secondary & UNI/MBA
7 days

Starting from £900

Standing at the forefront of modern design practice and with a cultural heritage rich in printmaking, artisanal craft, textiles and fine art, Japan is the ideal destination for those studying art and design. This seven-day tour gives students the chance to explore Japan’s two most important cultural centres, with an itinerary full of museum and gallery visits, as well as outings to a number of must-see landmarks.

Day 1: Aerial views
After arriving in Tokyo and dropping off luggage at your accommodation, see the world’s biggest metropolis from a height at the sky-scraping Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building.

Day 2: Animation college
In the morning, visit the Tokyo Animation College before heading to the eclectic neighbourhood of Harajuku. End the day at the world’s busiest intersection, the Shibuya Crossing.

Day 3: Calligrapher’s studio
Visit the studio of calligrapher Koshun Masunaga and learn about her creative process. See a collection of Japan’s most important historical artefacts at the Tokyo National Museum. Later, discover more about Buddhism at Asakusa.

Day 4: Modern art
Take inspiration at contemporary galleries The Mori Art Museum and Tadao Ando’s 21_21 Design Sight.

Day 5: Hillside shrines
Speed across the country on a bullet train to Kyoto. Wander through thousands of red torii gates at the Fushimi Inari Shrine before watching performances of traditional Japanese arts at the Gion Corner theatre.

Day 6: Golden Pavilion
Try your hand at Japanese calligraphy at a class led by a master of this traditional artform. In the afternoon, head to the picture-perfect Golden Pavilion at Kinkaku-ji. Later, get absorbed in a graphic novel at the International Manga Museum.

Day 7: Homeward bound!
Say goodbye to your Adventure Leader and head to the airport for your journey home.

Learning Outcomes
Gain valuable inspiration from practitioners during visits to an animation college and a calligrapher’s studio
Experience cutting-edge art and design at the Mori Art Museum and 21_21 Design Sight
Understand more of Japan’s rich cultural heritage through visits to historical and religious sites

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Hokkaido Adventure Trip

Subject: Adventure
Education Level: Secondary
7 days

Starting from £1,010

Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan’s four main islands boasts large tracts of unspoiled natural landscape, typified by sprawling forests, rugged mountains and majestic rivers and waterfalls. This trip provides students with the best of both worlds, as they’ll have the chance to explore Hokkaido’s buzzing capital Sapporo, before embarking on an adventurous itinerary of hiking, rafting, canyoning and horse riding.

Day 1: Explore Sapporo
Get your bearings in Hokkaido’s capital city, Sapporo. Visit local gaming arcades and test your sporting prowess at the batting cages.

Day 2: Cooking and Canyoning
Head out of Sapporo and go canyoning at a picturesque river. Later, you’ll learn how to make soba noodles at a cookery class.

Day 3: Hiking in the hills
Hike Mount Asahidake and take in the stunning views across Daisetsuzan National Park.

Day 4: Rafting and wildlife
Go white water rafting down Chubetsu River and meet polar bears, penguins and seals at the Asahikawa Zoo.

Day 5: Horseback riding and ninjas
Travel to Hokkaido’s most famous hot spring resort, Noboribetsu and try out a range of fun activities at a horse park. Later, visit a reproduction Edo period town and watch a ninja-themed performance.

Day 6: Mt. Usu
Take the cable car to the peak of Mount Usu and take in the view across Lake Toya.

Day 7: Homeward bound!
Say goodbye to your Adventure Leader and head to the airport for your journey home.

Learning Outcomes
Engage with the natural environment and build teams through participation in adventure activities
Discover traditional Hokkaido culture and learn about the indigenous Ainu people
Contribute to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (this itinerary can be adjusted to suit the criteria for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award)

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Tokyo & Kyoto Culture Trip

Subject: Culture
Education Level: Secondary
7 days

Starting from £1,000

This week-long tour gives students the chance to explore Japan’s two main cultural centres – Tokyo and Kyoto – and to encounter some of the country’s most iconic landmarks. The action-packed itinerary provides a perfect balance between the modern and the traditional, with activities including a sushi-making class in Tokyo, a day-trip to see Mount Fuji at Hakone and a visit to the picture-perfect Golden Pavilion in Kyoto. Students will also experience a morning at a local school - a unique opportunity to gain a new perspective on the Japanese learning environment.

Day 1: Aerial views
See the world’s biggest metropolis from a height at the sky-scraping Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building. Later, get together for a welcome dinner and test your sporting prowess at the batting cages.

Day 2: Pop cultural paradise
Head to the iconic Tsukiji Fish Market early to experience the daily hustle and bustle. Next, try your hand at sushi-making in a class led by a master chef. In the afternoon, explore the buzzing neighbourhood of Harajuku.

Day 3: School visit
Begin the day with a visit to a local school and experience a morning in the life of a Japanese high school student. Later, see some of Japan’s most important historical treasures at the Tokyo National Museum and learn about Buddhism in Asakusa.

Day 4: Mountain cable car
See Japan’s beautiful natural scenery on a day trip to the majestic setting of hot spring resort town Hakone. Take in views of Mount Fuji from on board a pirate ship and ride a series of cable cars for spectacular vistas across the volcanic landscape.

Day 5: Hillside shrines
Speed across the country on a bullet train to Kyoto. Wander through thousands of red torii gates at the Fushimi Inari Shrine before watching performances of traditional Japanese arts at the Gion Corner theatre.

Day 6: Golden Pavilion
Start the day learning mindfulness at a meditation class and then head to the picture-perfect Golden Pavilion at Kinkaku-ji. Later, get absorbed in a graphic novel at the International Manga Museum.

Day 7: Homeward bound!
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Learning Outcomes

Day 1: Aerial views
Discover how Japan became an innovator in fields such as automation, car manufacture and robotics

Day 2: Pop cultural paradise
Learn the history of Japan’s stratospheric post-war rise to becoming the world’s second largest economy

Day 3: School visit
Experience traditional Japanese culture first-hand at sushi-making and Taiko drumming classes
Japan Rugby Tour

Subject: Sports  
Education Level: Secondary  
8 days

Starting from £1,190

This 8-day rugby focused tour offers students an exciting and varied itinerary of training, matches and meetings with industry experts interspersed with unmissable cultural experiences. With the Rugby World Cup heading to Japan in September 2019, the country has never been a more relevant destination for players and followers of the sport.

Day 1: Aerial views
After arriving in Tokyo and dropping off luggage at your accommodation, see the world’s biggest metropolis from a height at the sky-scraping Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building.

Day 2: Stadium tour
Take a tour of Ajinomoto Stadium – one of the venues used for the Rugby World Cup. In the afternoon, explore the buzzing neighbourhood of Harajuku and finish the day at the famous Shibuya Crossing.

Day 3: Training and river cruise
Head to the field for a practice session in preparation for matches later in the week. Later, learn about Buddhism in Asakusa and take a scenic river cruise down the Sumida River.

Day 4: Hit the field
In the morning, play a match against a local team and then visit the Edo Tokyo Museum to learn about the city’s transformation into the world’s biggest metropolis. Later, attend a talk and Q&A session with an expert on Japanese rugby.

Day 5: Mountain cable car
See Japan’s beautiful natural scenery on a day trip to the majestic setting of hot spring resort town Hakone. Take in views of Mount Fuji from on board a pirate ship and ride a series of cable cars for spectacular vistas across the volcanic landscape.

Day 6: Osaka Castle
Speed across the country on a bullet train to Osaka. Visit the iconic Osaka Castle, where you’ll have the chance to explore its extensive grounds and 9-storey keep.

Day 7: Into the deep
Play your second match of the week and then spend a relaxed afternoon at the world’s largest aquarium. Afterwards, visit the Dotonbori Riverfront and enjoy the buzzing atmosphere of a gaming arcade.

Day 8: Homeward bound!
Say goodbye to your Adventure Leader and head to the airport for your journey home.

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Japan Cultural Highlights Trip

Subject: Culture  
Education Level: Secondary  
10 days

Starting from £1,840

Students will have the chance to explore four of Japan’s most iconic destinations on this diverse and enriching tour. In Tokyo, they’ll encounter the contrast between the traditional and the modern: from eclectic pop culture in Harajuku to Buddhism in Asakusa.

Next, they’ll have the chance to see the magnificent Mount Fuji at Hakone, before boarding a bullet train to Hiroshima, where they’ll learn about the city’s tragic past and its ongoing commitment to pacifism. The trip ends in Kyoto, with a tour of the old capital’s most iconic sites.

Day 1: Aerial views
See the world’s biggest metropolis from a height at the sky-scraping Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building. Later, get together for a welcome dinner and test your sporting prowess at the batting cages.

Day 2: Sushi making
Head to the iconic Tsukiji Fish Market early to experience the daily hustle and bustle. Next, try your hand at sushi-making in a class led by a master chef. In the afternoon, explore the buzzing neighbourhood of Harajuku and finish the day at the famous Shibuya Crossing.

Day 3: School visit
Begin the day with a visit to a local school and experience a morning in the life of a Japanese high school student. Later, see some of Japan’s most important historical treasures at the Tokyo National Museum and learn about Buddhism in Asakusa.

Day 4: Mountain cable car
See Japan’s beautiful natural scenery on a day trip to the majestic setting of hot spring resort town Hakone. Take in views of Mount Fuji from on board a pirate ship and ride a series of cable cars for spectacular vistas across the volcanic landscape.

Day 5: Miyajima Island
Speed across the country on a shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Explore the sacred island of Miyajima, where you’ll encounter tame deer and the partially submerged Itsukushima Shrine.

Day 6: Peace Memorial Museum
A reflective day dedicated to Japan’s cataclysmic modern history in Hiroshima. Learn about the impact of the atom bomb that was dropped on the city in 1945 at the Peace Memorial Museum. Afterwards, board the bullet train to Kyoto.

Day 7: Hillside shrines
Head to the ancient Kiyomizu Dera temple, before walking through the historical neighbourhood of Higashiyama. Hone your kanji skills at a calligraphy class and end the day passing through the thousands of torii gates at the Fushimi Inari shrine.

Day 8: Manga and monkeys
In the morning, lose yourself in a graphic novel at the International Manga Museum. Afterwards, head to the bamboo forests of Arashiyama and meet Japanese macaques at the Iwatayama Monkey Park. End the day at the sacred Tenryu-ji Temple.

Day 9: Golden Pavilion
Begin the day with mindfulness at a meditation class. Go onto the picture-perfect Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion and walk through the grounds of the Imperial Palace. Spend the evening in the geisha district, Gion and watch a performance of traditional Japanese arts at the Gion Corner theatre.

Day 10: Homeward bound!
Say goodbye to your Adventure Leader and head to the airport for your journey home.

Learning Outcomes
Discover Japanese culture through hands-on activities and a wide variety of excursions, which offer a balance between the modern and the traditional

Practice Japanese language skills with the assistance of one of our Japanese-speaking Adventure Leaders

Uncover Japan’s rich history in context - from its ancient traditions, to the devastation it suffered in the Second World War and the country’s emergence as a major economic player in the late 20th century

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MBA Japan Trip

Subject: Business & Technology
Education Level: Degree
10 days

Starting from £1,365

This trip focuses on bringing MBA students valuable insight into the mechanics of the Japanese workplace. The itinerary covers a wide range of activities, incorporating company visits and talks delivered by experts, as well as excursions to some of Japan’s unmissable landmarks.

Day 1: Aerial views
Arrive in Tokyo and transfer to accommodation. Head to the 45th floor of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for a fantastic view and a trip briefing.

Day 2: University visit
Visit the business department of a local university, selected to be an appropriate match for your institution. Have a tour around campus and have the opportunity to form discussion groups with students. In the afternoon, head to the Tokyo office of the World Bank. Here, you will be given a talk by a manager from a social innovation team and will have the opportunity to ask them some questions.

Day 3: Sushi making
Rise early to see the bustling Tsukiji fish market before testing your culinary skills at a sushi-making class. Spend an afternoon of traditional-modern contrast in the buzzing neighbourhood of Harajuku. In the evening, head over to the Shibuya Crossing – said to be the world’s busiest intersection.

Day 4: Japanese agriculture
Take a day trip to Koiwai Farm – the largest private farm in Japan. Learn about how mechanisation has revolutionised the Japanese dairy industry and take a guided tour through the forestry area of the farm.

Day 5: Car factory
In the morning, speed across the country by bullet train from Tokyo to Hiroshima. On arrival, visit the Mazda car factory where you’ll see the technical department and assembly line and learn about the company’s history at the onsite museum.

Day 6: Peace Memorial Museum
Discover Hiroshima’s tragic past at the Peace Memorial Museum and listen to a talk about the experiences of A-bomb survivors. In the afternoon, take a bullet train to Kyoto.

Day 7: Business incubator
Visit a business incubator, which provides office space, strategic advice and funding for start-ups across a range of industries. You’ll have the chance to develop your own start-up idea and prepare a pitch for funding. Finish the day walking through thousands of red torii gates at the iconic Fushimi Inari Shrine.

Day 8: SME
Catch the train to Osaka and experience a morning at an SME. You’ll tour the office and listen to a presentation by one of the managers on the challenges and opportunities facing the business. Later, explore Arashiyama’s enchanting bamboo forest before getting acquainted with mischievous monkeys. Walk through the grounds of the Tenryu-ji Temple.

Day 9: Golden Pavilion
Find inner peace at a meditation class held at the Daisen-In Temple. Visit one of Japan’s best-loved sites – the Golden Pavilion at Kinkaku-ji Temple. In the afternoon, walk through the grounds of the Imperial Palace. Finish the day at Gion, where you might spot a geisha or two, and watch a variety show of traditional Japanese arts at Gion Corner theatre.

Day 10: Homeward bound!
Transfer to Kansai International Airport or take the bullet train back to Tokyo to fly home.

Learning Outcomes
- Develop a start-up idea at a business incubator
- Gain first-hand experience of Japanese business
- Engage with one of the world’s biggest and most important economies
- Discover Japan’s rich history by participating in a range of cultural activities

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This 14-day itinerary aims to give students insight into the reality of living on an island prone to natural disasters and the community efforts to repair, rebuild and rebound.

In Tokyo, students will have a chance to experience the traditional and the modern, exploring pop culture in Harajuku and Buddhism in Asakusa. Students will travel north to the town of Kesennuma, which was devastated by the 2011 tsunami. Finally, they'll explore the country’s historic and cultural sites, from Hiroshima to Kyoto.

Day 1: Arrival
Land in Tokyo and meet your guide at the airport before transferring to the city. After your trip briefing, take in the cityscape from atop the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building. Call in at the batting cages to experience first-hand one of the most popular sports in Japan – baseball!

Day 2: Kesennuma’s history
Hop on board the bullet train to Kesennuma where you will arrive in the afternoon. Take a tour of the town and visit the Rias Ark Museum to learn about how the town rebounded after the 2011 tsunami. Stop by an aquaculture farm, which has developed sustainable methods to farm oysters and scallops. Go out on boats to harvest the catch into the reality of living on an island prone to natural disasters and the community efforts to repair, rebuild and rebound.

Day 3: Volunteer day
Visit Koyo High School and learn about the robust emergency planning that saved students after the tsunami. Next, pay a visit Seiryoin, a Soto Buddhist Temple with a 460-year history, which served as an evacuation site during the disaster. Take part in volunteer work such as setting up for the musical events which are regularly setting up for the musical events which are regularly held here, cleaning the temple, or basic maintenance.

Day 4: Swordfish & sushi
Take a morning guided tour of the Kesennuma Port, tuck into a breakfast of sashimi and learn more about efforts to make the town’s fishing industry more sustainable. Head to the Oikawa Denim Factory to see how swordfish are used in the production of denim! Enjoy a sushi-making class and then sample your produce for dinner.

Day 5: Nuclear power plant
Transfer by train to Odaka Station, and tour the area of the Fukushima Daichi Power Plant, which suffered a nuclear meltdown as a result of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The tour is arranged by the prefectural government and we will only visit areas which have no risk of radiation exposure. In the evening, it’s time to head back to Tokyo.

Day 6: Culture in Tokyo
Visit the Sensoji Temple in Asakusa and explore the district’s charming streets. Later, wander through the forest until you reach the Meiji Shrine, then move on to the Harajuku shopping district to see maids, punks, goths, and fashionistas – anything goes in Harajuku! In the evening, see the famous Shibuya Crossing.

Day 7: School visit
Pay a visit to a local school, enjoy a tour and join various lessons alongside local students. Later, head to the Tokyo National Museum home to one of the world’s largest collections of art works and archaeological objects of Asia, with a special focus on Japanese artefacts.

Day 8: Mount Fuji
Enjoy views of Mt. Fuji and take a series of cable cars and mountain railways through the park, before descending for a cruise on scenic Ashi Lake. Sample black eggs – a local delicacy coloured by the sulphuric spring waters they’re cooked in!

Day 9: Island day
Take a train to Hiroshima and explore Miyajima, an island where tame deer accompany you as you explore the stunning shrines, beaches and waterfalls. Just offshore you will see an enormous torii gate standing in the sea, one of the most loved sights of Japan.

Day 10: Hiroshima’s past
Learn about Hiroshima’s tragic connection with the atomic bomb and its recovery and pacifist mission at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and & Museum. Listen to a Peace Talk by A-bomb Legacy Successor. In the afternoon, board a bullet train and make your way to Kyoto.

Day 11: Shrines & temples
Walk to Kiyomizu Dera Temple, from where you’ll enjoy postcard-worthy views over Kyoto. Experience Japanese culture first hand with a calligraphy lesson led by a Japanese master of calligraphy. Visit the beautiful Fushimi Inari Shrine complex.

Day 12: Hiroshima’s past
Learn about Hiroshima’s tragic connection with the atomic bomb and its recovery and pacifist mission at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and & Museum. Listen to a Peace Talk by A-bomb Legacy Successor. In the afternoon, board a bullet train and make your way to Kyoto.

Day 13: Mischievous monkeys
Pay a visit to the International Manga Museum, home to over 300,000 publications. Head to the Western outskirts of Kyoto and walk through lush bamboo forests to reach Arashiyama Monkey Park.

Day 14: Homeward bound!
Today is time for your epic adventure through Japan to come to an end. Leave excited to apply what you have learned during your trip, back at home!
South East Asia

The Learning Adventure

Destinations & Activities

Bangkok
Urban poverty project & volunteer at homeless shelter
City tour

Luang Prabang
Hmong Night Market photography project
Big Brother Big Mouse service project
Rice farming class and experience
Hike at Kuangsi waterfalls

Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
Food tour
Cooking class
Night market scavenger hunt
Cu Chi tunnels and war remnants museum
Lecture about impact of Vietnam war on modern Vietnamese history followed by Socratic seminar
Floating market sustainable tourism project
Trasu forest, environmental survey and sustainability project

Siem Reap
Sunrise at angkor wat
Observe and interact with excavation or restoration teams
Service project at a local school
Sustainable tourism project — analysis of how tourism is affecting Angkor wat and best ways to preserve cultural integrity in a high volume tourist community

Phong Nha
Kayaking
Bike hike to bong lai village
National park visit & wildlife experience

Hoi An
Ancient town tour
Sketching and collage art project
Interactive crab boat & crab farming class and workshop
Enjoy an bang beach

Koh Rong
Beach clean up project
Survivor challenge! Cook, collect wood for fire, set up own shelters and experience survival in the tropics

Phnom Penh
Killing fields visit
S21 prison visit
Service project for children of current day prisoners
Grand palace visit

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Grand palace visit

Sapa
Hoa Lo Prison visit and seminar style lecture about history
Old Quarter Street scavenger hunt
Hoan Kiem Lake visit

Hanoi
Hoa Lo Prison visit and seminar style lecture about history
Old Quarter Street scavenger hunt
Hoan Kiem Lake visit
Northern Thailand Service Trip

Subject: Service
Education Level: Secondary
7 days

Starting from £530

Students will be travelling to Chiang Mai, North Thailand, for a week in the jungle. Start the trip with a day exploring Chiang Mai’s rich culture with visits to its most famous temples and an evening dance performance of traditional folk dance and music. Next, enjoy a one-day service project volunteering at an elephant sanctuary, helping the organization with their daily tasks.

Explore the surrounding area with a thrilling zip-lining experience and a hike to a hidden waterfall. Get close to nature as you spend three nights sleeping in tree-top accommodation.

Pay a visit to a local business that recycles elephant poop into high-quality paper. Spend the last two day working on a service project helping the organization with their daily tasks.

Day 1: Aerial views
Welcome to Chiang Mai! Meet your Adventure Leader and transfer to the city centre. Head to the city’s iconic Doi Suthep Temple for an introduction into Thailand’s distinct Buddhist culture. Stop by Wat Chedi Luang before enjoying a welcome dinner and traditional folk dance and music performance in the evening.

Day 2: Pop cultural paradise
Leave the bustling city behind as you venture into Chiang Mai’s countryside for a one-day service project working with elephants! Spend the day working at an elephant sanctuary, feeding, playing and helping to give them their medicine. You can even help give them their daily bath. After a hard day’s work, enjoy a free evening to relax.

Day 3: School visit
Put your nerves to the test this morning as you embark on a ziplining adventure! Take on the incredible 18-platform course before lunch. In the afternoon, make your way to the Elephant Poo Poo Paper Factory, where you can learn about the environmentally friendly local business and see how the paper is made.

Day 4: Mountain cable car
Set off on a biking tour of the beautiful countryside hills of Chiang Mai before embarking on a jungle hike to a hidden waterfall! After a day full of adventure, transfer to your new accommodation, the Treehouse Village. Join the local community in cooking a meal and enjoy eating your creation in the evening.

Day 5: Hillside shrines
Today you will start your community service project. Your efforts will go towards helping the local community. There are even prizes available for the hardest workers! Take a break for lunch before getting back to work for the remainder of the day. Enjoy a free evening to relax and rest up for more work in the morning.

Day 6: Golden Pavilion
Spend the morning continuing working on your service project. Stop for lunch before getting back to work, as you aim to finish your project before the end of the day. In the evening, take part in a guided reflection session, you might even be awarded start individual or start group performance!

Day 7: Homeward bound!
Make your way back to Chiang Mai city and say goodbye to your Adventure Leaders. Transfer to the airport for your journey home. Leave excited to apply what you have learned on this trip, back at home!

Learning Outcomes

- Develop an understanding of the local entrepreneurship culture with a visit to a local factory
- Discover more about sustainability in the region and how to recycle effectively
- Explore the surrounding temples and understand the local culture

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Vietnam Biology Trip

Subject: Biology  
Education Level: Secondary  
6 days

Starting from £530

Our research-based biology itinerary aims to take students from the classroom, out into the field. Start the trip with a day exploring Hanoi’s ancient charm before venturing into the heart of the jungle.

This tour provides students with the opportunity to analyse, categorise and evaluate insects from a jungle trek and algae from the famous Halong Bay, and much more. Pay a visit to Cuc Phuong National Park and consider the relationship between insect life and primate life at the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre.

**Day 1: Orientation Cycle Tour**
Arrive and transfer to your accommodation. Once you are settled, it’s time to explore Vietnam’s capital city, Hanoi. Take a short orientation tour of Hanoi by taking a cycle ride through the Old Quarter called 36 Ancient Streets. Get a good night’s sleep ready for an action-packed day tomorrow!

**Day 2: Insects, Primates and More**
Wake up bright and early ready to transfer to Cuc Phuong National Park. Upon arrival, prepare to begin your first research activity. Today, you’ll install beating sheets under different types of trees, a method used to collect insects. Later, pay a visit to the Endangered Primate Rescue Center and discuss how insect life and primate life is related.

**Day 3: Jungle Trek**
Get ready for a day full of adventure as you venture into the heart of the jungle. Today you will explore the park, embarking on a 7km soft loop trek to a one-thousand-year-old sequoia tree. As you trek, observe the way the jungle comes alive! In the afternoon you will collect the insects from your beating sheets. Analyse, categorise and evaluate your findings and keep a record of your fieldwork results.

**Day 4: Halong Bay**
This morning, you will transfer to Halong Bay, a recognised UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, climb aboard your private junk boat and enjoy a delicious seafood lunch. Swap your boat out for kayaks and explore the surrounding areas. Today’s research project includes collecting algae from different surfaces (boat, cave, beach etc.). Take algae samples, analyse, categorise and evaluate your findings. Discuss how your results signal ill or robust health of the overall marine environment.

**Day 5: Luon Cave**
Hop in a small traditional sampan and make your way to Luon Cave. During your journey, you will pass through the area where scenes from the famous film ‘Indochina’ were filmed, including islets such as Teapot islet, Marker islet, Fire islet and Dove islet. Enjoy a relaxing lunch while leisurely cruising towards the wharf. Once you’re back on dry land, take a transfer to Ninh Binh.

**Day 6: Uncle Ho’s Resting Place and the Temple of Literature**
Start your day with a visit to Uncle Ho’s Resting Place, the Presidential Palace and the One Pillar Pagoda – all must-see landmarks. Next, soak up the culture and history at the famous Temple of Literature, the first university of Vietnam dating back in the 17th century. Continue your tour with a visit to the Ethnology Museum and enjoy a short Water Puppet Show (if time permits) before having lunch. Afterwards, you will get transferred to the airport for your flight home.

**Learning Outcomes**
Understand scientific concepts learned in the classroom out in the field. A researcher versed in our subject of study will be accompanying the group.

Complete analysis on the effects of Tourism on Environmental Diversity; test insect and algae biodiversity in remote and popular zones.

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Educational Experiences

Literature and Theatre
Workshop on British poetry
Shakespeare workshop at The Globe
Meet West End cast members
See a Gutenberg Bible & Magna Carta
Q&A with professional in publishing
Themed workshop at British Library
Visit Keats' house

Business and Tech
Q&A with a successful start-up
Visit the London Stock Exchange
Tour of London Business School
Workshop on customer profiling
Visit BMW factory
Tour of London’s business hub
Engage in Design Museum workshops

History and Culture
Explore Henry VIII’s apartments
Buckingham Palace
Visit Churchill War Rooms
Explore Hampton Court (16th century)
Visit UCL
Enter Westminster Abbey

Film and Photography
Explore Ealing Studios
Workshop on darkroom printing
Warner Bros. Studio Tour
V&A Museum Photography Centre
Camera obscura workshop
Professional photographer Q&A

Sustainability and Urban Planning
Architectural tour of the Barbican
Visit the Sky Garden
Field study of N1 Warehouse
Workshop on sustainable planning
Q&A with an architect
Tour of Canary Wharf
Visit The Crystal

UK
This 7-day literature trip to London and Oxford immerses students in the world of some of the most famous literary figures. With an optional 3-day theatre extension, students can explore behind the scenes of Europe’s most well-known theatre district. Jam-packed full of walking tours, library visits, backstage passes and engaging workshops, this school trip provides students with an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the literary greats.

Day 1: Poetry workshop
Transfer from the airport to your accommodation, meet your guide. Pay a visit to Keats House, where the poet used to live. After a tour of the house, take part in a curated workshop on some of Keats’ most famous poems, or about British contemporary poetry. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and a trip briefing from your guide.

Day 2: Shakespeare’s London
Head to Shakespeare’s Globe, the famous reconstruction of the original Elizabethan playhouse. Learn about Shakespeare and the history of this theatre from an engaging guide, take part in a workshop on a Shakespeare play of your choice. Next, go on a guided walk of Shakespeare’s footsteps, visiting places in London that the Bard knew. Then, return to the Globe to see a play.

Day 3: Visit The British Library
Discover the Library’s literary treasures, including many original manuscripts of some of the classics of English literature, a Gutenberg Bible and the Magna Carta. Take part in a workshop on a theme, such as language analysis, critical thinking, bookmaking or creative writing. Embark on a walking tour of Bloomsbury, the London neighbourhood associated with British modernists. See the houses where these writers used to live and try to find the blue plaques commemorating the literary giants.

Day 4: Oxford day trip
Hop on a coach to Oxford (approx. 2 hours). Explore the city from a literary point of view through a guided walk, seeing the places where J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis studied, relaxed and took inspiration from! Enjoy a free afternoon in Oxford, for which The Learning Adventure offers a range of suggested activities.

Day 5: Meet a working professional
Engage in a talk and Q&A with a professional working in publishing or in the world of books. Later, head to the Southbank Centre and take part in game-based learning activities, designed to increase understanding and knowledge of English literature. Stroll through the South Bank, London’s vibrant cultural district, from there, you can take in the view of some of London’s best landmarks, such as Tower Bridge, Shakespeare’s Globe, Tate Modern and the City’s skyscrapers.

Day 6: School visit
This morning, it’s time to learn (muggle) quidditch, a sport that has moved from the Harry Potter books and films, into the real world. A member of London’s Quidditch Premier League or the UK National team coach will take you through warm-ups, drills, tactics and some final matches. Next, head over to Westminster Abbey and its Poets Corner, where some of the most influential British writers are buried. Explore the surrounding area on a guided walk as you follow Dickens’ footsteps.

Day 7: Get lost in London’s bookshops
Browse some of London’s best and quirkiest bookshops and then head back to your accommodation and prepare for your departure, or continue your Learning Adventure with our Theatre three-day extension. If you’re taking part in the theatre extension, may your way to the National Theatre for an exclusive backstage tour. Walk on the theatre’s Sherling Backstage Walkway, where you can take a peek behind the scenes from a high vantage point. Watch sets and props being made, and learn how a play goes from being commissioned to opening at the National Theatre.

Extension Day 1: West End tour
Today, you’ll explore the West End, London’s theatre district. Venture on a guided walk and quiz your guide about all the gossip in theatricaland! Next, have the opportunity to visit the backstage of Les Misérables, one of the most successful musicals in the West End. Take part in a curated workshop about the history of the musical, the directorial and design concept and aspects of stagecraft. In the evening, after learning all about Les Miserables, it’s time to watch a live performance!

Extension Day 2: Costumes & workshops
Take a tour of Angels Costumes, one of the largest collections of film and theatre costumes in the world. Next, meet some current or past cast members from top West End shows and take part in a workshop curated by them. Focus on acting, singing, working with a director, Greek drama or another one of their many areas of expertise. Head over to the skyscraper nicknamed ‘The Walkie Talkie’ for its distinctive shape, where you’ll pay a visit to the Sky Garden. Wander around the landscaped gardens and the observation deck on the 37th floor for panoramic views from London’s highest public garden!

Extension Day 3: Meet a theatre professional
Engage in a talk and a Q&A with a professional working in the world of theatre. Take part in a reflection session to wrap up the week, head back to your accommodation and prepare for departure.
Modern Architecture, Sustainability & Urban Planning
Subject: Architecture and Urban Planning
Education Level: Secondary
7 days
Starting from £890

Visit a city where architecture has been evolving and adapting for centuries to gain an in-depth understanding of what both modernity and sustainability mean in this context. This trip lets students in to explore some of London's most innovative buildings alongside activities such as interactive talks with architects and encouraging the group to unpack the concepts of sustainability and modernity during the tours.

Day 1: Arrival
Reach your accommodation from the airport and meet your guide, who will explain rules and safety guidelines. Then, go up 20 Fenchurch Street, a skyscraper nicknamed “The Walkie Talkie” for its distinctive shape, and visit the Sky Garden. Wander around the landscaped gardens and the observation deck for panoramic views from London’s highest public garden! In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and listen to a trip briefing.

Day 2: Regeneration and redevelopment
Take a guided tour of the Canary Wharf area to experience first-hand the regeneration process this area went through in recent years. Visit the Museum of London Docklands to understand the impact this redevelopment had on the local community. In the museum, you’ll also conduct a field study of N.1 Warehouse, the building that hosts the museum itself, understanding how it went from being a store for sugar from the West Indies to what it is today. Head back to central London for a sightseeing architectural guided walk and try to complete our Learning Adventure Photo Scavanger Hunt!

Day 3: The Crystal and sustainability
Visit The Crystal, one of the world’s most iconic eco-friendly buildings. See its exhibition, designed to improve understanding of urban planning and sustainability.

Engage in a curated workshop about the major urban trends and the latest technologies to create sustainable cities. After lunch, enjoy a unique view of London on London’s urban cable car, taking you over the Thames and back.

Day 4: Modern London
Head to the City of London for a guided walking tour of London’s skyscrapers. See highlights including the Shard, the Gherkin and Tower 42. In the afternoon, head over to St Dunstan in the East Church Garden for a moment of quiet. The church was destroyed in the 1941 Blitz during the Second World War, but the City of London decided to turn the ruins into a breathtaking garden. Afterwards, pay a visit to the Barbican Centre for an in-detail architectural tour of this unique building, constructed in the Brutalist style.

Day 5: The Building Centre
Visit The Building Centre where you’ll have a chance to interact with the New London Architecture giant model of the city, bringing to life London’s past and future development. You will be introduced by the staff to the latest development projects, transport hubs and sustainability initiatives. In the afternoon, visit the British Museum and take in the impressive Great Court, the largest covered public square in Europe. Take a walking tour of the Bloomsbury area. See the houses where some great British writers used to live and the typical garden squares.

Day 6: Architectural talk
Have an engaging talk and a Q&A with an architect or another professional working in an architecture-related field. After lunch, head to Victoria & Albert Museum’s rooms 127 and 128 to see their unparalleled collection of architectural drawings, original models and building fragments stretching over 2500 years.

Day 7: Get lost in London’s bookshops
Stroll through the South Bank, London’s vibrant cultural district peppered with historical sites, vendors, street performers and the city’s most famous skateboarding spot. From there, you can take in the view of some of London’s best landmarks, such as Tower Bridge, Shakespeare’s Globe and the Tate Modern. Head to the Southbank Centre and take part in a reflection session and trip debriefing. Then, head back to your accommodation and prepare for departure.

Learning Outcomes
Develop an understanding of London’s latest architectural developments from a theoretical and historical standpoint
Explore urban planning issues and contemporary sustainability concerns
Gain insight into what studying Architecture and Urban Planning in further education would involve

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Educational Experiences

Culture
- ‘Patisserie Chocolaterie Bigot’ workshop in making delicacies
- French mime masterclass
- Game of pétanque on the banks of the River Seine
- Grotte de Choranche

Language
- French stand-up routine
- Visit Académie Francaise
- Talk with Gilet Jaune/En Marche
- Lesson in verlan (French slang)
- Visit French newspaper printing room
- Debate at Café de la Cloche
- French improv acting class
- Visit a traditional French cinema

Literature
- Tour of Paris’s famous literary areas
- Talk from literature lecturer
- Engage in discussion with author
- Visit Shakespeare and Co bookshop
- Tour the Loire Valley castles

Art
- Tour Sorbonne University
- Louvre art museum
- Talk from an art lecturer
- Silk scarf painting workshop
- Explore design of Palace of Versailles
- Paris street art tour

Geography
- Fieldwork on the River Seine
- Montparnasse tower at sunset
- Learn about ‘hydroponic farming’
- Visit a farm hidden under the streets of Paris
- Puy de Domes volcano
- Swim in the Lac d’Aydat

History
- Historical talk from WW2 veteran’s grandson
- Explore Chateau d’If
- Visit Arles (UNESCO listed)
- Learn about the social/political upheaval of the French revolution
- Visit underground cave dwellings
- Loire Valley castle
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French Language
Paris & Lyon

Subject: Language
Education Level: Secondary
7 days

Starting from £1,115

This 7 day trip takes students across Paris and Lyon, developing their French language skills by helping them understand the culture it is intertwined with. Famous sights are included (the Eiffel Tower, the Latin Quarter and the markets of Lyon, among many others) but the interactive activities lie at the heart of this trip, including an improv French acting class, paying a visit to the Académie Française- the home of the first French dictionary – and visiting the iconic Café de la Cloche where they can watch (or participate!) in heated debates.

Day 1: Arrival
Arrive at Gare du Nord/Charles de Gaulle airport and transfer to the hotel using public transport. After checking into your hotel, take a boat ride along the river Seine and stop off to climb the Eiffel Tower. Admire the view of sunset from the Trocadero esplanade and watch the tower twinkle when lit up at night! End the day with a welcome dinner near the hotel.

Day 2: City and university tour
Take a city tour to take in Paris’s ‘must-sees’, including Ile de la Cité, Place de la Concorde, La Concergerie, Avenue des Champs-Elysées, Sainte Chapelle, Place Vendôme and Port de La Bourdonnais. Visit Sorbonne University to have a tour and a talk by one of the lecturers on a subject of your choice and learn about the Summer School they offer. End the day with a laugh by watching a stand-up routine performed by a French comedian!

Day 3: Language and politics
Visit the Académie Française- the home of the first French dictionary. Students can discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the existence of such an institution as the French language modernises. In the afternoon, listen to a talk from a Gilet Jaune or En Marche member to learn more about the current political situation in France. Have dinner in the Montparnasse area and go up the Montparnasse tower to watch the sunset over a panoramic view of the city.

Day 4: Lyon
Begin the day by taking part in a French slang lesson to learn about the origins of verlan, the slang which now has a huge influence on the language of today. After lunch travel to Lyon (2 hours) and take a city tour to see the highlights of Lyon, learn about how it has developed a reputation as the capital city of gastronomy. For dinner, sample some of the city’s delicious traditional dishes.

Day 5: Journalism and debate
Visit the printing room of the regional daily newspaper ‘Le Progrès’ and hear from a journalist about what it’s like to be a French news reporter. Afterwards, take part in a French language lesson- tailor made for a variety of levels. Get involved in (or just watch) a debate at Café de la Cloche- a centuries old café famous for inviting people from all over to speak and debate.

Day 6: Markets and acting
Begin the day with a visit to the markets of Lyon for some souvenir shopping and haggling. Students can test out their acting skills in a French improv acting class- a great opportunity to practice spontaneity and fluency before oral speaking exams! Later take part in a French cooking class to learn how to make a famous French dish and enjoy dinner! Visit a traditional French cinema and enjoy a local film before heading back to the accommodation to prepare for departure.

Day 7: Departure day
Your trip has now come to an end! Prepare to depart home or head on to a new destination.

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Learning Outcomes
Experience interactive activities that allow students to be immersed in the French language.
Gain a deeper understanding of French culture and customs, from the arts to politics and more
Understand the origins of the French language and how it is evolving over time
Paris Literary Tour

Subject: Literature
Education Level: Secondary
6 days

Starting from £995

This 6-day literature school trip to Paris allows students to walk in the footsteps of the literary greats. With walking tours, discussions with a current author, and university visits, students can take part in experiential learning activities while exploring one of Europe's top cities. Including an overnight stay in the Loire Valley, students will have the opportunity to leave the walls of the classroom behind, and immerse themselves into the literary history of Paris and its surrounding areas.

Day 1: River Seine & the Eiffel Tower
Arrive at Gare du Nord/Charles de Gaulle airport and transfer to the hotel using public transport. After checking into your accommodation, take a boat ride along the river Seine and stop off to climb the Eiffel Tower. Admire the view of it at sunset from the Trocadero esplanade and watch it twinkle when lit up at night. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

Day 2: University visit
Start the morning exploring the literary heart of Paris. Visit Oscar Wilde's place of death, the stomping grounds and inspiration for authors such as Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein, and much more! Later, head to the world-famous Sorbonne University where you'll embark on a tour of the grounds. Listen to a literature talk, hosted by one of the university's lecturers. In the evening, watch a stand-up routine in English, performed by a French comedian.

Day 3: Meet a political party member
This morning, you will hear a talk from a member of either the Gilet Jaune (the yellow vest movement) or En Marche (a French political party) to learn more about the current political situation in France. Later, pay a visit to the Shakespeare and Co bookshop, located in a former medieval monastery where you can engage in literary talk and discussion with a current author. Have dinner in the Montparnasse area and go up the Montparnasse tower at sunset for panoramic views of the city.

Day 4: Explore the Loire Valley
This morning, you'll check out of your accommodation and travel to the Loire Valley. Visit an underground world of ancient cave dwellings where you can learn about how inhabitants created these houses and the lives they led. Next, take a tour of The Loire Valley castles to learn more about the renaissance period in France and the places of inspiration for many famous French writers. After an eventful day, enjoy a dinner in the nearby area before heading back to your accommodation for the night.

Day 5: Philosopher's walking tour
Make your way back to Paris this morning and enjoy a day to explore the city further. Take part in a famous philosopher's tour, venturing from the bohemian Left Bank neighbourhoods of Saint-Germain-des-Pres to the Latin Quarter. Hear the stories of the most thought-provoking poets and philosophers who lived in these areas from your guide. As it's your last night, enjoy a delicious final dinner before exploring the area of Montmartre. Watch the sunset from the Sacré Coeur Basilica, where you'll have spectacular views of the city.

Day 6: Homeward bound
Say goodbye to your guide as you make your way to the airport or your next destination. Leave excited to apply what you have learned during your Learning Adventure, back at home!

Learning Outcomes
Discover the French literary scene in context with visits to famous writers most frequented places
Engage in literary and philosophical discussions with top French authors and academics
Understand more of France's rich cultural heritage with hands-on learning activities

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Educational Experiences

History
Visit the historical Baths of Trajan
Guided Colosseum visit
The Pantheon
Walk the ancient streets of Pompeii
Trevi fountain

Business
Workshop with Ferrari
Ferrari museum
Business lecture/Q&A from street art publishing company
Workshop at Eataly farm
Bologna business district tour
Tour Fiera di Bologna

Cultural Discovery
Porta Portese flea markets
Bike tour in Tuscan countryside
Vatican Museums
Shoot film at Cinecittà
The Garden of Oranges
Pasta making workshop
Via del Circo Massimo

Art
Make mosaics local Roman’s house
Michelangelo’s Statue of David
Create Florentine marbled paper
Museo MAMbo
Art restoration workshop
Galleria degli Uffizi
Traditional pottery class

Geography
Fieldwork on the Tiber banks
Bike ride along the aqueducts
Discover underground Naples
Guided tour of Mount Vesuvius
Art in Rome & Florence

Subject: Art
Education Level: Secondary
6 days

Starting from £995

This 6-day art-focused trip to Rome and Florence will get students creatively inspired, exploring Italy’s famous artworks, finest galleries, and experimenting with centuries-old traditional forms of art. Students will wander around galleries, create Roman mosaics, marvel at Michelangelo statues, and learn how to paint 15th-century traditional plate designs. The group will also have the opportunity to see some of Italy's most famous landmarks, take in stunning panoramic views and consume some of the best authentic, traditional Italian dishes.

Day 1: Explore Rome
Start your trip off arriving at Ciampino/Fiumicino airport and hop on the Terravision bus to your accommodation in Termini. Check into the hotel and make your way out to explore all of Rome’s ‘must-sees’. Marvel at the historic Trevi fountain, the Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. End the day feasting on a much earned welcome dinner and come together for a trip briefing to get you ready for the week’s adventures.

Day 2: The Colosseum and Michelangelo Statue
Pay a visit to a local Roman’s house to make a mosaic souvenir and learn about how they were used in the past. Stop for a scenic lunch near the magnificent Colosseum and have the chance to see a Michelangelo statue at the Basilica di San Pietro in Vincoli. Enjoy a guided visit of the historic Colosseum and Roman Forum and take part in a Learning Adventure photo competition challenge. After dinner, walk down Via del Circo Massimo for beautiful views of the Palatine Hill before stopping off at The Garden of Oranges for superb views of the Vatican.

Day 3: The Galleria dell’Accademia
In the morning, check out of your accommodation and hop on the train to Florence. Once you’ve arrived and checked into your accommodation, embark on a tour of the city. Pay a visit to the Galleria dell’Accademia to see Michelangelo’s Statue of David, as well as other statues and sculptures. Enjoy traditional Florentine cuisine and watch the sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo, where you’ll have fantastic views over the city.

Day 4: The Galleria degli Uffizi
Start your day wandering around the Galleria degli Uffizi, one of the most important art museums in Italy. Marvel at the collection of Renaissance paintings before stopping for lunch. Later, make your way into the Florentine countryside where you’ll learn the art of creating beautiful Florentine marbled paper.

Day 5: Traditional pottery painting
In the morning, take part in a traditional pottery painting class. Learn all about the painting technique called majolica, then follow step by step instructions as you paint a plate with an original design from the 15th century. After lunch, hop on board the train back to Rome, where you’ll check into your accommodation. Tuck into your final Italian dinner, followed by some exciting evening entertainment: a stand-up comedy show!

Extension Day 1: Panoramic views of Bologna
Transfer to the airport for the flight back home or, if you’re opting for the extension, hop on a train to Bologna! After leaving the station transfer to your accommodation and check-in. Take a walking tour of the city, where you can indulge on tasters of mortadella Bolognese and coffee in the University district. Next, climb up the Asinelli tower for mesmerising panoramic views. In the evening, get cultural and enjoy a classic ragù Bolognese for dinner.

Extension Day 2: Master The Art of Art Restoration
Become an art restorer for the day and learn about various execution techniques and different constitutive features of materials. Find out about various art preservation problems that occur over time, with specific attention given to all the different works you will see in the laboratory. Enjoy an evening full of entertainment as you watch an opera or dance performance at il Teatro Comunale.

Extension Day 3: Museo MAMbo
Spend the morning at the Museo MAMbo for insight into Bologna’s Communist background and have a look at local artists’ interesting work. After lunch, transfer back to Rome by train where you’ll finish up your Learning Adventure!
The Learning Adventure

Rome Cultural Trip

Subject: Culture
Education Level: Secondary
7 days

Starting from £985

This 7-day trip to Rome will have students experiencing true Italian culture, from its art to its history, architecture, entertainment, and food. Students will have the opportunity to visit Italian flea markets, marvel at the Colosseum, design mosaics, get creative at the ‘Hollywood of Italy’, and try out their chef skills in a pasta making lesson.

Day 1: Explore Rome
Start your trip off arriving at Ciampino/Fiumicino airport and hop on the Terravision bus to your accommodation in Termini. Check into the hotel and make your way out to explore all of Rome’s ‘must-sees’: Marvel at the historic Trevi fountain, the Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. End the day feasting on a much earned welcome dinner and come together for a trip briefing to get you ready for the week’s adventures.

Day 2: The Colosseum
Wake up to explore Campo di Fiori or Porta Portese flea markets, where you’ll experience Italian culture, compare prices and learn more about the history of this important trading area. Afterwards, enjoy a guided visit to the magnificent Colosseum and Roman Forum, before taking part in a Learning Adventure photo competition challenge. Finish the day off by indulging on traditional Italian style Gelato before heading back to the hotel to rest for the evening.

Day 3: School Visit and Mosaic Making
Visit a Roman school that has been specially matched to meet your educational interests, where you can be an Italian student for the day. Take a school tour, join some lessons, play sports and participate in other activities alongside Italian students. In the afternoon, go to a local Roman’s house to make a souvenir mosaic whilst learning how they were used in the past. Spend the evening relaxing and enjoying a meal at a local Italian restaurant.

Day 4: Secret Passageways and Pasta Making!
Visit the Vatican Museums to see the Sistine Chapel and walk down the secret passageway, Passetto di Borgo, for an elevated view of the city and end up at the Castle Sant’Angelo. After lunch, head to the courtyard of Palazzo Spada on Piazza Capo di Ferro and peep through the window for an optical illusion of the garden. Explore Italy’s well-loved cuisine by taking part in a pasta making lesson and enjoy your creations for dinner. Finish the day off by indulging on traditional Italian style Gelato before heading back to the hotel to rest for the evening.

Day 5: Shoot Your Own Film and See Secret Mosaics
Spend the morning trying on costumes and get the chance to shoot your own 60s film at the film sets in the ‘Hollywood of Italy’ – Cinecittà. Afterwards, take part in the Learning Adventure scavenger hunt, taking place in the Teatro Marcello and Jewish quarter. Venture across the river for a visit to Tiber Island where you’ll see the historic church and cemetery. Stroll down alongside the Tiber river and explore Trastevere, a funky bohemian area of Rome. As you visit the Basilica di Santa Maria in Trastevere, ask to see the secret mosaics from 1AD, hidden in a mysterious private room. In the evening consume traditional Italian cuisine in a classic trattoria Romana.

Day 6: Travel to Tivoli
Today you’ll explore more of Italy as you take an exciting day trip out of Rome via train to two World Heritage Sites in Tivoli, including the Emperor Hadrian’s colossal country estate. Return to Rome in the late afternoon. Now you’re back in Rome, enjoy dinner and watch a stand-up comedy show.

Day 7: Time To Go Home!
It’s time to transfer to the airport as you come to the end of your Learning Adventure. We encourage students to apply what they’ve learned on their trip, back at home!

Learning Outcomes

- Understand Italy’s rich history through visits to iconic sights including Vatican City and the Colosseum.
- Gain knowledge on Italian traditions through activities such as cooking classes, mosaic creation and film making.
- Identify cultural differences in learning environments by spending a morning in an Italian high school.

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Step 1: Trip discovery phase
Browse through our itineraries and check out our trips online. Give us a call, use live chat, email, and visit our office to further enquire about our Learning Adventure Tours.

Step 2: Asking the right questions
What do you want from your trip abroad? Where do you want to go? When are you looking to travel? How many students and how many teachers are estimated to go on the trip?

Step 3: Expert advice
Ask us for more details, benefit from our specialist expertise. We offer advice, and we are happy to refine our itineraries to suit your school group.

Step 4: Budgeting
Receive your quote.

Step 5: Promoting your trip
Get the students on board. Use our videos, blogs, or perhaps invite The Learning Adventure staff to a parents’ evening.

Step 6: Trip countdown
Let the countdown begin... Enjoy your trip!

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