

Budgeting for your trip

How We Price

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

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

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

School Trip Budgets

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

Length of trip

Get an idea of the length of time you can be away from school at certain times of year and what this would cost (don't forget to add a day in each end for travelling to/from where you are visiting). Some schools only allow trips to take place during school holidays, so please check with school leaders before starting the process. Getting a quote from The Learning Adventure allows you to have a fixed idea of price in your head before advertising the trip to students. Our sample itineraries on our website give an indication of price, but we're more than happy to send quick, no obligation quotes.

Destinations

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

While rural areas are cheaper to travel in, they cost more to reach than the big cities. Flying into a major city and then visiting one or two other main cities with different historical backgrounds as the best value way to experience a country.

Timing of the Trip

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

In Europe, travel during European school holidays, during the summer and over Christmas tend to be the busiest times, so being able to travel outside of these times may result in a lower cost for your students.

Accommodation

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

Visa

Find out the current prices of visas, and the process. Different countries have different requirements for entry and some, such as China, will require a visa in advance. We can provide visas at competitive prices. Please do investigate your individual visa requirements by searching on: <https://visaindex.com/>.

Flights

Get an idea of the prices for flights. Intercontinental flights can cost up to £1,000/\$1,200/€1,150 per person, while flights within Europe can be as low as £100/\$120/€115. We work closely with global flight booking companies to book flights for all our school groups. Flight prices are set directly by the airlines and can fluctuate wildly, especially if you plan to travel during the summer holidays or any of those peak seasons we've mentioned above. We recommend staying flexible with your dates as changing the departure by one day has the potential to save hundreds of pounds. Depending on how you organise flights, you may need to include the cost of the teachers' flights in the price you give to students.

Decide whether you will meet the students at the airport or whether you will organise a coach. Prices vary so check with your local transport supplier for prices on coach travel to catch your flights, or alternatively we can add this into your package for you.

Domestic Transportation

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

Insurance

All of our trips include insurance as standard. Please see the insurance section of our website.

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

Pocket money

Some parents will ask about pocket money and how much they should give their child for souvenirs. This will vary depending on destination and on the students themselves.

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

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