



ACADEMY TRAVEL

School and University Program



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ABOUT US



Academy Travel is an Australian-owned travel company, dedicated to providing tailored small group journeys for individuals and associations.

Our school and university program comprises around 30 tours per year for Australian schools. School tours focus on specific subject areas, using our knowledge of school syllabus requirements. Academy Travel's focus is on providing a well thought-out quality learning experience for students. We have a team of academic experts who work on site with students at many destinations. A professional tour manager, experienced in the needs of students and the requirements of schools, travels with each group.

ACADEMIC EXPERTS

We are proud to offer schools an unrivalled team of experts who provide on-site guidance, background talks and advice on planning itineraries.



Kenan Çelik, OAM

Kenan works with groups on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He studied at Oregon State University on a Fulbright scholarship. Since retiring as a university lecturer at a Turkish university he has acted as a specialist guide for VIP groups to Gallipoli, including several heads of state. In 2000 Kenan was awarded the Order of Australia for services to Australian history.



Agnes Crawford

Agnes has lived in Rome since 2000 and has a Masters Degree from Edinburgh University. She has expert knowledge of ancient, medieval and Renaissance Rome, and outstanding communication skills. Agnes provides both background talks and on site guiding in Rome, as well as providing insider knowledge of the city today.



Dr Estelle Lazer

Dr Estelle Lazer is an archaeologist whose internationally-recognised research investigated the skeletal remains found at Pompeii. Estelle researched on site at Pompeii over seven years. She has completed a major book and many scholarly articles on Pompeii.



Brad Manera

Battlefield historian Brad Manera is executive director of the Anzac Memorial in Sydney and was previously a curator at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of the experience of Australians on the World War I Battlefields in France, Belgium and Turkey, and a great ability to share this knowledge with students enthusiastically.



WHY CHOOSE ACADEMY TRAVEL?

- › Academic experts on site
- › Carefully-planned itineraries with clear syllabus focus for Australian schools
- › Professional tour managers with every group and 24/7 local support
- › Meticulous risk management
- › All inclusive pricing – no hidden extras



Freya Middleton

Freya lives in Florence and has a first class honours degree in Fine Arts from the University of Sydney. She is a qualified local guide in Florence. As an Australian, she has a clear understanding of the background knowledge and needs of Australian students, as well as the Australian school system. Freya brings alive the wonderful medieval and Renaissance art and history of Florence.



Dr Kathleen Olive

Kathleen has a PhD from the University of Sydney in Italian Renaissance studies. She works regularly with Academy Travel's open-age groups on art and history tours in Italy and Spain. She works with school groups examining medieval and Renaissance Europe.



Peter Smith

Peter has lived on the Somme Battlefields since 2004. A former British Royal Marine, he is a member of the British Commission for Military History, Guild of Battlefield Guides, Western Front Association, and a Friend of the Australian War Memorial. He is a knowledgeable and respected specialist guide on the Western Front in France and Belgium.



Dr Kathryn Welch

Kathryn is a senior lecturer in Ancient History at the University of Sydney. She works with both university summer school and senior school groups who are studying the city of Rome in the late Republic and early Imperial periods. She also works with groups in Pompeii and Herculaneum.

ANCIENT HISTORY



Inspire your students with some of the world's greatest archaeological sites, in stunning locations on the Mediterranean and in China. Direct experience of sites is invaluable to the way history is taught today, encouraging students to compare the written historical record with what we learn from archaeology. Our itineraries offer significant National Curriculum coverage of site studies, periods and people.

ITALY

Rome

- > The early city: Palatine Hill, republican Forum and Capitoline Hill
- > Rome under Augustus and the Julio-Claudians: The Ara Pacis, the Forum of Caesar, Forum of Augustus, the Mausoleum of Augustus, Roman houses under Palazzo Valentini
- > Imperial patronage: The Colosseum, the Imperial Fora, The Pantheon, Hadrian's Villa at Tivoli, Domitian's Stadium
- > Constantine and early Christianity: Basilicas, catacombs
- > Roman art: Vatican Museums, Capitoline Museums

Bay of Naples

- > 'Cities of Vesuvius': Pompeii and Herculaneum - public and private buildings, infrastructure, commerce, industry, religion
- > Imperial villa at Oplontis
- > Roman farm villa and antiquarium at Boscoreale
- > Climb Mount Vesuvius
- > Roman art and everyday life in the National Archaeological Museum in Naples
- > Paestum, a 6th-century BC Greek colony

GREECE

Athens

- > The 5th-century BC city: Acropolis, Agora and Parthenon, Keramikos, the port of Piraeus
- > Bronze Age and classical art: National Archaeological Museum

The Mainland

- > The Peloponnesian Wars and the Athenian League: Sparta, Olympia, Corinth
- > Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae, Tiryns, the Treasury of Atreus
- > Delphi

The Islands

- > Ancient Thera on Santorini
- > Bronze Age Crete and Rhodes

TURKEY

- > Istanbul: The Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, Archaeological Museum
- > Hellenistic cities on the Aegean: Ephesus, Miletus, Pergamum, Aphrodisias
- > Alexander the Great in Asia Minor
- > Troy and the Gallipoli Peninsula

EGYPT

- > Old Kingdom: Pyramids at Giza and Saqqara (ancient Memphis)
- > 18th Dynasty: Akhenaten and Nefertiti at Amarna
- > New Kingdom: Luxor and Karnak (ancient Thebes), Valley of the Kings and Queens, Temple at Karnak, Ramesses II at Abu Simbel
- > Ptolemaic Egypt and the Roman occupation
- > Art and architecture: National Museum in Cairo

CHINA

- > Cao Cao and the Han Dynasty at Xi'an: City Walls, the Terracotta Army
- > The Ming and Qing Emperors: Great Wall of China, The Forbidden City in Beijing
- > Art and architecture: National Museums in Shanghai and Beijing



SUGGESTED TOUR ITINERARIES

Rome and the Cities of Vesuvius

Our in-depth coverage of the Cities of Vesuvius. 13 days, with 4 nights in Rome and 6 nights in Vico Equense (Bay of Naples).

The Classical World: Greece, Rome and Pompeii

A survey of Bronze Age and classical Greece, ancient Rome and the Cities of Vesuvius. 16 days, with 2 nights Tolon (Mycenae), 1 night each in Sparta, Olympia and Delphi, 2 nights in Athens, 3 nights each in Vico Equense and Rome.

The Classical World: Turkey, Rome and Pompeii

Learn about the Greeks and Romans in Asia Minor, then explore the Roman world. 15 days, with 3 nights Istanbul, 1 night Çanakkale (Troy/Gallipoli), 2 nights Ephesus, 3 nights each in Rome and Vico Equense.

The Classical World: Greece and Turkey

The Greeks and their relations with the East, including the Persian Wars and Alexander the Great. 15 days, with 2 nights Athens, 3 nights Heraklion, 1 night Rhodes, 2 nights Kuşadası (Ephesus), 1 night Çanakkale and 3 nights Istanbul.

Ancient Egypt

A comprehensive study of the Old and New Kingdoms and the Amarna Period. 15 days, with 3 nights Cairo, 1 night Minya, 3 nights Luxor, 3 night cruise to Aswan, 2 nights Aswan and flight to Abu Simbel.

"I cannot thank Academy Travel enough for facilitating such an enjoyable, educational and exciting study tour. Around every corner was another 'wow' moment that left students revelling in their wonderment and awe. Perhaps the most professional and organised tour company I have ever dealt with."

Eden Marine High School

COMBINED ANCIENT AND MODERN HISTORY ITINERARIES

Rome, Bay of Naples, Western Front and Paris

Our most popular tour, covering the core studies in the Ancient and Modern History syllabus. 15 days, with 3 nights Vico Equense (Bay of Naples), 3 nights Rome, fly to Brussels, 2 nights Ypres, 1 night Albert (Somme) and 3 nights Paris. This itinerary is detailed in full on page 8.

Roman History and 20th-Century Germany

Investigate Germany in the 20th-century and the key aspects of Roman history. 15 days, with 2 nights Munich, 2 nights Nuremburg, 2 nights Berlin, 3 nights Vico Equense and 3 nights Rome.

Ancient and Modern China

An introduction to old and new China. 12 days with 4 nights Beijing, 3 nights Xi'an, 2 nights Shanghai and 2 nights Hong Kong.

All tour lengths inclusive of travel days.

MODERN HISTORY



ANZAC

Give your students first-hand experience of the places where some of the defining moments of Modern History took place: Revolutionary Paris, American independence in Boston and Washington, the battlefields of World War I, Moscow and St Petersburg, Germany 1918-45, the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall, China 1937-76. Many sites offer excellent documentation and learning facilities for students.

FRANCE

- › Revolutionary sites: The Palace of Versailles, the Conciergerie, the Bastille, the Sixth Arrondissement
- › World War I sites: Les Invalides army museum, AIF in Paris walking tour
- › Major art galleries: Louvre, Musée d'Orsay
- › Somme Valley 1916: Pozières, Mouquet Farm, Thiepval, Lochnagar Crater, Albert
- › Somme Valley 1918: Hamel, AIF memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Amiens
- › Northern France: Péronne, St Quentin, Fromelles, Bullecourt

BELGIUM

- › Ypres: Menin Gate Ceremony, In Flanders Fields Museum
- › Ypres Salient: Polygon Wood, Hill 60, Passchendaele 1917 Memorial Museum, Messines, Bayernwald, Langemark German cemetery

GERMANY

- › Munich: Third Reich walking tour (Hofbrauhaus, Marienplatz), Dachau concentration camp, day trip to Hitler's 'Eagles Nest' and Documentation Centre Obersalzberg
- › Nuremberg: Nazi Parade Grounds and Documentation Centre, Palace of Justice and Courtroom 600, walking tour of medieval Nuremberg
- › Berlin: Story of Berlin museum, WWI sites on Wilhelmstrasse, Wanseehaus, Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, Jewish Museum, DDR Museum, Topography of Terror

POLAND

- › Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, Oskar Schindler Factory, Krakow

TURKEY

- › Istanbul military museum, Istanbul naval museum
- › Anzac Cove, Lone Pine and other sites on the Gallipoli peninsula

USA

- › Boston: 'Freedom trail' in Boston, Boston Tea Party site
- › Washington: Museums and monuments on the National Mall, The White House and Capitol Hill, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate
- › New York: Walking tour of New York in the 1920s and 30s, United Nations Headquarters, Museum of Modern Art
- › Other sites: Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg battlefields, Jefferson's Monticello estate

CHINA

- › Xi'an: Chiang Kai Shek's house, Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery, Banpo Museum, Terracotta Warriors
- › Yan'an: Yan'an caves, Revolutionary Museum, former homes of Mao and Zhou Enlai, Zichang (Communist base at the end of the Long March), site of the Wayaobao Conference
- › Beijing: China Revolutionary Museum, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square
- › Nanjing: Chiang Kai-Shek's Presidential Palace, Nanjing Massacre museum

"It was an amazing experience that will remain amongst our fondest memories. The quality of the local guides and expert historians who accompanied us and shared their knowledge was quite inspiring."

The Scots School Albury



SUGGESTED MODERN HISTORY ITINERARIES

20th-Century Europe: France and Germany

This new tour covers key content areas of the Australian Curriculum Modern History tour: 13 days, with 3 nights Paris, 3 nights Berlin, 2 nights Nuremburg and 2 nights Munich. (Optional extension of 3 nights on Western Front.)

20th-Century Europe: Turkey, Germany, Belgium and France

A survey of key moments in 20th-century history. 15 days, with 2 nights Istanbul, 2 nights Çanakkale (For Gallipoli), 1 night Munich, 2 nights Nuremburg, 2 nights Berlin, 2 nights Ypres and 2 Paris.

The USA: From Revolution to the Modern World

Explore key sites of the American Revolution and learn about the USA in the 1917-45 period. 13 days, with 3 nights in Boston, 3 nights in Washington DC and 4 nights in New York. (Optional 2-night extension to Gettysburg and Philadelphia.)

Imperialism, Revolution and Power in China

A tour that explores China through the age of imperialism, the cultural revolution and the modern world. 11 days with 3 nights Beijing, 2 nights Yan'an, 2 nights Xi'an, 2 nights Nanjing and 1 night Shanghai.

All tour lengths inclusive of travel days.

"Overall, brilliant and professional organisation, communication and guidance. What I liked was how all the worry was taken off my shoulders. Thank you very much."

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The Modern World: From Istanbul to London for Year 9 & 10 History

This 15 day itinerary has been designed to align with the learning areas of the Australian Curriculum for years 9 and 10. It covers elements of the Year 9 unit, The Making of the Modern World, as well as depth studies from within Making a Better World (Industrial Revolution, French Revolution) and World War I. For the Year 10 unit, The Modern World and Australia, the tour covers some aspects of the Historical Knowledge and Understanding component, along with depth studies from World War II.

3 nights in Istanbul and the Gallipoli Peninsula, 2 nights Berlin, 2 nights in Ypres (Belgium), 2 nights Paris, 3 nights London.

ROME, POMPEII, WESTERN FRONT &



COMBINE KEY AREAS OF MODERN AND ANCIENT HISTORY IN A SINGLE TOUR

This is our most popular senior secondary history tour. For New South Wales schools, the itinerary combines the HSC core studies in both Ancient and Modern History with an exploration of two great European cities, Paris and Rome. The 15 day itinerary comprises 3 nights Rome, 3 nights Bay of Naples, 2 nights Ypres (Belgium), 1 night Somme Valley and 3 nights Paris, and the itinerary can be varied to meet the individual requirements of schools.

Highlights:

- › Full day in Pompeii with an academic expert
- › Herculaneum and the National Archaeological Museum in Naples
- › Walking tour of the city of Rome in the late Republic and the early Empire – the Forum, Colosseum, Capitoline Hill, Pantheon, Ara Pacis and more
- › The Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica in Rome
- › 3 days exploring Western Front WWI battlefields in Belgium and the Somme Valley in France
- › Participate in a memorial service at the Menin Gate, Ypres
- › In Paris, take a panoramic city tour and visit the Louvre galleries

"I could not be happier with all of the arrangements made by Academy, both before and during the trip. What a fabulously professional company; the standard of professionalism ensured an enjoyable and valuable trip for all who attended. As the teacher-in-charge my burden was almost non-existent."

Canberra Girls Grammar School

PERSONALISE YOUR WESTERN FRONT EXPERIENCE

Many Australians have relatives or community members who are buried in the cemeteries of the Western Front. Using the resources of the Australian War Memorial and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, many schools research the location of graves and the biographies of those buried before travelling. We regularly customise programs so that students can have the unique and moving experience of visiting sites where they have a personal connection.



PARIS



ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure — Flights depart Australia in the afternoon.

Day 2: Rome — Arrive Rome and transfer to the hotel to freshen up. Enjoy an orientation walking tour of Rome's iconic sites including Piazza Navona, Hadrian's Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. Overnight Rome.

Day 3: The Forum and Colosseum — Morning tour of the republican and imperial forums, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum. Afternoon tour of the Capitoline Hill Museum housing an unrivalled collection of important classical works. Overnight Rome.

Day 4: The Vatican — View the classical and Renaissance masterpieces in the Vatican Museum, including the Sistine Chapel. Afterwards admire St Peter's Basilica and climb to the roof of Michelangelo's cupola for a superb view of the city. Overnight Rome.

Day 5: Herculaneum — Travel to the Bay of Naples by private coach. Explore the ruins of the seaside town of Herculaneum before continuing to the Antiquarium at Boscoreale. Overnight Vico Equense.

Day 6: Pompeii — Full day in Pompeii exploring public and private buildings, evidence of the eruption, daily life and economic activity with your expert tour leader. Overnight Vico Equense.

Day 7: Naples and Mt Vesuvius — Visit the National Archaeological Museum in Naples, a repository of mosaics, paintings and sculptures found in Pompeii and Herculaneum, before stopping for lunch in Naples. Climb to the summit of Mt Vesuvius and experience firsthand this famous volcano. Overnight Vico Equense.

Day 8: To Belgium — Flight to Brussels and transfer to Ypres. If time permits visit to In Flanders Field Museum. Overnight Ypres.

Day 9: Ypres Battlefields — Full day guided tour of the Ypres Battlefields. Visit to the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 to experience what life was like in the trenches and underground tunnels. Attend the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. Overnight Ypres.

Day 10: Somme Valley — Full day guided battlefield tour stopping at important sites and memorials such as Pozières, Villers-Bretonneux, the Franco-Australian Museum and Le Hamel. Overnight Somme Valley.

Day 11: Transfer to Paris — Panoramic tour of iconic sites on arrival. In the afternoon ascend the Eiffel Tower. Dinner on the famous Avenue des Champs-Élysées. Overnight Paris.

Day 12: The Louvre — Begin this morning with a visit to the vast Louvre Galleries, including time in the Egyptian, Greek or Roman Antiquities collections. In the afternoon, visit the excellent Military Museum and Napoleon's Tomb at Les Invalides. Overnight Paris.

Day 13: Versailles — Excursion to Versailles for a guided tour of the palace and gardens. In the afternoon return to Paris and this evening enjoy a cruise along the Seine. Overnight Paris.

Day 14: Depart — Transfer to Paris airport for return flights in the afternoon or evening.

Day 15: Arrive Australia in the evening or early the following morning.

"Thank you all so much for this amazing experience. As a novice at this type of opportunity for students, it was most comforting to have the experienced staff guide and manage the trip. We would definitely use Academy again!"

St John Bosco College

ENGLISH AND THE ARTS



ENGLISH LITERATURE

The Australian Curriculum and state syllabuses emphasise the relationship between text and context. A literary tour to the UK allows students to gain first-hand experience of the physical and cultural context that produced some of the great works of English literature. Writing workshops can be added for advanced students to provide a sustained opportunity to develop their factual and fictional writing skills. English literature tours can be combined with Drama Studies or history tours to mainland Europe.

- > Shakespeare's England in London and Stratford-upon-Avon: Museum and workshops at Shakespeare's Globe, walking tours, performances by Shakespeare's Globe, National Theatre and RSC
- > Romantic and Victorian England: The Brontës in Haworth, Jane Austen's Bath, the Romantics in the Lakes District, walking tour of Dickens' London
- > 20th-century literature: Virginia Woolf, Aldous Huxley and the Bloomsbury set in London and Sussex

SUGGESTED ENGLISH ITINERARIES

English Literature: Authors, Playwrights and Poets

15 days. London 5 nights, with day trip to Sussex, drive via Oxford to Stratford-upon-Avon for 3 nights, drive via Haworth to the Lakes District for 2 nights, Bath for 2 nights. (Tour can also extend to Edinburgh or Ireland.)

Theatre history and English literature tour

15 days. Travel to Greece and Italy for 6 days to study European theatrical history, then 4 nights in London and 3 nights in Stratford-upon-Avon.

PERFORMING ARTS

By attending performances in the USA or UK you can develop students' understanding and appreciation of diverse theatrical traditions and styles and sharpen their skills in critical analysis. Through workshops conducted at some of the world's leading institutions students can develop their performance skills.

- > Chicago: performances at Steppenwolf, IO, backstage tours, improvisation and comedy workshops, art galleries and walking tours
- > New York: performances of major Broadway shows, off-Broadway and visiting productions, career workshop at Tisch School of the Arts
- > London: 4 and 5 night programs with performances at Shakespeare's Globe, National Theatre and the West End, backstage tours and workshops at Shakespeare's Globe
- > Stratford-upon-Avon: 2 night program with performance at the RSC, walking tours and excursion to Warwick Castle

SUGGESTED PERFORMING ARTS ITINERARIES

Dance and Drama in the USA

Develop your students' skills with some of the world's leading practitioners. Separate workshops for dance and drama students. 14 days, with 8 nights New York and 3 nights in Los Angeles, attending dance and drama workshops, plus performances. Includes workshops with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Broadway Classroom, Stella Adler Studio of Acting and the Margie Haber Studio, plus a workshop/performance at Disneyland.

COMBINED ARTS TOURS

Visual and Performing Arts in the USA

Combine the entire arts faculty on a tour to New York, Washington and Chicago. 12 days, including 3 nights Chicago, 3 nights Washington and 4 nights New York.

Ancient History and Art in Italy

Explore the key sites of Ancient History in Italy, then explore Italy's best art cities. 15 days, including 3 nights Bay of Naples, 1 night Rome, 3 nights Florence and 3 nights Venice.



MUSIC

Our music tours to Europe and England focus on developing students' knowledge and appreciation of the Western tradition from 1600-1900, through site visits and attending performances in historical context. Choir groups can add performances at historic venues to their programs.

- > Venice: Baroque concerts, La Fenice opera, Vivaldi's church, St Mark's Basilica
- > Germany: Bavarian State Opera and Orchestra in Munich, Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, 19th-20th century repertoire
- > Austria: Salzburg performances and Mozart sights, Vienna music museums, historic venues, orchestras and State Opera, classical and 19th-century repertoire
- > Czech Republic: Prague theatres, composer museums and performances, classical and 19th-century repertoire
- > France: Versailles and music performance, jazz in Paris, popular 20th-century music, orchestral concerts with 19th and 20th-century works
- > England: Choral polyphonic tradition in Oxford, instrumental recitals, major orchestras and opera houses, attend workshops at leading music schools, West End musical theatre

SUGGESTED MUSIC ITINERARIES

Music from Venice to Vienna

Enjoy 6 performances and explore history in Europe's greatest musical cities. 15 days, with 3 nights each in Vienna, Munich and Salzburg, 1 night in Prague and 2 nights in Vienna. Option of performances by your choir.

England, Paris and Venice Music Tour

From Renaissance polyphony to jazz and musical theatre. 16 days with 6 performances. 2 nights Oxford, 4 nights London, 3 nights Paris and 3 nights Venice. Option of performances by your choir.

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts tours can encompass Practice in Artmaking, Art Criticism and Art History. You can combine drawing and painting workshops with a survey of the western art tradition in the places that the art was produced. Many schools integrate a Visual Arts tour with other areas of study, especially History and English.

- > Spain: The Prado, Picasso Museum, Foundation Joan Miró, National Museum of Catalan Art, Gaudí architecture tour, excursions to Toledo, Figueras and other art cities
- > France: The Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Pompidou Centre, Quai Branly, Cézanne's studio, Chagall Museum, En plein air painting and drawing workshops in Provence, plus excursions to Aix-en-Provence, Arles and other art cities
- > Italy: The Vatican, Borghese Gallery, The Uffizi, The Accademia, The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Da Vinci's Last Supper, major fresco cycles, architecture and workshops
- > USA: The Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, The Art Institute of Chicago, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture tours, modernist architecture tours

SUGGESTED VISUAL ARTS ITINERARIES

From Classical to Contemporary: Art in Italy and France

Explore artistic hotspots of Europe on a survey tour. 15 days, with 2 nights Rome, 3 nights Florence, 2 nights Venice and 5 nights Paris.

Artmaking and Art History in Tuscany and Provence

15 days, with 3 nights in Florence, 3 nights painting and drawing workshop in Tuscany, Nice for 3 nights, then a 3 night painting and drawing workshop in Provence.

All tour lengths inclusive of travel days.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES



Selected areas of Science and Technology lend themselves well to overseas excursions, especially Earth Sciences, Engineering-related studies and Information Technology. Science and Technology themed tours can easily be linked to both Social Sciences and History subjects.

ENGLAND

- › Technology and engineering: Thames Barrier, Science Museum of London, Warner Bros Studios, Tower Bridge, National Maritime Museum
- › Industrial design: Design Museum of London
- › Sciences: Greenwich Observatory, Natural History Museum

EUROPE

- › Technology and engineering: Paris Technology Museum, Disneyland Paris, Airbus headquarters, precision watchmaking in Switzerland, BMW factory, Allianz Stadium in Munich
- › Industrial design: Museum of Arts and Sciences in Paris
- › Science: Museum of Scientists in Paris, CERN in Switzerland, Deutsches Museum in Berlin

USA

- › Technology and engineering: NASA AMES Exploration Center, Stanford University, Silicon Valley, Intel Museum, Hoover Dam, Boeing – The Future of Flight
- › Industrial design: Museum of Art and Design (New York), Center for Architecture (New York)
- › Sciences: California Science Center, Disneyland Education Series, California Academy of Sciences, Lowell Observatory
- › Earth Sciences: Grand Canyon, Mount St Helens, Pacific Tsunami Museum, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Akaka Falls State Park, Natural Energy Lab, Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve

SUGGESTED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES ITINERARIES

Science and Technologies in Europe

14 days with 4 nights in London, 3 nights in Paris, 2 nights in Geneva and 2 nights in Munich.

Science in the USA

15 days with 3 nights in Los Angeles, 2 nights in the Grand Canyon, 3 nights in Seattle and 4 nights in San Francisco.

Geography and Environmental Science in Hawaii

Explore the diverse landscapes that Hawaii has to offer. 12 days on two islands, with 5 nights on the Big Island and 5 nights in Honolulu.

All tour lengths inclusive of travel days.

“Tour was outstanding. The students got so much out of it. Extremely professional in all aspects of their approach.”

St Andrew's Cathedral College



SOCIAL SCIENCES



ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, LEGAL STUDIES, SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Our tours can combine a number of subjects in the area of social sciences, and there are natural synergies within these learning areas. Many schools choose cross curriculum tours combining social sciences and Modern History. Our itineraries concentrate on major cities, with scope to study urban dynamics and the history of urban, social and economic development.

ENGLAND

- › London as a global economic centre: Bank of England Museum, London Metal Exchange, visit to London School of Economics, *The Economist* magazine
- › Business Studies in London: Bloomborgs, Lloyd's of London, Chelsea Football Club 'Business of Football' tour, St Paul's Cathedral business talk, Coca-Cola Education Centre, Silicon Roundabout, Canary Wharf

EUROPE

- › International Studies: European Court of Justice in The Hague, League of Nations and United Nations in Geneva, European Parliament and European Central Bank in Strasbourg, Berlin after the Cold War, Palace of Justice and Courtroom 600 in Nuremberg
- › Business Studies in Europe: Paris 'history of retail' walking tour, Paris Bourse visit, business study of Disneyland Paris, Geneva financial and banking district, prestige watch making in Geneva, Evian bottling plant, Frankfurt airport tour, Opel car manufacturing plant, BMW factory and museum, Mercedes factory
- › World cities: Paris Metro and infrastructure, Greater London government

CHINA

- › China and the world economy: Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Special Economic Zone
- › Shanghai as a megacity

USA

- › International Studies: United Nations Headquarters, Columbia University International Studies Center, US State Department tour, visit Australian Embassy in Washington, US Capitol and White House tours, Brookings Institute, International Monetary Fund
- › New York as a global economic centre: Wall Street, NASDAQ exchange, Museum of American Finance, Federal Reserve Bank
- › Business Studies: Grand Central Station in New York, Rockefeller Center tour, Silicon Valley

SUGGESTED SOCIAL SCIENCES ITINERARIES

Economics and Business Tour: London, Geneva, Frankfurt and Hong Kong

15 days, with 4 nights in London, 3 nights in Geneva, 3 nights in Frankfurt and a 3 night stopover in Hong Kong.

Business and Legal Studies: East & West Coast USA

13 days, with 4 nights in New York, 2 nights in Washington DC and 4 nights in San Francisco.

All tour lengths inclusive of travel days.

"Information and support provided were very valuable and useful. Provision of the travel itinerary was excellent. Cannot fault the organisation and professionalism of all Academy staff that we had contact with."

Richmond High School

WHAT ABOUT THE FUN STUFF?



Every Academy Travel tailored itinerary is designed with learning outcomes as the primary focus. However, we also understand that students want to enjoy the local culture and sightseeing along the way.

With that in mind, we have a number of suggested cultural activities, sightseeing options and other enjoyable recommendations to include in your itinerary to enhance each student's travel experience. We also welcome your ideas for any additional activities or experiences you would like to include.



ENGLAND

- > Take a trip on the London Eye
- > Cruise the River Thames
- > Watch a West End show
- > See the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace



USA

- > Visit Times Square
- > Ascend to the Top of the Rock
- > See a game at Yankee Stadium
- > Spend the day at Disneyland
- > Stroll through Central Park
- > Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum
- > Watch a Broadway show



GERMANY

- > Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus
- > Try Berlin's famous currywurst
- > Climb the Reichstag dome



CHINA

- > Join a tai chi lesson
- > Beijing Duck dinner
- > Learn about traditional medicine
- > See an acrobatics or kung fu performance
- > Visit the Huaqing hot springs



ITALY

- > Throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain
- > Half day visit to the Amalfi Coast
- > Day trip to Capri
- > Dinner in seaside Sorrento
- > Sample the local gelato
- > Mask-making in Venice



FRANCE

- > Evening cruise on the Seine
- > Dinner on the Champs-Élysées
- > Ascend the Eiffel Tower
- > Visit Montmartre
- > Day trip to Disneyland Paris



GREECE

- > Dinner in the Plaka
- > Hear traditional bouzouki music
- > Add in an extension to a Greek island



SWITZERLAND

- > Scenic alpine cog railway trip
- > Sample Swiss chocolate
- > Fondue night



BELGIUM

- > Try the famous chocolates
- > Sample Belgian waffles



TURKEY

- > Visit the Grand Bazaar
- > Cruise the Bosphorus
- > See the Blue Mosque

OTHER TOURS



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Academy Travel is a NSW Institute of Teachers' endorsed provider of Institute Registered professional development for the maintenance of accreditation at Proficient Teacher/Professional Competence. We have operated professional development tours for Ancient History teachers to Italy and Greece with a team of academic experts.

Our close association with organisations such as the Herculaneum Conservation Project also allows Academy Travel to run teacher workshops with experts directly from the field and to ensure your knowledge and teaching skills are enhanced.

If you organise your school tour through Academy Travel, you will be the first to know about all available teacher professional development and be offered additional services, such as hosting a student study day at your school with our academic experts.

OPEN AGE TOURS

What about travelling to your favourite places WITHOUT your students?

Academy Travel also operates an open age tour program, organising around 40 journeys each year to Europe, the Mediterranean, Asia and the Americas. Each itinerary focuses on a distinctive historical, artistic or cultural theme with a maximum of 20 participants.

The aim of every Academy Travel journey is to combine the pleasures of independent travel with the benefits and shared enjoyment of a group. Expert group leaders, carefully selected accommodation and carefully paced itineraries are the key ingredients of our planning. Rather than rushing from place to place, there is time to explore and experience destinations as an individual traveller — at the same time gaining from the experience and expertise of the group leader.

No special qualifications are required to participate in our program — just a love of travel and desire to see and understand more than the average tourist. Many open-age tour participants are practicing or recently retired secondary teachers.

Visit www.academytravel.com.au for a full listing of our open age tours.

UNIVERSITY TOURS

We organise university summer schools and study tours on behalf of institutions including the University of Sydney, the Australian National University and Avondale College. Undergraduate and postgraduate students of Classics, Modern History, Visual Arts and other disciplines travel to destinations including Italy, France, Spain, the UK and the United States on programs organised by Academy Travel.

CAN'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

The tours in this brochure are just a starting point.

With its network of contacts around the world and years of experience designing educational tours, Academy Travel can take you just about anywhere. Some of the destinations we've taken people to include the following.

Central and Eastern Asia

- > Cambodia
- > China
- > India
- > Laos
- > Russia
- > Taiwan

The Americas

- > Chile
- > USA
- > Mexico
- > Cuba
- > Peru

Africa and the Middle East

- > Egypt
- > Ethiopia
- > Libya
- > Jordan
- > Israel
- > Morocco
- > Tunisia

Europe and the UK

- > Austria
- > Belgium
- > England
- > Ireland
- > Italy
- > France
- > Germany
- > Greece
- > Poland
- > Scotland
- > Spain
- > Turkey

GETTING STARTED



12-24 months before departure

- › Contact us by phone or email no later than 12-18 months before departure to discuss with us your tour, and we will work with you to tailor a suitable itinerary outline and provide an approximate costing
- › We will then send an information pack which contains a set of coloured flyers and a sample letter to register interest

12-15 months before departure

- › Gain approval from your principal and/or governing body to plan an overseas trip
- › Receive signed expressions of interest from at least 20-25 paying passengers
- › At this time we will organise:
 - A time to come to the school for an information evening for parents and students
 - A formal written quote
 - A deadline for the deposit of \$500 per person to confirm that the tour is to go ahead

9-12 months before departure

- › Tour is confirmed once 20 or more booking forms and deposits are received
- › We will reconfirm tour dates, flight arrangements and hotels
- › A welcome letter is sent to all participants, setting out instalment payments if applicable. Please note that the deposit becomes non-refundable at this time
- › We will supply risk management documents for your tour submission

4 months before departure

- › We require a document confirming each passenger's name as it appears, or will appear, on their passport, plus information on medical conditions and special dietary requirements

70 days before departure

- › Full and final payment is due

1 month before departure

- › We will conduct a pre-departure meeting at your school in which travel documents and a full briefing on the practical aspects of the tour will be given

Departure day!



"Could not be more impressed in my dealing with the staff at Academy Travel. Right from organising this tour with Jackie, through the presentation night with Stuart and with Amy as our tour guide. Excellent work Academy Travel!"

St Andrew's Catholic College

TEACHER FAQs



Will the tour price change?

Over 10 years of operation Academy Travel has only had to change its prices once – a \$400 per person increase at the height of the 2007 Global Financial Crisis. However, events outside our control make it impossible for us to maintain the original advertised price.

If there is a substantial increase in price passengers will be given the option of a full refund, though this may affect the viability of the tour.

How many free-of-charge teacher places are included? Can we have extra non-paying teachers?

Our advertised prices include the following allowance for free-of-charge supervising teachers:

- › One free-of-charge place in a single room for 20 paying participants
- › Two free-of-charge places in a twin room for 25 paying participants
- › Three free-of-charge places in one single room and a twin room for 30 paying participants
- › Four free-of-charge places in twin rooms for 35 paying participants

If the school wishes to include additional free-of-charge teachers (e.g. two FOC teachers for 20 paying students), please allow an additional \$200 per student for each extra teacher.

Do we need travel insurance?

All schools require participants to have comprehensive travel insurance, and comprehensive insurance is included in the tour price. If any participants are undertaking additional travel, or if travellers are aged over 59 and/or have existing medical conditions, an additional premium may need to be paid.

How does Academy Travel guarantee and manage quality?

- › Unlike most Australian companies, we have an office in Rome which controls our Western European operations. This means we deal directly with hotels, bus companies, restaurants, local guides, escorts etc – not through a third party intermediary. In Greece, Egypt and Turkey we work with small ground operators with whom we have developed close and trusted working relationships.
- › All hotels are personally inspected by Academy Travel staff.
- › Our tour managers are Australia or Europe-based and trained by Academy Travel's Australian staff. This training includes visiting hotels and sites, risk management practices and familiarisation with the requirements of Australian schools.
- › Where there are three or more schools travelling to similar destinations, a member of our Australian staff moves from group to group to ensure that the needs and expectations of the groups are being met.
- › We manage up to 30 school groups per year, meaning we have continuous up-to-date feedback about the quality of services provided at the destination.
- › Several of our staff members are former teachers and have good familiarity with school syllabuses and the requirements of school groups.
- › We employ leading Australian academics to provide input into our tours at the destination, or expert advice in regard to the itineraries we develop. These academics are familiar with the requirements of Australian school syllabuses.

CONTACT US

Please feel free to contact us to discuss your tour requirements.

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RISK MANAGEMENT & INCLUSIONS



Risk management

Risk management is a process of identifying, evaluating and, wherever possible, mitigating potential or actual risks which travellers may encounter. Some risks are well known and can be controlled by fairly straightforward means, such as hotel and meal selection and land travel arrangements. Other risks are less specific and less predictable, and require effective management of groups on the ground.

For Australian school groups, appropriate risk management strategies are an essential component of planning a tour, and often necessary to gain approval for a tour to go ahead. Academy Travel will provide assistance and documentation in all aspects of risk management. This includes:

- > Constant monitoring of both generic and specific country risks identified by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- > Providing inspection reports of hotels covering fire and health inspections, access and personal security.
- > Providing a risk management plan which identifies and grades foreseeable risks and details how they will be managed.
- > Providing a detailed day-to-day program from departure to return.
- > Providing a breakdown of costs and estimate of costs not covered.
- > Attending meetings with key decision makers to discuss risk management.
- > Conducting pre-departure meetings in which risks are discussed and documented.

- > Management of group travel insurance.
- > Plus assisting in any additional requests from your relevant Education Department, which can vary greatly.

Academy Travel can provide a range of management solutions for groups on tour. This can range from a full time professional escort who travels with the group at all times (essential in destinations such as Egypt and Turkey), to airport meet-and-greet services and daily telephone conferences with ground operators. Appropriate management strategies will be discussed with you when planning the tour.

What is included in the tour price?

We aim to make our tours as all inclusive as possible, so that participants have very little to spend on the tour. Our school tours include at least the following:

People

- > Academic experts at major history sites in Europe
- > Services of professional Academy Travel tour manager from arrival to departure
- > Services of selected and qualified local guides as indicated in itinerary
- > 24/7 back-up of Academy Europe and our network of in-country suppliers
- > Free of charge places for organizing teachers (see Teacher FAQs on page 17)

On the ground

- > All accommodation in triple or quad share rooms in good two, three or four star hotels with private bathrooms
- > All breakfasts in hotels
- > All dinners in hotel or local restaurants (including one soft drink per person)

- > All land travel by private coach for major excursions and hotel/airport transfers
- > All tickets for short journeys by public transport
- > Entrance fees to all sites listed on the itinerary

In the air

- > Return economy class air travel from Australia to the destination with a reputable carrier
- > All departure taxes and fuel surcharges
- > All other flights as specified on the itinerary in economy class

Included Extras

- > Comprehensive travel insurance for the duration of the tour
- > All tips to hotels, restaurants, drivers and local guides
- > Attendance by Academy Travel staff at two pre-departure meetings at your school – an information evening and distribution of tickets one month prior to departure
- > Pre-departure and tour notes

Not included in the price

- > The cost of acquiring a current passport or entry visas (when applicable)
- > Lunches (allow \$A15 per day)
- > Expenditure of a personal nature, such as laundry, phone calls and snacks
- > Travel insurance premiums applicable if undertaking additional travel, or due to age or pre-existing conditions



Some of the schools and universities that have toured with Academy Travel

- > All Saints College Bathurst
- > Australian National University
- > Avondale College
- > Bathurst High School
- > Bethany College
- > Blakehurst High School
- > Bishop Druitt College
- > Camden High School
- > Canberra Girls Grammar School
- > Colo High School
- > Coonabarabran High School
- > Cowra High School
- > Dungog High School
- > Eden Marine High School
- > Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
- > Figtree High School
- > Francis Greenway High School
- > Geelong Grammar School
- > Gilroy Catholic College
- > Gloucester High School
- > Hurlstone Agricultural High School
- > Hunter School of the Performing Arts
- > Inverell High School
- > Jannali High School
- > James Ruse Agricultural High School
- > John Paul College Coffs Harbour
- > Korowal School
- > Kurri Kurri High School
- > Lambton High School
- > Macintyre High School
- > MacKillop College Bathurst-Perthville
- > MacKillop Senior College Port Macquarie
- > Manly Selective High School
- > Marsden High School
- > Monaro High School
- > Mudgee High School
- > Nagle College Blacktown
- > Nambucca Heads High School
- > Narrabri High School
- > Oxley College
- > Randwick Girls High School
- > Ravenswood School for Girls
- > Richmond High School
- > Scone Grammar School
- > Scots School Albury
- > St Andrew's Cathedral School
- > St Andrew's Catholic College
- > St Augustine's College Cairns
- > St Bernard's College Essendon
- > St Columba Anglican School
- > St Ignatius' College Riverview
- > St John Bosco College Engadine
- > St John's College Dubbo
- > St Joseph's College Hunters Hill
- > St Joseph's Regional College
- > St Kevin's College Toorak
- > St Margaret's Anglican Girls School
- > St Mary's Senior High School
- > St Paul's Catholic College
- > St Ursula's College Kingsgrove
- > Sydney Distance Education High School
- > Sydney Technology High School
- > Tara Anglican School for Girls
- > Tooramina High School
- > University of New England
- > University of Sydney
- > William Clarke College Kellyville
- > Willoughby Girls High School
- > Xavier College Kew



Lambton High School – travelled with us in 2007/9/11/13/15



Willoughby Girls High School – travelled with us in 2007/8/9/10/11/12/13



Nagle College – travelled with us in 2006/8/10/12/14



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