

Testimonials

“EF Explore America is different because of the relationships that they form with their Group Leaders. They’re willing to do what’s best for students and Group Leaders. They become personally vested in each and every tour.”

Marc | Teacher, California

“My students always come back overwhelmed and awed by seeing their studies come to life. Teachers tell me that after going on the trip, the students come back and share their connections in class discussions and they see a marked difference in their understanding and appreciation for history!”

Derrick | Principal, California

“By partnering with EF, we have been able to offer students opportunities to explore interests, find passions, and dig deeper into the school curriculum.”

Tricia | Director of Student Services, Ohio

For over 50 years, we’ve worked tirelessly to fulfill our global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. We’re dedicated to helping educators like you transform the way students look at the world—and themselves. That passion has helped grow our family-owned business into the world leader in international education with more than 1 million students experiencing our programs every year.

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Explore America

Administrators' Guide to Global Education

Preparing your students for success in the classroom and beyond

Welcome to EF Explore America

We've been partnering with educators for over 50 years to work toward one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*.

Our team of educators and travel experts work with schools across the country to build global education programs that help prepare students for success in our increasingly interconnected world. No matter the destination, every EF tour is rooted in educational experiences that enhance critical thinking, global understanding, and self-discovery.

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Commitment to safety

The safety of your students is our priority, backed by our global presence and over 50 years of experience. Travelers are also covered from unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during tour.



EF'S GLOBAL LIABILITY POLICY

Group Leaders and schools are automatically insured under our \$50 million General Liability Policy, regardless of whether or not the tour is considered a school event. This policy safeguards Group Leaders and schools in case of claims from on-tour incidents such as personal injury and provides a legal defense and covers all associated legal fees.

EF'S PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM

All groups are automatically covered by our Peace of Mind program. Should a group's travel plans need to change for any reason, this program provides the flexibility to change their tour date, destination, or itinerary up to 45 days before their tour.

ILLNESS AND ACCIDENT COVERAGE

Included in all EF Explore America travelers' cost is our Illness and Accident coverage. This coverage helps travelers cover any hospital and doctors' fees and medical transportation for illnesses or injury sustained on tour.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT

When students are traveling, we can be reached 24 hours a day at our North American headquarters in case of an emergency.

PROFESSIONAL OVERNIGHT SECURITY

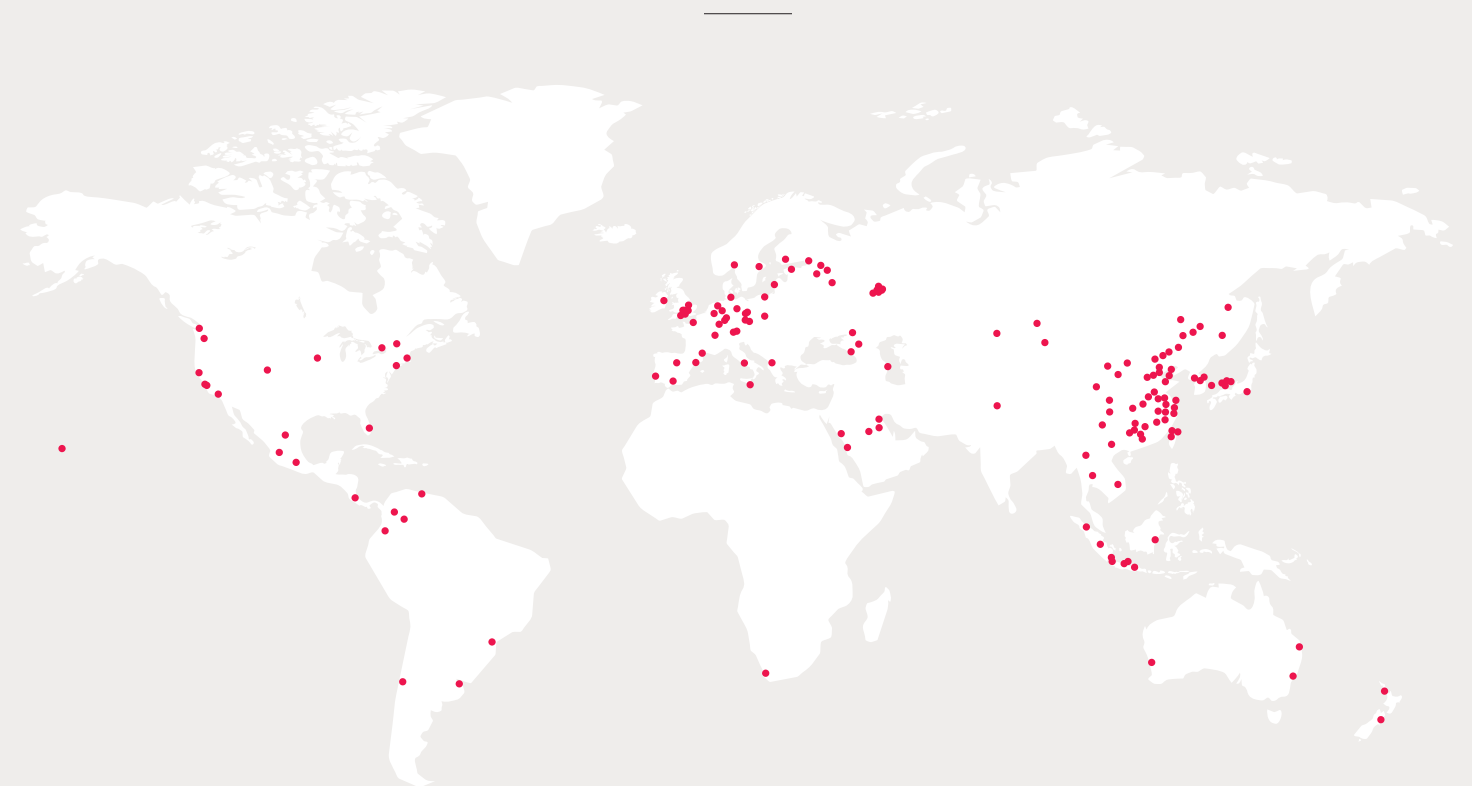
To help ensure students are safe and sound (and staying in their rooms), we provide licensed overnight security that is dedicated specifically to your group.

INDUSTRY-LEADING CHAPERONE-TO-STUDENT RATIO

Having more eyes on what matters is easy when you have the best chaperone-to-student ratio in the industry on your side.

EF's worldwide presence

As the world leader in international education, we're accessible wherever and whenever travelers need us.



1,000,000

Students educated each year

43,500

EF staff, educators, and Tour Directors

500

EF schools and offices

53

Countries with EF operations

1

Shared passion for helping people become citizens of the world

Educational impact

We work with educators across the country to build or enhance global education programs. It's all based in our blended learning approach, which combines classroom, online, and experiential learning.

EF IS ACCREDITED, JUST LIKE YOUR SCHOOL

We're accredited by five prestigious educational associations:



A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Our educational travel programs bring to life the knowledge and skills that are called for in many education initiatives, including:

- Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21)
- International Baccalaureate – PYP, MYP, Diploma, IBCC
- Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects
- Global Competence Criteria – defined by the Asia Society and Council of Chief State School Officers
- Global Connection Standards in the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies
- Culture and Connections Standards in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning
- Standards of Professional Learning – defined by Learning Forward

EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

Through experiential learning, every tour is designed to:

- Increase awareness of global perspectives
- Foster appreciation for different cultures
- Strengthen new language skills
- See curriculum come to life
- Sharpen skills like critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and global competence in a global setting
- Develop leadership skills to successfully navigate new experiences with confidence

WESHARE: PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Every tour comes with weShare, a personalized learning experience powered by students' curiosity. Using EF's guided learning model, students use their strengths to investigate an issue or topic that inspires them. They reflect on what they've learned through a post-tour project that gives even more meaning to travel—and can earn them academic credit.



Earning credit

Teachers and students can earn academic credit or professional learning hours or points by completing coursework before, during, and after their tour.

Opportunities for students:

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Students in grades 7-12 can earn credit with weShare, EF's personalized learning experience, by developing an essential question to investigate on tour and creating a post-tour project. Successful course completion will earn students 0.5 elective high school credits.

Opportunities for educators:

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING HOURS/POINTS

Educators traveling on an EF tour can earn professional learning hours/points through experiential learning research, reflection, and unit planning. Successful course completion will earn educators 45 professional learning hours/points.

GRADUATE-LEVEL UNIVERSITY CREDIT

Educators traveling on an EF tour can earn graduate-level university credit through research, travel, and reflection with EF's university partner, Southern New Hampshire University. Successful course completion will earn educators 3.0 or 6.0 graduate-level university credits. Tuition is \$285 per 3.0 credit course and \$450 per 6.0 credit course.



Unconditional support

Traveling with EF means having a dedicated support team to handle all the details—before, during, and after tour. Parents can rest assured knowing their children are safe during travel while educators have time to enjoy the experience of a lifetime with their students.



Support team:

DEDICATED TOUR CONSULTANTS

Our Tour Consultants guide educators through the planning process, make recommendations, and oversee the management of their tour.

TRAVELER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

Our friendly and knowledgeable representatives offer round-the-clock help with any tour-related questions students and parents have.

FULL-TIME TOUR DIRECTORS

Tour Directors connect with educators before travel, keep students engaged and excited on tour, and manage all on-tour logistics while offering 24/7 support.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL ADVISORS

Educational Travel Advisors—fellow teachers who've led countless EF Explore America trips—are available to talk and offer firsthand experiences to help with tour planning.

Training opportunities & helpful tools:

TRAINING TOURS

We train qualified first-time Group Leaders—for free—in Boston, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, or New York City. It's an incredible opportunity for educators to experience a tour before they lead one, gain confidence from travel, and earn professional learning hours or points.

PERSONAL TOUR WEBSITES

Educators have their own secure website to communicate with students, share tour information, manage deadlines, and more.

RESOURCES & MATERIALS

Safety and tour handbooks, tour itineraries, brochures, and more are provided to educators, travelers, and their parents to walk them through the planning process.



Affordable experiences










We offer the lowest prices possible while also providing our travelers with more choices for managing their payments.



The EF Price Guarantee:

We're dedicated to making travel accessible to as many students as possible. Our unmatched global presence and longstanding relationships with airlines and hotels ensure that our travelers will always receive the best experience at the lowest price, guaranteed.

EVERY TOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  Round-trip transportation
-  Full-time Tour Director
-  24-hour emergency support
-  Safe, quality hotel accommodations
-  Breakfast and dinner daily (some tours include lunches as well)
-  Professional overnight security
-  Expertly led sightseeing tours & all entrance fees
-  All gratuities
-  Access to weShare, EF's personalized learning experience

Flexible payment options:

PAY IN FULL AT ENROLLMENT

Travelers pay the entire balance at the time they enroll.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

After travelers enroll with a \$95 deposit, payments are automatically deducted from their bank account at their choice of a monthly or bi-weekly frequency.

MANUAL PAYMENT PLAN

After a \$95 deposit and \$50 plan fee, travelers must have at least \$350 paid by 30 days after enrollment. Their remaining balance is due 110 days (approximately 3.5 months) prior to departure.



A world of possibilities

We offer a range of culturally rich, global experiences designed to meet the needs of your school and curriculum.



EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Establish a yearly class trip program for your school and create more engaged, interested students. You could make a Washington, D.C. or New York City tour an annual tradition, or take the entire class to the capital one year and the Big Apple the next. Wherever you choose to travel, you'll see your students' minds open a little more with each new experience. And because we know these locations better than anyone, we can ensure that every tour will be an experience to remember.



STEM DISCOVERY TOURS

These Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) tours are your students' chance to discover the real world applications of these subjects for themselves. Spend time with leading scientists, mathematicians, and engineers as they guide your students through workshops and hands-on demonstrations—everything from nuclear physics to robotics to engineering a bridge. Plus, there's enough time to take in the sights of the incredible cities you'll visit too.



SERVICE LEARNING TOURS

On a Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects. We partner with established non-profits and NGOs—like the Borderlands Restoration Organization and Native Seed Search Conservation Farm—to ensure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. And, they return home inspired to make a difference in their own communities.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

These extraordinary events combine educational tours and a two-day leadership conference, tackling significant global challenges in places where they come to life. From our European Summits for high school students to our North American Summits for middle school students, these experiences give students the opportunity to learn from experts such as Anthony Bourdain, Arun Gandhi, and Ndaba Mandela and use the design thinking method to design and present their own solutions to our world's most pressing issues.



COLLEGE VISIT TOURS

Tour a range of colleges and universities with your students in areas like the Northeast and California. Campus visits and exposure to local culture help students discover what is interesting, exciting, and important to them for their future. They'll return home more engaged in their college search and with a better understanding of what types of schools to visit with their families.



INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Our tours to international destinations take your students out of their comfort zones and into an experience that makes them more open minded, more confident, and prepared for life in our interconnected world. Wherever you go, your Tour Director will be with you every step of the way and expert local guides will explain the significance and secrets of the world's most amazing locations. Authentic cultural activities and experiential learning moments make every tour an unforgettable educational experience.