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SPOTLIGHT

on Germany's RHINELAND



Offering a huge variety of attractions which not only allow students to dive into culture but expand their knowledge of process, history and language, Rhineland presents groups with **VARIED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**, this is when students learn without realising and knowledge is transferred without the formality of a classroom or WALT/WILF goals defining success criteria.

School groups have the chance to make their trip a multi-centre experience from Cologne south to Koblenz. Sitting on the banks of the Rhine and Moselle, Koblenz offers a greater insight into how the Rhineland-Palatinate was shaped.

From the 11th-century fortress to “German Corner”, students carry on the timeline from Roman history up to the history of the last 30 years. Tying into the Cold War and the conflict and tension between East and West, the value of the Rhineland suddenly triples as students will be able to understand change and

continuity across history, launch a thematic study across eras, and extend knowledge of specified key events in wider world history without British overseas involvement.

History aside, the museums found in Cologne and Koblenz offer an incredible journey into art, periods and the inspiration behind the masterpieces. Sport and the historical impact of teams like Köln and Mainz 05 on culture, the place of football in society, and how stadia has contributed to enhancing commercial opportunities within the respective cities.

Last but not least, language. Cities like Koblenz give students the opportunity to engage with native speakers with a wide array of shops and excursions with friendly faces supporting students with language-based assignments. These opportunities support students with comprehension by placing them in unscripted situations.

3 must-see attractions in the Rhineland



Chocolate Museum, Cologne

Around 600,000 visitors head for the Chocolate Museum in Cologne every year. It has become the most frequented cultural institution in the city.

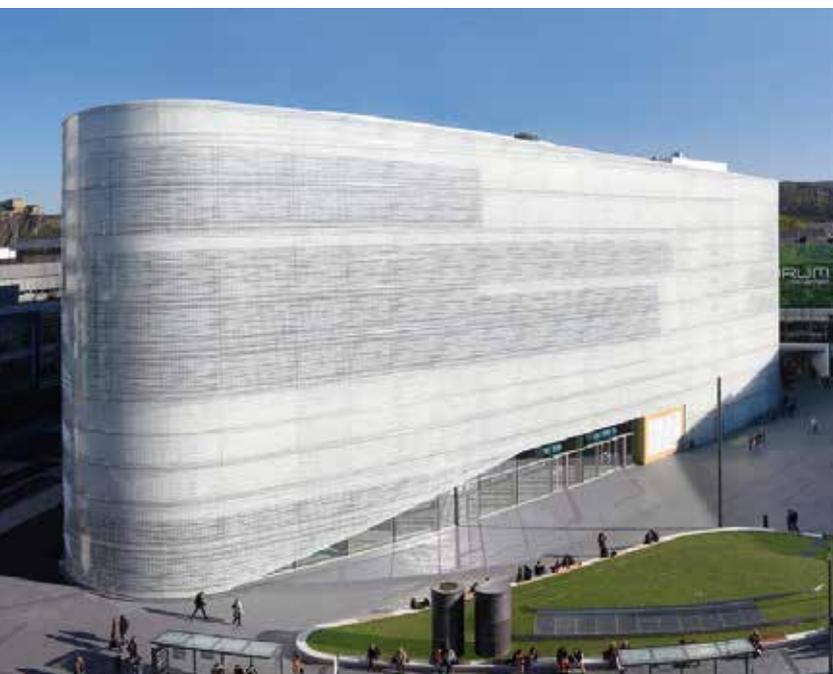
The museum ties the story of Hans Imhoff's dream to create 'a chocolate museum with a fountain of unending streams of chocolate' with the story of chocolate's creation. By learning about the history of cocoa in the pre-Columbian cultures of Central America, students gain that perfect mix of learning and understanding what connects the history of a product found the other side of the globe with the processes that were used and enhanced to craft chocolate that would become revered and exported.

Marksburg Castle & Torture Chamber

The Marksburg is the only hilltop castle on the Middle Rhine to never have been destroyed.

There is over 800 years of castle history, but the stories of how the site was used is just part of the beauty school groups will soon see when exploring the Marksburg region. It is the complete preservation as a medieval fortification, incredible views and how the castle was located in an optimal location that will really blow away students.

Take a journey into the Middle Ages with access to the buildings, kennels, bastions, castle kitchen, knight's hall, Bower, chapel, armoury, wine cellar, battlements and tower room.



Romantikum, Koblenz

The World Heritage Site is split into five areas with each focuses on a different theme which characterises the Upper Middle Rhine. There are interactive exhibitions galore which allow learning be focused on self-discovery.

Take the helm and be the captain of the ship as you sail along the Rhine, past the legendary section around the Loreley and onto Koblenz. Discovering the inspiration for painters, poets and thinkers, students will discover how the Middle Rhine Valley became a tourist attraction centuries ago due to its outstanding landscape. The adventure continues with additional elements of the exhibition allowing your school group to take part in the castle hunt activity.

COSTA RICA

TURN DREAMS INTO A SCHOOL TRIP

Costa Rica may not make it onto the conventional list of school trips, but doesn't that add to making educational tours all the more special?

The rainforested Central American country really is a mix of incredible new-age innovative biodiversity programmes and wildlife we'd typically only ever imagine or see in a cartoon. However, the vivid colours and lush jungle landscape is no work of PhotoShop but a reality that every student should have the chance to experience.

That said, how do you make a school trip to Costa Rica feasible?

Planning well in advance of departing enables schools to fundraise, students and their families to save, and places less pressure on parents' wallets to pay in larger lump sums.

Teachers who nominate themselves to become Group Leaders can work with their chosen school trip operator to fine tune how student numbers may affect the final price point. Identify gender breakdown for accommodation early may make running a trip to Costa Rica easier on the purse by cutting out empty beds and spreading the cost between the group.

Reputable school tour operators will accept a deposit to provisionally book your trip with final amounts due around 14 weeks prior to departure. This means the time between pencilling in your booking to departing can be stretched to cater for additional time saving.

What can you expect from a school trip to Costa Rica?

'Rugged' typically conjures images of dry, barren and soulless landscapes. However rugged Costa Rica may be, the landscape would be described as something that sits in stark contrast to this. The vibrant outlooks, vivid colours and bright shades that seem to appear on the smallest of leaves make you

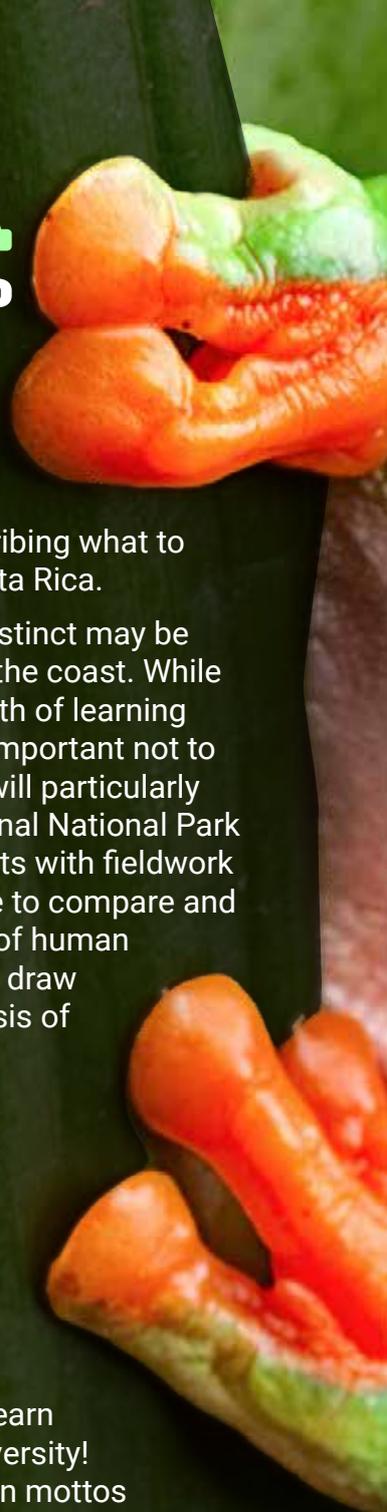
believe you've had your eyes shut up to now. 'Awe-inspiring' can be easily thrown around but seems more than suited when describing what to expect from travelling to Costa Rica.

As Group Leader, your first instinct may be to lead your school group to the coast. While there are undoubtedly a wealth of learning opportunities available, it is important not to skip key areas inland which will particularly suit geography students. Arenal National Park and San Jose provide students with fieldwork opportunities and the chance to compare and contrast, explore the impact of human and physical geography, plus draw conclusions from their analysis of primary sources.

Aside from the learning and activities, tour operators will be able to provide good accommodation options for your school group. Costa Rica is an incredibly safe destination with locals very welcoming to tourism, especially those wanting to learn about their progress in biodiversity! One of the most widely known mottos in Costa Rica is "pura vida" (pure life) which reemphasises the nation's vitality in everyone maximising life's opportunities.

Top tip for food lovers

Don't miss out on trying pejubayes (peach palm fruits), vuelve a la vida (think fish and citrus juices), and aggeglados (no regular sandwich)!





4 FANTASTIC EXCURSIONS



San José

Exploring the Costa Rican capital will allow students carry out fieldwork into human and physical geography. School groups seeking a little more culture will enjoy the array of museums, including gold, jade, art and natural history; contemporary art galleries; and historic neighbourhoods such as Barrio Amón.



Turtle Volunteer Project

A real favourite with school groups is the seasonal turtle volunteer project. Students take on a priceless experience in the nesting of leatherback turtles and support with projects that will shed light on the turtles' habitat.



Cahuita National Park

White-sand beaches, a coastal rainforest, lagoon and a coral reef, Cahuita National Park is bursting with wildlife. It's of little surprise the national park and town of Cahuita is a popular attraction, but students will not only appreciate the incredible location but the unique opportunity to explore habitats, their geographical features, and processes.



Arenal Volcano

The Arenal Volcano was ever-active until 2010 with almost daily explosions and glowing molten rock decorating the sky. Now part of a conservation area, 15km of well-marked trails path the way for students to explore former lava flows and look out for a range of wildlife, including sloths. Don't miss the observation tower providing panoramic views.

TOP 5IVE

European City Tours *for school travel*



BARCELONA

The vibrant city exudes a passion for numerous cultural and historical themes, which encourages students to dig in, explore and soak up what Barcelona has to offer. The beating heart of Catalonia, Barcelona is truly unique and offers students the opportunity to explore everything from Picasso to sport and flamenco to food.

DON'T MISS!... Las Ramblas, Camp Nou and Park Güell.



ROME

The Italian capital is a hotchpotch of monumental remains from its golden age, classy piazzas and Baroque-inspired architecture. There are nods to the Renaissance, alfresco settings and artistic treasures waiting to be rediscovered. Your school group are placed in one of the best locations to explore a city that allows students to gain a cross-curricular experience.

DON'T MISS!... The Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and Vatican City.



LONDON

From learning about the monarchy at the Tower of London or discovering an alternative insight into the Second World War at the Churchill War Rooms to discovering the wonders of our diverse planet at The Natural History Museum or even taking part in a West End theatre workshop, London is one of those hidden gems sitting right under your nose.

DON'T MISS!... The Tower of London, National Gallery and The Science Museum.



BERLIN

Students will gain an in-depth insight into the stories behind historic landmarks, their place in history and how the reunification of Berlin has had a significant impact of creating modern Germany. Explore World War Two, the Cold War, language opportunities, and out-of-this-world art!

DON'T MISS!... Checkpoint Charlie Museum, Holocaust Memorial and Asisi Panorama.



PARIS

Paris is the perfect destination to get that curriculum-packed learning outside the classroom while keeping to a budget. Whether you go on a trip to focus on language, art or history, you and your students can experience the culture like a Parisian and come back from the City of Lights with 'des étoiles plein les yeux'.

DON'T MISS!... The Louvre, Musée d'Orsay and Tour Montparnasse.

Why **NORMANDY** will always ✓ the school trip box

If you think of Normandy, you'll likely think of two things: **World War Two** and your first school trip abroad. Engrained into our memories will be younger selves waving goodbye to family as we boarded a coach to the ferry terminal, noticing the sky was always a little bluer in France than in the UK, and a keenness to say '*bonjour*' to the first person you thought to be French. These may seem like small things to you, but to students these are the first things they will think of and cherish as they embark on their school trip to **Normandy**.

There are some obvious benefits to running a school trip to **Normandy**:

- Opportunities to engage with native speakers
- Appreciate French culture
- Cross-curricular attractions
- Short transfer from docking terminals

While each of these cover more than one benefit in themselves, they form some of the reasons why **Normandy** consistently becomes the favoured choice for schools.

Normandy means, as Group Leader, you are able to open the school trip up to a broader spectrum of students. *Medieval history, modern history, language, art, food, culture...* the list goes on with *market towns, landing beaches, war cemeteries, and museums* all accessible within a small radius.

With famous market towns like **Bayeux** and **Honfleur**, there are markets galore allowing students to increase their confidence in their approach to learn French and applying their learning in unscripted situations. Taking part in French market assignments, tasting locally made goats' cheese, and seeing local trade will allow students to appreciate the French culture and see that different ways of doing things are equally valid.

There is of course the chance for students to be independent when on a school trip to Normandy and have some freedom from parents. Where some of the older students are given some free time or assigned tasks when visiting a town, they can develop their social skills and teamwork. These skills are further supported if you are able to stay at an exclusively owned centre like the **Travelbound's Château du Molay** where an onsite English-speaking team and 38 acres of parkland and facilities means students can engage with a wide choice of recreational activities, including archery and survival skill workshops.

Of course, no school trip to Normandy would be complete without exploring the Normandy Landings. It remains important students learn about the history of World War Two and appreciate the meaning of war and its impact on communities and nations. Memorials, museums and the beaches themselves all represent a moment for students to consider the sheer scale of events.

standout **NORMANDY** excursions

With so much to see in Normandy it is important school groups maximise their time at the attractions instead of sitting on a coach transferring between them and their accommodation. Travelbound's Château du Molay is a great example of how well-positioned accommodation can make a significant contribution to aiding school groups on their trip to Normandy. Here we highlight some of the standout excursions that sit within 20 minutes of the Château du Molay, Normandy.



within 20 mins of the Chateau du Molay

Bayeux Tapestry

A must-see attraction when visiting Bayeux is the Bayeux Tapestry. This long embroidered scroll is the most important relic to survive from the 11th century. Students can see the epic story of William of Normandy's conquest of England in 1066, and consider the French and British interpretation of events.

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American Cemetery and memorial Omaha Beach

The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial covers 172.5 acres and contains the graves of 9,387 military dead, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations. The memorial, set around a bronze statue, shows maps and narratives of the military operations. Students are encouraged to share their thoughts and interpretations with the visitor centre's staff who are also available to answer students' questions.

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British Military Cemetery, Bayeux

This is the largest of the 18 Commonwealth military cemeteries in Normandy. It contains 4,868 graves of soldiers from the UK and 10 other countries – including Germany. Many of the soldiers buried here were never identified, and the headstones are simply marked 'A Soldier Known Unto God'. Students can reflect on the sadness, sacrifice and honour of war.

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Bayeux Adventure

A really popular option for schools looking to provide students with added excitement and recreational opportunities, this outdoor adventure park located close to Bayeux offers a wide range of activities for students. The Activity Pass includes high ropes courses, mini-golf, tubing, permanent wooden maze and maize maze (seasonal), fixed track zorbing (over 12's), peddle karting, bubble football and more!

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Longues-sur-Mer Battery

The German artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer was destroyed by Allied forces on 6th June 1944. Made up of 4 block houses and an observation post looking out to the sea, this is the only battery with its guns still intact. Longues-sur-Mer is one of the most important parts of the Historical Route of the Battle of Normandy at the heart of the allied assault sector between Omaha and Gold Landing Beaches.

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La Cambe German Cemetery

This is the largest of the German cemeteries in Normandy, commemorating 21,222 German soldiers. Students can reflect on the casualties of war on both sides, and consider the German footsoldiers' perspective. Students can also contrast the cemetery to those of the allied forces. Of all the war cemeteries in the area, this one takes on a very different feel which can be discussed among students.

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2 REASONS TO GET EXCITED FOR SPACE DAY 2022

The first satellite to be launched by a rocket was Sputnik in 1957. Soon followed by the successful launch of Explorer 1 sent up by NASA in 1958. It wasn't until another 11 years later that we set foot on the moon with Neil Armstrong biding his time to make the giant leap for mankind.

So, why get excited for Space Day 2022?

Firstly, technology has since advanced leaps and bounds and schools have recognised the combined benefits of extending learning through **STEM** (science, technology, engineering and maths). The breadth of subject matter has seen students be drawn to its versatility and **Space Day 2022** allows teachers to direct learning towards celebrating all things aerospace, planets and stars. Opening up discussions around astronomy is a great way to get students thinking about the vast emptiness of space. Between Earth's atmosphere, the planets and stars, what manmade objects exist within Space and what have we been able to learn from them.

Secondly, there are a whole host of ways your school can take part in **Space Day 2022** with activities available online catered to different age ranges and abilities. Whether you start the day with a space stretching workout while listening to Gustav Holst's The Planets, create a solar system mobile, task students with some rocket collage art, explore moon phases, or even dip into books about outer space.

SPACE DAY 2022 related experiences



European Space Center, Belgium

The European Space Center provides school groups with a diverse insight into astronomy. Ranging from the technology used in the present day to understanding more about the planets in our solar system, students can enjoy hands on and multimedia exhibitions.

Discover the International Space Station and the daily life of astronauts or even experience what walking on the Moon or on Mars may be like. Workshops exploring physics are also available and enhance students' knowledge of principles like the law of action and reaction.

Learn about the universe around us and zoom in on the Moon and the planets of our solar system with planetarium experiences. Simulators are also available so students can experience life as an astronaut, while STEM options are also extended at the European Space Center allowing students to engineer their own rockets.



Kennedy Space Center, Florida

This is the ultimate school trip destination! If you're talking iconic landmarks, generating the kind of excitement you first felt walking into a sweet shop, and the type of eye-opening experiences you'll likely see once in a lifetime, then pack your bags for the Kennedy Space Center.

Grouped by 'Mission Zones', students will have the chance to walk the timeline of space exploration. Getting up close to rockets like the Saturn V and Atlantis, plus learning about the Apollo era will open students up to the scale of work carried out by NASA. Students can learn about the heroes, legends and pioneers of space programs, gain exclusive access to historic launch sites, learn about future NASA missions and plan their own. This is one trip every student will want to embark on!



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