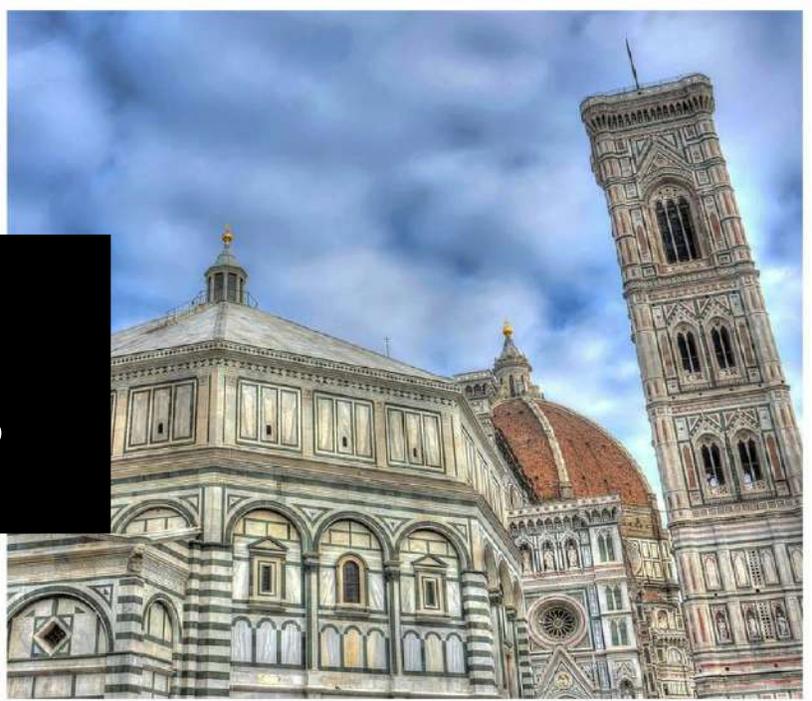




**HISTORY &
GEOGRAPHY TRIPS**





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Here you will discover everything you need to know about planning a History and Geography trip for your students.

Our History Programs welcome novice and expert historians and enthusiasts alike. Students attend local workshops, re-enactments and archaeological sites and often have the opportunity to explore themselves! We visit museums, cultural sites, and landmarks while simultaneously engaging in authentic conversation and collaborative experiences!

1. BENEFITS OF A FOCUSED SCHOOL TRIP

By focusing on a specific area of focus, your trip will have a deeper meaning and outcome in regards to your school trip goals.

a. EDUCATION

Experiential education is at the heart of all Evolve Tours Programs. Travelers focus on community engagement, critical thinking, leadership and reflection as they apply ideas learned on our trips to complex issues at home and in school.

b. GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Evolve Tours Programs prepare travelers with 21st century skills to bring global concepts into the local sphere. We focus on sustainability, local environments, social justice and global competencies, all needed to create a better world.

c. EXPLORATION

Sustainable local and global change depends on the power of relationships developed through adventure and exploration. Based on research and experience, we have developed best practices to simultaneously facilitate collaborative exploration and intercultural immersion on our Programs.

2. CUSTOM TRIPS

Every single one of our programs is customizable. Within History and Geography trips there are obviously many areas of focus. Honing in on your focus will be up to you. Within each discipline we have done and organized many transformational and progressive workshops to help enhance your goal. Here are some experiences that are possible for each focus.

a. AREA OF FOCUS: HISTORY



The History focus explores historical events and societies from the world wars to ancient empires. Students will be given every opportunity to experience and learn about these events through workshops, re-enactments, museum exploration, and cultural events.

- Meet and greet with local historians
- Participate in historical re-enactments
- College/University workshops, meet and greet with students, campus tours
- Museum and cultural exploration
- Archaeological site visits
- Hands-on workshops

b. AREA OF FOCUS: GEOGRAPHY

The Geography focus dives into the impact of geography on historical events. From the desert landscapes to the choppy mountain ranges, students will be given every opportunity to explore these landscapes through workshops, hikes, museum exploration, and cultural events.

- Meet and greet with local geographers, geologists, and city planners
- College/University workshops, meet and greet with students, campus tours
- Museum and cultural exploration
- Hikes through geologically significant areas
- Hands-on workshops



c. AREA OF FOCUS: PEACE AND CONFLICT

The Peace and Conflict focus explores how peace and conflict is created throughout the world. Students will be given every opportunity to experience, learn about, and demonstrate these events through workshops, simulations, museum exploration, and cultural events.

- Meet and greet with local historians, activists and politicians
- Participate in historical re-enactments and historical simulations
- College/University workshops, meet and greet with students, campus tours
- Museum and cultural exploration
- Hands-on workshops



3. TOP DESTINATIONS

It would be tough for us to tell you the MUST go to destinations, there are just too many amazing places in the world to visit. So much culture, so much influence, so many choices. Based on what many schools have done in the past the following locations tend to be popular, cost effective and easy to get to.

CHINA

Throughout history China has been a land of innovation and creativity. From its earliest inventions including gunpowder, papermaking, and fireworks to its modern creations and focus on robotics, China continues to intertwine its traditional culture with forward thinking inventions.

TURKEY

Turkey is at the center of the world. It touches Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and even has some influences in Africa. Its culture reflects this with both Christian and Islamic influences. Its historical connections can be more deeply explored in the Balkans.

GERMANY

Throughout the Western History, Germany has seen incredible achievement and incredible destruction. Since the devastation of World War 2, Germany has grown into an economic and cultural powerhouse while reconciling with its past.

ITALY

Much of Western History revolves around Italy. From the Phoenicians to the Romans to the Byzantines, Italy's culture has been infused with the cultures of the Mediterranean.

MEXICO

Mexico is a land of incredible innovation and culture. The Mayans legendary influence in the 1st Century still rings through to this day, all while Mexican food and music narrate true community bonds.

PATAGONIA

Patagonia is aptly named 'The End of the World'. It is the most southern habitable point on Earth and filled with natural wonders from Torres del Paine to Tierra del Fuego.

PERU

The land of the Inca is home to one of the 7 Modern Wonders of the World: Machu Picchu. The wonders do not stop there either, Peru's cuisine and culture create a welcoming and adventurous atmosphere.



CHINA

Xi'an ~ Beijing ~ Shanghai ~ Hong Kong

“One learns more from traveling ten thousand miles than from reading ten thousand scrolls.” -
Chinese Proverb

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Explore the history of Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
 - Walk across time on the Great Wall of China
 - Watch traditional Kung Fu at the Red Theater
- Visit the incredible Terracotta Warriors Museum in Xi'an
- Learn how to race a Dragon Boat during the Dragon Boat Festival

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Zhangye Danxia Landform

Yuanyang Rice Terraces

Yalong Bay

Jiuzhaigou

Tiger Leaping Gorge

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Giant Panda

Golden-Haired Monkey

White-Flag Dolphin

Chinese Alligator

South China Tiger

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Fisherman's Song at Dusk](#)

[Traditional Chinese Opera](#)

[Ko Ko Bop - EXO](#)

[Ballad of North Henan Province - Erhu](#)

READ:

[The Joy Luck Club - Amy Tan](#)

[Waiting - Ha Jin](#)

[Monkey: The Journey to the West - Wu Cheng'en](#)

TASTE:

Baobing

Wonton Soup

Jiaozi

Lazi Ji

Peking Roast Duck

WATCH:

Ip Man - 2008

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon - 2000

The Last Emperor - 1987

LISTEN:

[Popup Chinese](#)

[Teacup Media](#)





TURKEY

Istanbul ~ Ankara ~ Bursa ~ Izmir

“If you go to a Turkish village that has not been under foreign influence; you will see and learn what true hospitality is in fact.” -William Martin

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Explore the religious and cultural conflicts surrounding the Hagia Sophia
- See the architectural wonders through the the religious site of Ephesus
 - Relive Greek and Turkish mythology at Troy and Gallipoli
 - Ride a hot air balloon over Cappadocia
 - Relax on a cruise through Bosphorus Strait into the Black Sea

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Cappadocia
 Pamukkale
 Bosphorus Strait
 Mount Ararat
 Lake Van

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Indian Porcupine
 Fin Whale
 Beluga
 Egyptian Mongoose
 Dalmatian Pelican

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Old Turkish Folk Music](#)
[Arabesque - Ferdi Tayfur](#)
[Orhan Gencebay](#)
[Evening Call to Prayer -](#)
[Blue Mosque](#)
[Anatolian Rock](#)

READ:

[Constantinople - Edmondo](#)
[de Amicis](#)

[The Birds Have Also Gone -](#)

[Yaşar Kemal](#)
[Istanbul - Orhan Pamuk](#)
[A Mind at Peace - Ahmet](#)
[Hamdi Tanpınar](#)

TASTE:

Baklava
 Simit
 Tavuk göğsü
 Korma
 Churchkhela

WATCH:

Winter Sleep - 2014
 Times and Winds - 2006
 Crossing the Bridge - 2005
 Head On - 2004
 L'immortelle - 1963

LISTEN:

[Ottoman History Podcast](#)





GERMANY

Munich ~ Berlin ~ Hamburg ~ Dresden

“Germany has become a country that many people abroad, associate with hope.”

-Angela Merkel

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Explore the medieval castles and fortresses that dot the German countryside
 - See the limits of human cruelty at Dachau Concentration Camp
 - Ride a bike through Berlin, Munich, or any number of German cities
 - Dance and eat the day away at a summer Stadt Festival
 - Ski the Bavarian Alps on the southern border

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Black Forest
 Bavarian Alps
 Teutoburg Forest
 Barbarossa Cave
 Boddenlandschaft National Park

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Alpine Ibex
 European Beaver
 Eurasian Lynx
 Eagle Owl
 West European Hedgehog

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[German Polka - Walter Ostranek](#)

[Leiblingsmensch - Namika](#)

[99 Luftballons - Nema](#)

[German Classical Composers](#)

READ:

[The Book Thief - Markus](#)

[Zusak](#)

[The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne](#)

[The Glass Bead Game -](#)

[Hermann Hesse](#)

[Slaughterhouse Five - Kurt](#)

[Vonnegut](#)

TASTE:

Schnitzel

Bratwurst

Lebkuchen

Streusel

Rouladen

WATCH:

Good Bye Lenin! - 2003

The Pianist - 2002

Schindler's List - 1993

The Baader Meinhof Complex - 2008

LISTEN:

[History of Germany](#)

[DW Podcast](#)

[The Local German](#)





ITALY

Rome ~ Venice ~ Naples ~ Florence

“Italy will never be a normal country. Because Italy is Italy. If we were a normal country, we wouldn’t have Rome. We wouldn’t have Florence. We wouldn’t have the marvel that is Venice.”

-Matteo Renzi

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Dance in the streets of Venice during their Medieval Carnival
- Explore the history of the Catholic Church in the Vatican’s Museums
 - Unearth the marvels of Ancient Rome at the Roman Forum
 - Eat your way across Tuscany’s rolling hills
 - Escape from Rome’s underground crypts and catacombs

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Scala dei Turchi
 Amalfi Coast
 Blue Grotto
 Lake Como
 The Dolomites

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Apennine Chamois
 Marsican Brown Bear
 Sicilian Wall Lizard
 Crested Porcupine
 Sanderling

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Dalla: Caruso - Luciano Pa-
varotti
Tarantella
Perfect Symphony - Ed
Sheeran with Andrea
Bocelli](#)

READ:

[The Name of the Rose -
Umberto Eco](#)

[The Talented Mr. Ripley -
Patricia Highsmith
The Gargoyle - Andrew Da-
vidson](#)

TASTE:

Roman-style pizza
Risotto
Gelato
Espresso
Focaccia

WATCH:

Under the Tuscan Sun -
2003
To Rome with Love - 2012
The Godfather - 1972

LISTEN:

[The Bittersweet Life
Eye on Italy](#)





MEXICO

Mexico City ~ Guadalajara ~ Mérida ~ Puerto Vallarta

“I have taught my child to embrace her Mexican heritage, to love my first language, Spanish, to learn about Mexican history, music, folk art, food, and even the Mexican candy I grew up with.”

-Salma Hayek

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Explore the history of the Mayans at Chichen Itza and Tulum
- Spend the afternoon on a Catamaran in the Caribbean near Cancun
- Snorkel off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Caribbean Sea
- Learn how to cook traditional Mexican cuisine in Puerto Vallarta
 - Watch Mexican Wrestling also known as Lucha Libre

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Lake Chapala
Sumidero Canyon
Marieta Islands
Sea of Cortez
Calakmul Biosphere Reserve

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Axolotl
Vaquita
Coati
Spider Monkey
Mexican Grey Wolf

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Mexican Mariachi Band
Corrido](#)
[La Llorona - Chavela Vargas](#)
[The Best of Santana - Carlos Santana](#)

READ:

[The Plaza - Guillermo Paxton](#)

[Under the Volcano - Malcolm Lowry](#)
[The Hidden Light of Mexico City - Carmen Amato](#)

TASTE:

Pozole
Sopa Azteca
Antojitos
Mole
Dulce de Leche

WATCH:

El Mariachi - 1992
Frida - 2002
Sin Nombre - 2009
The Night of the Iguana - 1964

LISTEN:

[Loco Gringo Mexico](#)





PATAGONIA

Punta Arenas ~ Puerto Montt ~ Comodoro Rivadavia ~ Bahía Blanca
 “The adventurer in me would love to visit Patagonia, Chile.” -Rachel Platten

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Hike across El Perito Moreno Glacier
- Visit penguins in the Punta Tombo Penguin Colony
 - Kayak along the La Leona River
- Sail off the coast of Argentina for a whale watching excursion
- Trek across the ice fields of Patagonia from El Calafete

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

El Perito Moreno Glacier
 Torres del Paine National Park
 El Chalten
 Los Glaciares National Park
 Walichu Caves

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Southern Right Whale
 Andean Condor
 Fur Seal
 Guanaco
 Magellanic Penguin

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Argentine Andean Folk Music](#)
[Chile Mapuche Music](#)
[Argentine Tango](#)
[La Chacarera](#)

READ:

[In Patagonia - Bruce Chatwin](#)
[The Whispering Land - Gerald Durrell](#)
[Wondering, the Way is Made - Luke F.D. Marsden](#)

TASTE:

Cordero al Palo
Chupe de Centolla
Empanadas de Cordero
Calafate Berry
Costillas de Cordero

WATCH:

180 Degrees South - 2010
Bombon: El Perro - 2004
Historias Minimias - 2002
Rebellion in Patagonia - 1974
Patagonia - 2010

LISTEN:

[Travel to Patagonia in Argentina](#)





PERU

Lima ~ Iquitos ~ Cusco ~ Trujillo

“I am very much about promoting Lima because I think Peru and the mountains and the Incas, everybody is aware of those, but Lima is something that people should discover - especially our food.” -Mario Testino

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Hike one of several ancient Inca trails to Machu Picchu
 - Explore the sacred sites of Pisac and Ollantaytambo
 - Fly across Paracas and see the curious Nazca Lines
- Learn about the cultural importance of Lake Titicaca while relaxing on its shores
 - Experience a Peruvian Cooking Class in Peru’s capital of Lima

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Ballestas Islands
 Paracas Desert
 Lake Titicaca
 Sacred Valley of the Incas
 Vinicunca

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Viscacha
 Spectacled Bear
 Llama
 Cock-of-the-Rock
 Jaguar

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Virgenes del Sol - Florencio Coronado](#)

[Peruvian Folk Dance: Valicha](#)

[Música Criolla Peruana - Eva Ayllón](#)
[The Best of Chicha](#)

READ:

[Death in the Andes - Mario Vargas Llosa](#)

[Turn Right at Machu Picchu - Mark Adams](#)

[The Peru Reader - Orin Starn and others](#)

[In Search of an Inca - Alberto Flores Galindo](#)

TASTE:

Ceviche
 Lomo Saltado
 Anticuchos de Corazón
 Cuy
 Rocoto Relleno

WATCH:

La Ciudad y los Perros - 1985

Ciudad de M - 2000
 La Última Noticia - 2016
 When Two Worlds Collide - 2016

LISTEN:

[Peru and Bolivia: Indie Travel Podcast](#)
[Travel to Peru: Amateur Traveler](#)
[Peru Travel Podcast](#)



4. KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

a. WHERE TO STAY

Our trips are jam packed affairs, we really only use our accommodations to sleep for the night; the rest of the day we are out touring, exploring, and experiencing! Nevertheless, we you stay on your trip certainly is an important component as well.

There are many considerations that go into where you should stay on your trip. For example:

- If you are travelling by private coach bus, it oftentimes makes sense to stay on the outskirts of the city. These hotels are more economical, helping to keep the price of the trip lower, and offer a space for your bus to park for the night
- If you are travelling by public transportation during the trip, then you are better off staying in the heart of the city, easily accessible to transit options. We work with a number of student friendly hostels and B&Bs that provide a quaint, comfortable, and central home away from home.

b. HOW TO GET AROUND

Evolve personally organizes your trip to match what makes sense for your group! For trips that include a number of different cities, or many activities on the outskirts of the city, having a private coach bus usually makes most sense. Alternatively, if you are flying into one city and spending your whole trip there (i.e. New York City), it actually usually makes more sense to organize the trip around public transit - less sitting in traffic, more time experiencing the true city! No matter your destination or desires, we'll create a program that matches your exact needs and desires.



c. WHO GUIDES THE TRIPS

You will have an Evolve Tour Director with you for the duration of your trip. Our tour directors are artists and musicians and actors as well, so they bring their own energy and enthusiasm to all the great activities ahead! Evolve Tour Directors are leaders, youth workers, teachers, and travelers. Only the most qualified candidates pass through our rigorous interview process, and then all tour directors undergo thorough training to ensure the smoothest and most fun trip for

your group! You will also likely be led by additional local guides at museums, activities, and tours as well.

5. HOW MANY TRAVELERS; WHAT IS THE COST?



This is totally variable - based on where you are travelling to, from where, how many travelers, time of year, activities included, etc. The best way for us to give you an idea of costing is for us to discuss the right program for your group, and then put together a customized proposal for you to review. Generally speaking, the more students you are able to

sign up, the more economical the trip will be per student. Our programs include essentially every component of the trip: travel, accommodation, all activities, even most meals (we can adjust this as you desire). Teacher chaperones travel for free on all trips!

6. HOW DO I BEGIN?

The first step is gaging interest amongst your students - is there desire within your school culture to organize such a trip? The first trip is the hardest to get off the ground. Once the first one is done, you'll have students begging you to organize the next one before you've even caught your breath from the first.

Next you need to acquire administration approval, or whatever processes are required on your end. We are here to help provide documentation and resources to facilitate this process.

Once the green light is given, it's time to start promoting! Hanging flyers in the school, announcements over the P.A, newsletter write ups - whatever is available to you at your school.

Organize a student-parent information night. We can provide you with a PowerPoint presentation, and all steps to move forward getting students registered and signed up from here.





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At Evolve Tours, we've been running student trips around the world since 2006 and have been perfecting the trip planning process ever since. After deciding you want your students to experience educational travel, there's a lot involved in organizing a trip before hopping on that bus. There's the logistics of accommodations, transportation, meals, activities and more- when planned properly they come together to ensure an incredible and memorable student trip.

If you have any questions about any of the content in this guide, please email us at info@evolvetours.com, or call us at 1.888.222.5066 (Toll Free)

You can also check out sample itineraries of our trips online at www.evolvetours.com

We'd be happy to work together to plan your student trip, or just talk travel!

Happy Travels!

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