



**LANGUAGE
IMMERSION TRIPS**





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Here you will discover everything you need to know about planning a Language Immersion trip for your students.

Our Language Programs welcome novice and expert linguists and enthusiasts alike. Students attend local language workshops, cultural and dramatic performances and often have the opportunity to explore more deeply! We visit theaters, studios, museums and concert venues while simultaneously engaging in authentic conversation with locals!

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 language 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: LANGUAGE IMMERSION

The Language Immersion focus explores the intricacies of language at local levels. Students will be given every opportunity to test and improve their language skills to better interact with the local community.



- Meet and greet with local artisans
- Hands-on workshops and language lessons
- Explore the town and engage in conversation with locals
- Attend local festivals and events
- Read and learn local folklore and literature
- Watch local films in their original languages
- College/University workshops, meet and greet with students, campus tours

b. AREA OF FOCUS: LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The Language and Culture focus explores the intersection of language and culture on a local and regional level. Students will be given every opportunity to interact with the local community to improve their language skills and learn more about local culture.



- Meet and greet with local artisans
- Hands-on workshops and language lessons
- Attend local events, museums, gardens, lecture series
- Watch local films in their original languages
- College/University workshops, meet and greet with students, campus tours

c. AREA OF FOCUS: LANGUAGE AND FOOD

The Language and Food focus explores the intersection of language and food on a local and regional level. Students will be given every opportunity to interact with the local community and their cuisine to improve their language skills.



- Meet and greet with local artisans
- Hands-on workshops and language lessons
- Attend local events, food tastings, museums
- Engage with local food artisans and their craft
- College/University workshops, meet and greet with students, campus tours



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.

BRAZIL

Brazil is home to much of the Amazon Rainforest, and within this massive rainforest lay a multitude of colorful traditions. These traditions can be seen through the world renowned Carnival where Brazil's culture and history collide in celebration of the beginning of Lent.

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.

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is the world's answer to a natural paradise. They have prioritized their natural environment over all else. Because of this Costa Rica is a combination of environmental beauty and outdoor adventure.

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.

INDIA

India's ancient roots have managed to modernize into a cultural and scientific center. Its religious roots in Hinduism and Buddhism have helped to influence the subcontinent.

MOROCCO

Moroccan society is an old and distinguished one. It is filled with desert folklore, Berber culture, and artwork and history that stretches across political boundaries.

FRANCE

Home to mimes, the Seine, and romantic walks down the street, France is a cultural powerhouse. However, for those who seek a bit more adventure, its southern borders are home to incredible canyoneering and skiing routes.



BRAZIL

Brasilia ~ São Paulo ~ Rio de Janeiro ~ Belo Horizonte

“Brazil is not what you see but what you feel. Once you spend time here - a week, two weeks - you get in the vibe.” -Francisco Costa

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Lounge in the sand on the famous Copacabana Beach
- Explore the art at the Institute of Contemporary Art Inhotim in Belo Horizonte
- Hike up Corcovado mountain to the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro
 - Zipline through the Amazon Rainforests on a once in a lifetime experience
- Kayak along the Amazon River and catch a glimpse of the Amazon River Dolphin

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Iguazu Falls
Pantanal Wetlands
Amazon Rainforest
Chapada Diamantina National Park
Lençóis Maranhenses National Park

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Jaguarundi
Tapir
Tamarin Monkey
Amazon River Dolphin
Capybara



CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Choro](#)
[Samba](#)
[Bossa Nova](#)
[Forró](#)

[Maracatu](#)

[Copacabana - Barry
Manilow](#)

READ:

[Futebol Nation - David
Goldblatt](#)
[Brazil - John Updike](#)
[The Boys from Brazil - Ira
Levin](#)

TASTE:

Feijoada
Minas Cheese
Açaí na tigela

Pão de queijo

WATCH:

Carandiru - 2003
Elite Squad - 2007

City of God - 2002

LISTEN:

[Brazil Culture and History](#)





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

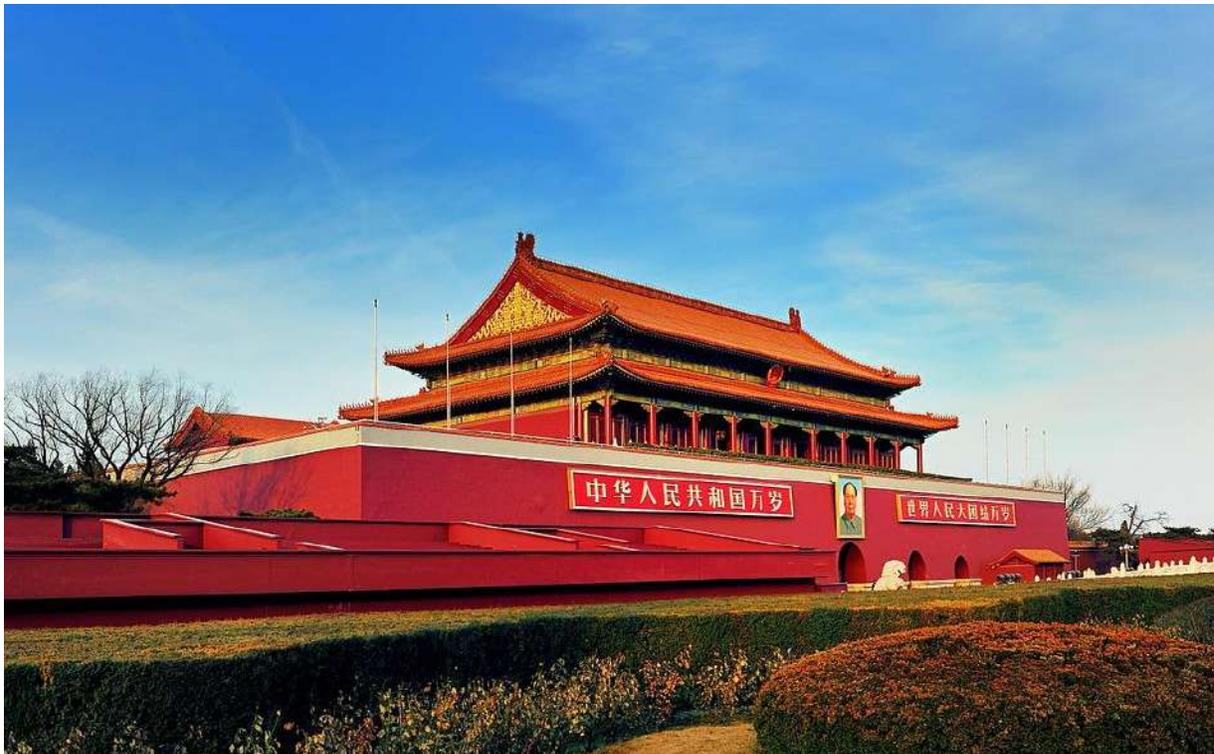
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon - 2000

The Last Emperor - 1987

LISTEN:

[Popup Chinese](#)

[Teacup Media](#)





COSTA RICA

San José ~ La Fortuna ~ Playa Tamarindo ~ Puerto Viejo de Talamanca

“Costa Rica, with its tourist-based economy and lack of a national army, has focused on keeping safe its beaches, parks and other public draws.” -Laura Chinchilla

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Zipline through the rainforest on Volcán Rincon de la Vieja
 - Hike Cerro Chirripó, Costa Rica’s highest point
 - Explore the dense jungles of Tortuguero national Park
 - Snorkel off the coast of Tortuga Island
- Whitewater raft down the Pacuare River through Class III and IV rapids

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Reserva Monteverde
 Canales de Tortuguero
 Cerro Chirripó
 Volcán Arenal
 Isla del Coco

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog
 Chestnut-Mandibled Toucan
 Mexican Tree Frog
 Ocelot
 Three-Toed Sloth

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Marimba](#)

[Merengue](#)

[Avispa - La Banda](#)

[El Barrio de los Jazmines -](#)

[Malpaís](#)

READ:

[Green Phoenix - William](#)

[Allen](#)

[Monkeys are Made of](#)

[Chocolate - Jack Ewing](#)

[Costa Rica: A Traveler's Li-](#)

[terary Companion - Bar-](#)

[bara Ras](#)

TASTE:

Rondon

Cacao Fresco

Picadillo

Chifrijo

Coffee

WATCH:

Jurassic Park - 1993

El Regreso - 2012

The Blue Butterfly - 2004

LISTEN:

[This Week in Costa Rica](#)





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

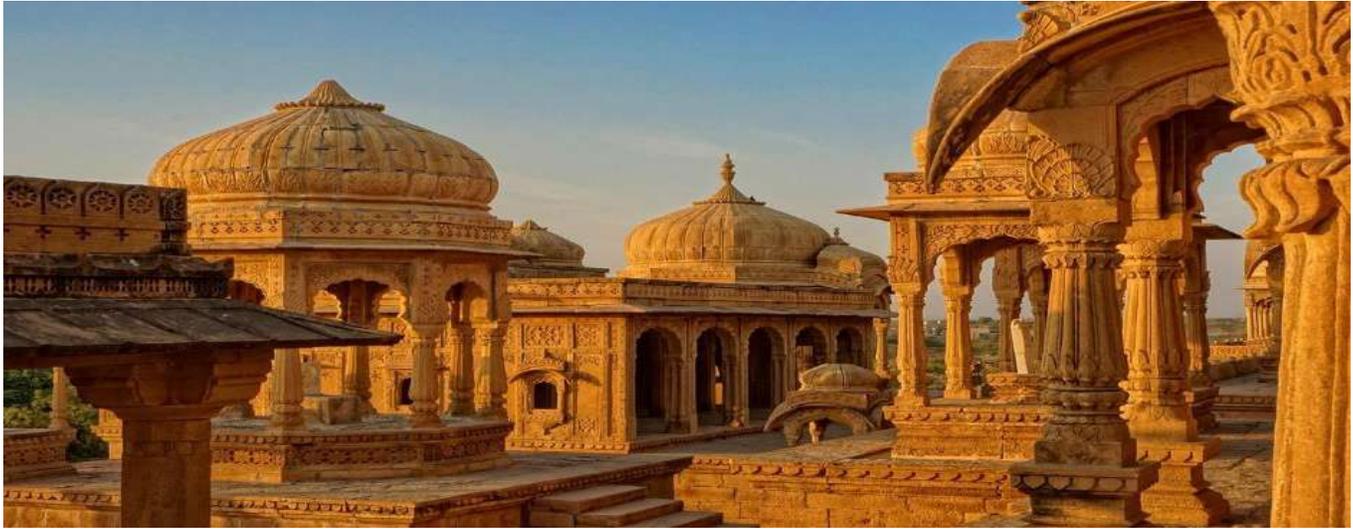
LISTEN:

[History of Germany](#)

[DW Podcast](#)

[The Local German](#)





INDIA

Delhi ~ Mumbai ~ Jaipur ~ Kolkata

“India has an enthralling, uplifting civilization that sparkles not only in our magnificent art, but also in the enormous creativity and humanity of our daily life in city and village.”

-Pranab Mukherjee

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Experience the grandeur of love in architecture at the Taj Mahal
- Explore India’s religious diversity at sites like the Golden Temple
 - Enjoy a game of cricket at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai
 - Surf in the Indian Ocean near Varkala
- Make it to the top of Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Lonar Crater Lake
 Marble Rocks of Bhedaghat
 Borra Caves
 Aleya Ghost Lights
 Deodar Forest

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Asiatic Lion
 Lion-tailed Macaque
 Himalayan Blue Sheep
 Yak
 Indian King Cobra

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Rajasthan Folk Music](#)

[Arijit Singh](#)

[Tera Bina - Shreya Ghoshal](#)

[The Spirit of India - Ravi Shankar](#)

READ:

[Behind the Beautiful Forevers - Katherine Boo](#)

[A Free Man - Aman Sethi](#)

[India After Gandhi - Ramachandra Guha](#)

TASTE:

Masala Dosa

Hyderabadi Biryani

Tandoori Chicken

Vada Pav

Dhokla

WATCH:

Padmaavat - 2018

Anand - 1971

Slumdog Millionaire - 2008

LISTEN:

[Our Last Week](#)

[The Intersection](#)





MOROCCO

Marrakech ~ Fez ~ Essaouira ~ Rabat

“As you wake up to sort Morocco coming to life, and you drive a two hour journey through the desert as the sun is rising over the sand dunes...I saw landscapes and visual stuff that I’ll never forget.” -Jim Sturgess

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Ride hot air balloons over the Atlas Mountains
- See the great Sand Dunes of Erg Chebbi on camelback
- Walk your way through Marrakech's labyrinthine medina
 - Explore Moroccan history at the Bahia Palace
- Find the connection between Roman and Arabic culture in the Roman Ruins at Volubilis

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Todra Gorge
 Tide Pools of Essaouira
 Erg Chebbi
 Atlas Mountains
 Talassemrane National Park

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Mouflons
 Barbary Monkey
 Golden Jackal
 Atlas Mountain Viper
 Hoogstraal's Gerbil



CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Andalusian](#)

[Berber Folk Music](#)

[Sufi](#)

[Rai Moroc](#)

READ:

[The Caliph's House - Tahir Shah](#)

[The Sand Child - Tahar ben Jelloun](#)

[A Street in Marrakech - Elizabeth Warnock](#)

[Fernea](#)

TASTE:

Couscous

Pastilla

Shakshuka

Harira

Tajine

WATCH:

Marock - 2005

A Thousand Months - 2003

The Message - 1976

LISTEN:

[Mazyan Bizzaf](#)

[Travel to Morocco](#)





FRANCE

Paris ~ Marseille ~ Nice ~ Avignon

“When I was a child and they burned me out of my home, I was frightened and I ran away. Eventually I ran far Away. It was to a place called France. Many of you have been there, and many have not. But I must tell you, ladies and gentlemen, in that country I never feared. It was like a fairyland place.” -Josephine Baker

EXPERIENCES TO HAVE

- Bike through Versailles and witness human ingenuity over nature
 - View the entire Paris cityscape atop the Eiffel Tower
- Explore some of humanity’s greatest works at the Louvre
 - Witness history on the beaches of Normandy
- Ski on the doorstep of the French Alps in Chamonix

THE GREAT OUTDOORS...

Mont Blanc
 Aiguille du Dru
 Gorges du Verdon
 Étretat Cliffs
 Camargue Salt Flats

...AND THE ANIMALS WITHIN

Minke Whale
 Wildcat
 Red Fox
 Mediterranean Monk Seal
 Mouflon

CULTURE CORNER

HEAR:

[Les Troyens - Berlioz](#)
[Baroque](#)
[Lose Yourself to Dance -
Daft Punk](#)
[Tilted - Christine and the
Queens](#)

READ:

[A Moveable Feast - Ernest
Hemingway](#)

[The Flaneur - Edmund
White](#)
[My Life in France - Julia
Child](#)

TASTE:

Escargot
Creme Brulee
Moules Marinieres

Gougere Cheese
Boeuf Bourguignon

WATCH:

Amelie - 2001
Julie & Julia - 2009
Hugo - 2011
The Artist - 2011

LISTEN:

[Join Us in France](#)



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, where 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.

2. 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 stu-

dents 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!

3. HOW DO I BEGIN?

The first step is gauging 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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