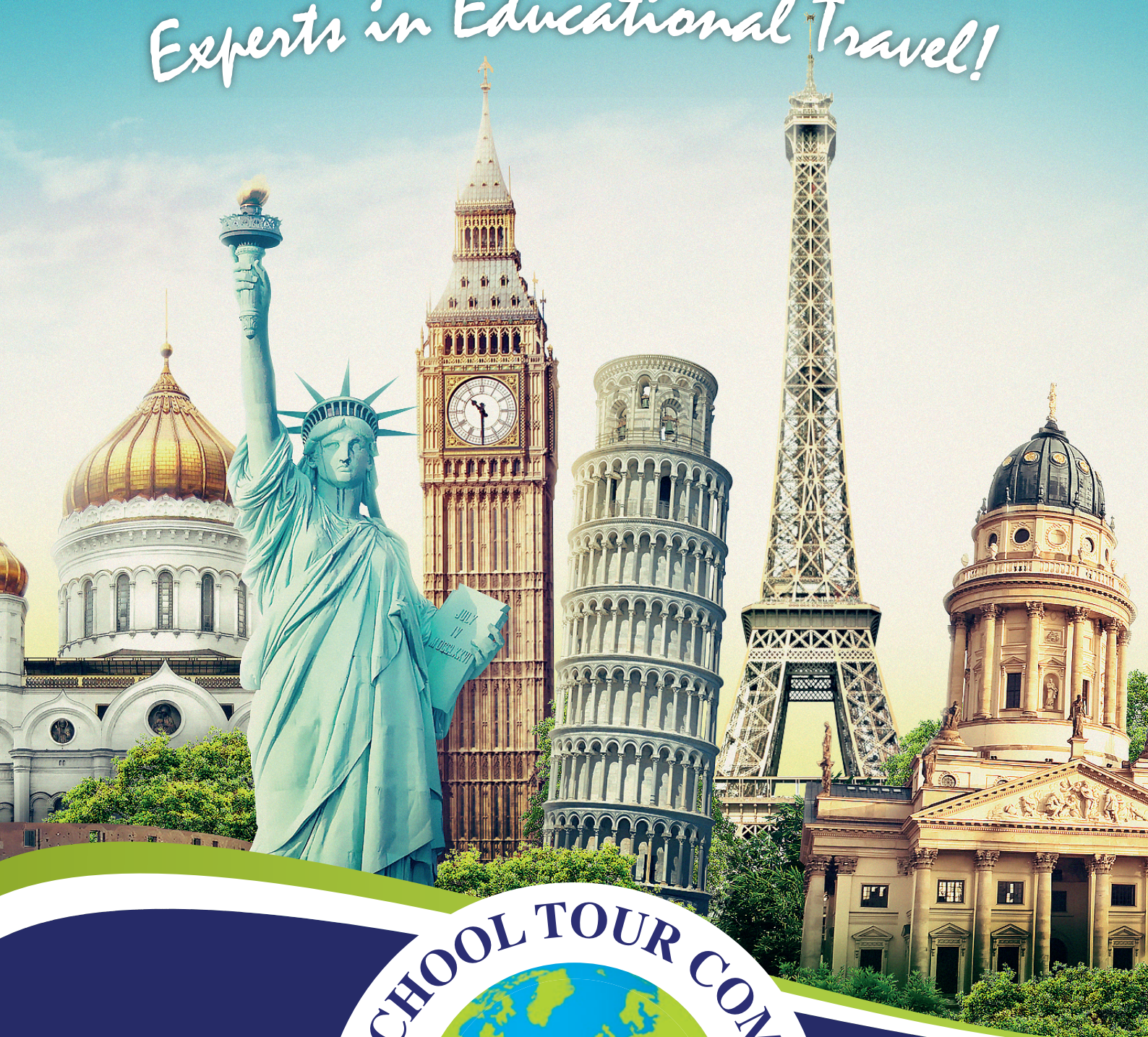


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Dear Group Leader,

This has been the busiest year we have experienced since we started The School Tour Company! Thank you so much for all your recommendations and repeat bookings. We look forward to working with you again this year and with all the colleagues and other leaders you have introduced to us. As always, our priority is to plan a hassle-free tour for you and one filled with educational content and fun for your students.

It was great to meet so many of you on our familiarisation tours this year and we have many exciting tours planned for you in the future.

We are also delighted to introduce our sister company "The Group Tour Company" to you, which specialises in escorted travel. If you or any of your friends would like to organise an escorted group tour, please contact us at tours@grouptour.ie and we can assure you that our years of experience will result in a fantastic tour for your group.

Please let us share our passion for travel along with our experience in organising tours with you. You can contact us on 00 353 1 253 0075 or at sales@schooltour.ie.

Kind Regards

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Mystery Tours

Mystery tours are becoming increasingly popular. If you are interested in organising one for your friends or colleagues let us research some options for you. Just give us your approximate group size and budget and we will put a nice package together for you to enjoy.

Brussels, Prague, Madrid, Warsaw, Lisbon, Malaga are just some of the exciting mystery tours that we have organised for our group leaders and their friends/colleagues this year!



Mock Trials



We are the main organiser from Ireland for the Mock Trials and can look after all your travel arrangements.

PLEASE
ALSO KEEP
US IN MIND
FOR...

EU Parliament Trips



We have years of experience and expertise in organising trips to Strasbourg for competition winners!

Exchanges



We can organise flights to anywhere in the world, with or without coach transfers. Just let us know your requirements and leave the rest to us.

We have many French and Dutch schools extremely interested in doing exchange visits with Irish schools. We can put you in touch with our organisers in these countries. If this is something you would like to do, let us get the ball rolling!

Stretching across 117 small islands, Venice is ideally suited for museum and gallery hopping. Strolling from one to the other and taking in the glorious architecture you will quickly realise why this city attracts so many visitors.

Almost 370 square kms of burnished blue water spreads itself to the shores of the spectacular Lake Garda where a host of amenities, leisure activities and centres of culture await. Countless places of educational interest serve to make this tour a busy one.

The brief itinerary below is just a sample of how you can enjoy your Northern Italian school tour while being based in the Lake Garda region. This can be amended in any way you choose, you can stay for more or less nights and there is also the option of staying in Lido di Jesolo, near Venice.



Day 1

Before travelling to the lake region you could visit Milan; alternatively continue straight to Lake Garda and enjoy a boat trip on the lake or a cable car ride to Monte Baldo.

Day 2

Enjoy the many delights of Venice: gondolas, bridges, architecture, museums and shopping.

Day 3

Gardaland (seasonal opening), Italy's largest adventure park, will offer students a day to remember. Lido di Jesolo, near Venice awaits you this evening.

Day 4

Visit Verona and go to see Juliet's house and famous balcony, as well as the Amphitheatre.

'What an amazing trip! Our very favourite in the last 30 years. Everything ran like clockwork, wall to wall sunshine, loads of time for all the activities. The hotel and food were great and guides and bus driver super.'

- Clare Group Leader



TOP CHOICE

SIGHTS

Intriguing Northern Italy...

Stunning scenery and lake views, spectacular architecture and museums, there is so much variety to choose from as you will see below...

Venice

- Basilica of San Marco
- Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square)
- Grand Canal & Gondola ride
- The Doge's Palace
- Bridge of Sighs & Rialto Bridge
- Correr Museum
- Peggy Guggenheim Collection
- Galleria dell'Accademia
- Murano Glass Museum

Verona

- Piazza dei Signori
- Juliet's House
- Duomo di Verona
- Arena di Verona (Amphitheatre)

Lake Garda region

- Sirmione boat trip
- Cable car to Monte Baldo
- Gardaland theme park
- Sea-Life Aquarium
- Parco Natura Viva
- Jungle adventure park
- Rimbalzello adventure park
- Movieland Studios

Milan

- San Siro Stadium
- Piazza Duomo & Cathedral
- Da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'

Evening entertainment:

- Bowling
- Pizza making
- Mini Golf
- Farm tour



Straddling the river Tiber, Rome extends the warmest of welcomes to its visitors and is recognised for its hospitality. As a world heritage site historically, the opportunities for discovering the very finest of art, culture and architecture are limitless. Students involved in art and religious studies have the world at their feet with the Vatican museums full with spiritual art and sculpture, including many Renaissance pieces. Something of interest will never be far from your gaze.

Below is just a sample itinerary for the Rome trip which can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.



TOP CHOICE



Day 1

Surround yourself in the grandeur and sophistication of Rome while accompanied by your experienced city tour guide. Visits this day include the Forum, Pantheon and Colosseum. Finish the evening soaking up the atmosphere around the Trevi Fountain.

Day 2

Explore the beauty of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums, as well as the Dome of St Peter's Basilica.

Day 3

Enjoy a full day at Rainbow Magicland theme park (seasonal opening), alternatively take a full day excursion to Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius.

Day 4

The Catacombs are really worth a visit this morning, followed by last minute sightseeing or shopping.

"Visiting Rome and Pompeii is the complete educational experience, there is something for everybody and above all the Italians genuinely like children"

- Dublin Group Leader



When in Rome...

Below is a selection of some of the top things to see and do in the magnificent city of Rome:

SIGHTS

- St Peter's Basilica
- Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel
- Colosseum
- Roman & Imperial Forums
- St Peter's Square
- Trevi Fountain
- Spanish steps
- Palatine Hill
- Pantheon
- Piazza Navona
- Piazza del Popolo
- Castel Sant'Angelo (Mausoleum of Hadrian)
- Capitoline Museums
- Catacombs
- Rainbow MagicLand Theme Park
- Cinecitta World Theme Park
- Gladiator Experience
- Capuchin Crypt
- Ostia Antica



ATTRACTIONS

Evening entertainment:

- Bowling
- Time Elevator
- Ice Skating
- Cinema in English
- Pizza making class



We have hotels located in central Rome, as well as the outskirts such as Fregene and Fuiggì.



Sorrento

Sorrento, overlooking the bay of Naples, has panoramic views that are difficult to equal. The most famous town of the Sorrentine Peninsula makes an ideal base for exploring the main attractions of the surrounding area and Campania region.

CULTURAL CAMPANIA...

- POMPEII
- ISLAND OF CAPRI
- HERCULANEUM - VIRTUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM
- PRAETUM
- MOUNT VESUVIUS
- NAPLES - ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM AND UNDERGROUND TOURS
- AMALFI COAST DRIVE

Sorrento is most popularly combined with Rome to make a fabulous 3 to 5 night tour. Below is just a sample itinerary for spending time in Sorrento, either before or after your stay in Rome.

Day 1

Take an early flight into Rome and enjoy a city tour of Rome before travelling to Sorrento. Alternatively fly directly into Naples.

Day 2

Enjoy a full day on the beautiful island of Capri, take the funicular to

Capri town or venture further up to Anacapri for breath-taking views. Alternatively, take a drive along the stunning Amalfi Coast and visit the picturesque towns of Positano and Amalfi.

Day 3

Visit Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius – an extremely fascinating and educational day.

Day 4

Spend some time in Naples and visit the Archaeological Museum before departing.

★ *It is also possible to be accommodated in Naples.*

Florence

Tuscany's capital Florence has been referred to as the most romantic city in the world, and with good reason, everything about it is simply beautiful. Groups are based outside Florence in Montecatini, a spa town which has access to its old town via funicular.

Florence is a great Italian destination as it can be combined with Rome, Venice and/or Lake Garda due to its location. Below is just a sample itinerary for spending time in Florence, either on its own or as part of an Italian trip.

Day 1

If travelling en route from Rome, take in the stunning scenery and pretty medieval town of Siena. (Please note that this day can be swapped with Day 4 depending on which city you are travelling from or to).

★ *It is also possible to stay in central Florence.*

Day 2

Visit the famous Accademia Gallery and Uffizi Gallery before spending the afternoon enjoying a guided city tour of Florence.

Day 3

Travel to the endearing city of Lucca, hidden behind Renaissance walls. On the

way back stop off in Pisa. Or, for the art enthusiasts enjoy a day exploring the Bargello Museum, Brancacci Chapel and Pitti Palace.

Day 4

If travelling North stop at the Ferrari Museum to end the tour in style!

Fascinating Florence...

- Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore
- Piazza del Duomo - Baptistery & Giotto's Campanile
- Ponte Vecchio
- Sante Croce
- Piazza della Signoria
- Uffizi Gallery
- Accademia Gallery
- Pitti Palace
- Boboli Gardens
- National Museum of Bargello

Excursions:

- Siena & Dome of the Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta
- San Gimignano 'City of Towers'
- Pisa & Leaning Tower
- Fiesole (archeological site)
- Ferrari Museum (en route to Lake Garda or Milan)

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EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:

- BOWLING
- FUNICULAR RIDE





SPAIN

Barcelona



Catalonia's capital is considered by many to be the 'most outstanding architectural city in the world'. Antoni Gaudi's influence appears everywhere. Art lovers can peruse the works of Picasso and with over fifty museums in the city it's a cultural haven educationally. Barcelona is a dynamic city, rich in history, art and fashion, and has a huge passion for variety.

The brief itinerary below is just a sample of how you can enjoy your Barcelona school tour. This can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights. Stay at one of our wonderful beach side resort hotels in either Salou or the Costa Brava, or stay in central Barcelona if you wish.



Day 1

On arrival discover the delights that Barcelona has to offer on your panoramic guided city tour, including the impressive La Sagrada Familia exterior.

Day 2

Montserrat in the morning followed by another action-packed afternoon in Barcelona city, perhaps visiting the Aquarium or Nou Camp.

Day 3

A day at PortAventura, Spain's most loved theme park, is a must! (seasonal opening).

Day 4

Take a cable car ride, visit some art galleries and museums or simply enjoy some last minute shopping.

"The students had the time of their lives in Barcelona & Salou. They loved it all, Port Aventura was possibly the highlight for them"
- Dublin Group Leader



SIGHTS

Beauty of Barcelona...

There are many enthralling and captivating things about Barcelona. Here are a few must-see sights and attractions:

- La Sagrada Familia
- Camp Nou Stadium (currently closed for renovations)
- Parc Guëll
- Las Ramblas
- Magic Fountain of Montjuic
- Barcelona Aquarium
- Poble Espanyol - Spanish Village
- Barrio Gotico - Gothic Quarter
- Teleferic de Montjuic (cable car)
- Picasso Museum
- Casa Mila
- 'Las Golondrinas' boat trip
- Zip Lining
- CosmoCaixa - Science Museum
- The World of Banksy Exhibition (Museu Banksy)
- Portaventura & Ferrari Land

Excursions:

- Montserrat
- Figueres & Salvador Dali Museum
- Girona
- Tarragona
- Garrotxa Volcanic Park
- Tibidabo Theme Park

Evening entertainment:

- House of Illusions (Salou)
- Bowling
- Ice-skating (Barcelona city)
- Flamenco show
- Football match (subject to availability)



ATTRACTIONS



We can also organise language classes in Barcelona to give your students the opportunity to improve their Spanish language skills. Courses tend to be held in the mornings in order for you to enjoy the attractions in the afternoons, however this is flexible.



SPAIN

Madrid

POPULAR CHOICE



'Our bus driver was amazing, friendly and accommodating. Our tour guide was 10 out of 10! Hotel really nice with lovely food.'

- Limerick Group Leader

As one of Europe's largest capitals, Madrid is the most Spanish of Spain's cities with a valiant culture that has mastered the art of 'Living the good life'. There is so much to experience in this busy metropolis with its mass of art galleries, cultural attractions and lively plazas. Give your students an authentic taste of Spain!

Below is just a sample itinerary for the Madrid trip which can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.

Day 1

Enjoy an introduction to this magnificent city by visiting attractions such as the Royal Palace and Bullfighter stadium. Finish the day with a visit to the Bernabeu Stadium.

Day 2

Take a full day excursion to the historical city of Segovia, followed by the impressive monument El Escorial, both of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Day 3

Have some fun at Parque Warner theme park or Parque de Atracciones. Alternatively, take an interesting trip to the popular city of Toledo.

Day 4

Visit one of the many famous museums such as Prado or Reina Sofia, spend some time in Retiro Park or partake in some last minute shopping.

Marvels of Madrid...

Madrid has an abundance of artistic, cultural and fun attractions, to include:

- Reina Sofia Art Museum
- Prado Museum
- La Plaza Mayor
- Palacio Real (Royal Palace)
- Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum
- Bernabeu Stadium
- Las Ventas Bullring
- Parque Warner Theme Park
- Parque de Atracciones
- Retiro Park (boat trip depending on weather)
- Madrid Snow Zone

Excursions:

- El Escorial
- Toledo
- Segovia
- Avila

Evening entertainment:

- Bowling
- Ice-skating
- Flamenco

SIGHTS

ATTRACTIONS



★ We can organise Spanish lessons at a language school in Madrid.

Santiago de Compostela & The Camino

Santiago de Compostela is the capital of northwest Spain's Galicia region. It's known as the culmination of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route, and the alleged burial site of the apostle St. James, where it is said his remains lie within the Catedral de Santiago de Compostela. There is much to see and learn while on these walks and visiting the small towns along the way.

If the Camino walk is not to your tastes, Santiago is in its own right a wonder to visit, with the centre of Santiago declared a World Heritage Site, you will be in awe at the streets of medieval origin as well as the charm of the squares and the cathedrals.



Splendours of Santiago...



- Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela
- Cathedral Museum
- Hostel of the Catholic Monarchs
- Monastery of San Pelayo Antealtares
- Pilgrimage Museum and Santiago
- Square Praterias
- Plaza del Obradoiro
- Museum of Sacred Art
- College of Fonseca
- Museum of the Galician People
- Alameda park
- Galician Center for Contemporary Art
- House of the Cabildo



TOWNS ALONG THE CAMINO WALK



- Ponte La Reina
- Estella
- Los Arcos
- Viana
- Bilbao
- Porrino
- Arcade
- Pontevedra
- Caldas De Reis
- Padron

Andalucía

With its breath-taking scenery, Andalucía's eight regions volunteer boundless opportunities for those wanting to capture Spain at its best. The 'Moorish' influence is evident in the architecture while the cuisine is infused with all of the exotic herbs and spices of its Arabian settlers.

Amazing Andalucía...

- Granada: Alhambra Palace; Generalife Gardens; Science Park, Albaicin neighbourhood.
- Seville: Cathedral & Giralda Bell Tower; Real Alcazar; Golden Tower (Torre del Oro); Jewish Quarter; Isla Magica Theme Park
- Marbella
- Puerto Banus
- Cordoba
- Mijas
- Malaga
- Gibraltar
- Torremolinos Crocodile Park
- Nerja Caves
- Caminito del Rey





'Our trip to Krakow was a great success! Excursions were brilliant and exactly what we had asked for. The students had an amazing time - a trip they will always remember!'

- Antrim Group Leader

The inviting city of Krakow is arguably Poland's most popular attraction, as it has plenty to offer everyone in terms of art, history and culture. It is a miracle how this marvellous city stayed so intact after WWII and therefore boasts many fabulous historic buildings and monuments. An important and must-see destination for history groups.



Below is just a sample itinerary for the Krakow trip which can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.

Day 1

Delve straight into the beauty of Krakow with a tour of the Market Square, Cloth Hall, St Mary's Church and the Royal Palace and Cathedral.

Day 2

Experience the reality of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps with a local guide.

Day 3

Explore the Kazimierz District (Jewish Quarter) of Krakow followed with a visit to Schindler's factory.

Day 4

Go more than 300 metres underground to the Wieliczka Salt Mine and see dozens of statues and a cathedral carved out of salt.

Crucial sights of Krakow...

There are many architectural, cultural and historical aspects to be seen while in Krakow:

- St Mary's Church
- Wawel Hill - Cathedral & Royal Palace
- Market Square & Cloth Hall
- Kazimierz (Jewish Quarter)
- Oskar Schindler's Factory
- St Martin's Church
- Galicia Jewish Museum

Excursions:

- Wieliczka Salt Mines
- Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Tatra Mountains (Zakopane)

Evening entertainment:

- Bowling
- Ice-skating
- Park Wodny Indoor Aqua Park
- IMAX cinema
- Galleria Krakowa
- Karaoke



SIGHTS



ATTRACTIONS



Wonders of Warsaw...

Create a combination tour by adding a night or two in Warsaw to see some of the following sights:

- Ghetto Heroes Monument
- St. John's Cathedral
- Royal Castle
- Łazienki Park (Royal Baths Park)
- Treblinka
- Zelazowa Wola
- Nieborow Palace
- The Palace of Culture & Science



Groups also have the option of spending one or two nights in Warsaw on arrival or before departure.

How to Book Your Tour & General Information

The easiest way to contact one of our friendly team is by phone on **01-253 0075** or email info@schooltour.ie.

We will be more than happy to offer advice, suggest itineraries and recommend popular attractions and destinations to you.

In order for us to work with you more efficiently it would be very helpful if you could indicate to us your preferred destination and dates of travel, allowing for flexibility, advising of approximate group size and duration of tour. Please also mention if your group has a special interest, e.g. music, history, art, geography etc, as we can tailor your itinerary to this subject.

Once you are ready to go ahead and book your tour, please advise students that they will need to pay a deposit of €300 (may be higher or lower depending on tour price and destination). We will require the deposit, along with passport name and date of birth for everyone travelling in order to confirm your tour and book your flights. Deposits are non refundable.

Generally payments are made online through our payment portal and we will provide a booking ID for this. We can also accept bank transfers and cheques made payable to The School Tour Company.

GDPR:

Please refer to the GDPR factsheet available from our website for information on how we treat personal data or email info@schooltour.ie with your questions on GDPR.



Important things to remember:

- Indicate if twin rooms are satisfactory for the leaders in your group or if you would require single rooms, as supplements will apply.
- Advise if you have any special needs/disabled passengers in your group.
- Which flights would be the most suitable to you, morning or evening departures, taking into account your departure airport.
- If you have foreign national passengers travelling in your group please advise them to apply for visa documentation as soon as possible. We can send a

visa assist letter to support this process.

- Flights are strictly subject to availability. We will advise you of current schedules and fares, if available, at the time of quotation however they are subject to change.

We work with long established suppliers in all destinations:

Coaches:

Our coaches are modern with very experienced coach drivers, familiar with routes and itineraries. We will endeavour to provide English speaking drivers, unless your preference is otherwise. All drivers have to comply with EU drivers regulations.

Accommodation:

Our hotels generally have 3/4 bedded rooms for students with en suite facilities. If you require twin rooms for your students, this is generally possible at a supplement.

Group leaders are always accommodated in twin rooms. Single rooms are available at a supplement. Hotels are generally modern and of three star standard.

Hostels/ Youth hotels:

The standard of youth accommodation in Europe has increased dramatically in recent years. Youth Hostels are chosen by group leaders as they generally have recreation rooms and common areas for students. Modern hostels have en suite facilities and you may have 4 - 6 students to a room. Twin rooms with facilities are available for group leaders.

Guides:

Where possible we try to ensure that our guides are very experienced, knowledgeable and are used to working with student groups.



Useful Information

Free Place Ratio

Our standard free place ratio is 1 free leader with every 8 paying passengers and 1 free with 10 for ski tours.

However you can choose to bring more or less leaders on the tour and the price will increase/decrease accordingly.

Supplements for extra leaders may apply depending on the destinations.

Change in Numbers

Please advise us as soon as possible if you have extra passengers, before confirming with them, so we can check availability with the airline and hotel, if necessary. If any passengers cancel from the tour then please be aware that this may affect your tour price and free place ratio due to the shared costs involved.

Cancellation Charges

Deposits are non-refundable but can be transferred to a replacement passenger on the same tour. However, the applicable name change fee will be charged if airline seats have been purchased.

Our cancellation charges are as follows:

- 29 – 56 days prior to departure – 80% of the tour price.
- 28 days or less prior to departure – 100% of the tour price.

Further information on cancellations is included in our booking conditions on Page 18.

Insurance

Our insurance is included for each passenger up to the age of 69, unless otherwise advised by you. Premiums will apply for those aged 70 and over for some pre-existing medical conditions so please check with our insurance company. A full copy of the policy terms and conditions will be sent to you on confirmation of your tour. If you wish to see the policy in advance then we would be happy to forward it to you.

Passenger Lists/Name Changes

In all cases we will require a passenger list of passport names for all passengers travelling. Please ensure names are correct as once they are submitted to the airline, name change fees will apply.



In the event that you must change one passenger name to another then the airline will charge a substantial name change fee for this, regardless of how small the change and they show no leniency at all. Name changes vary for each airline so we will advise the cost at time of change. We must receive all name changes in writing.

API (Advanced Passenger Information)

It is a compulsory requirement for any passengers intending to travel to Spain and the USA to provide some Advanced Passenger Information which includes date of birth, gender,

passport number, expiry date, issue place and nationality. This information is generally required either at the time of ticketing or at the time of online check-in.

ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation)

Since January 2009 it has been compulsory for all Irish citizens to obtain approval through the Visa Waiver Programme (VWP) enforced by the U.S Department of Homeland Security.

All eligible passengers should apply for authorisation and pay the applicable fee by visiting <http://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/> (at a cost of no more than \$21).

This programme enables citizens from 36 countries to travel to the United States for 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. For a list of the 36 countries please visit <http://travel.state.gov>. Please note that all passengers must have biometric (machine readable) passports to gain entry into the USA.

Passports & Visas

Most European destinations just require passports to be valid for the duration of your stay; however some do require 3 or 6 month validity from the return date. Please ensure that you check well in advance of travel.

All Visa requirements are the responsibility of the passenger and they should make contact with the Embassy of the country they are travelling to in plenty of time before travel.

We will send the passenger documentation supporting the visa application, if required. It is up to the individual to ensure that they comply with all requirements that are needed for them to enter the country and return to the Republic of Ireland or the UK.

Online Check-in & Assigned Seating

Compulsory online check-in applies for all Ryanair and Easyjet flights in advance of travel. Please note that for administration purposes we will require the following details from each passenger one month before travel: d.o.b, nationality, passport number, expiry date and place of issue. It is extremely important that all passport information is correct as once tickets are issued then high change fees apply, or in some cases you may have to purchase a new airline seat. There is a charge for checking in at the airport if the passport information is not given in advance.

Boarding cards for Ryanair flights can only be printed 24 hours in advance of travel. If the assigned seating fee has been included in your tour price then we are able to issue the boarding cards sooner. Please check with us for current advanced check-in/assigned seating fees as Ryanair operate a tiered pricing structure so they vary greatly depending on availability and destination.

Prepaid Tickets

Once we have prepaid for theatre, football tickets etc. they are non-refundable and will be charged in addition to lost deposits in the case of cancellations.

Personal Property

We will not take responsibility for any property belonging to any

group member that is lost or misplaced while on tour, due to negligence.

Contingency Fund

We would suggest that the group leader carries an adequate contingency fund while on tour in case of any unforeseen events.

Supervision

It is the responsibility of the group leaders to ensure that their students behave in the correct manner at all times.

Students should be respectful to guides, coach drivers and hotel staff. If damage is caused to any property, such as hotel rooms or the coach, at any time then they will be held responsible for their actions. Any damage caused by any member of the group will be charged accordingly to the group.

No students under 18 may consume alcohol and smoking on coaches and in hotel rooms is strictly prohibited. Some hotels will ask for a deposit on arrival which will be returned on departure if all is in order.

Emergencies

In case of any emergency while on tour you will be provided with an emergency telephone number in your travel pack in order to contact our staff.

EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)

The EHIC allows passengers to access health care while in EU countries, if necessary. All information can be found on www.ehic.ie.

Travel Documents

We will prepare your travel documents between 5-14 days prior to departure. This pack will contain tickets, reservation numbers, vouchers, finalised itinerary, baggage labels and any relevant

emergency telephone numbers. We would ask you to check your travel documents carefully as soon as you receive them and advise us if you have any queries.

Delays

Unfortunately from time to time, strikes, weather or force majeure that is beyond our control can affect travel arrangements. We will advise group leaders as soon as we are aware of any reasons that could affect travel plans and try our best not to inconvenience you too much.

For outbound travel if you are delayed in any way that we may not be aware of then please let us know so we can contact the coach company and hotel to advise them of your delay.

Risk Assessment

Please contact us for more information on how we can assist you with your Risk Assessment. We deal with each trip on an individual basis.

Publication

All information contained in this brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge as of August 2024. If any important changes occur we will advise you in writing at the time of quotation.



Booking Conditions

Please ensure that you read the following booking conditions carefully, as they form the contract between the group and The School Tour Company.

1. Booking

Your booking is made with The School Tour Company (the Company) at the address of 4th & 5th floor, 121-122 Capel Street, Dublin, D01 V3P0.

You are authorising The School Tour Company to act as your agent and we will arrange for you to enter into a contract with the provider (travel provider) of the travel related service, including among others, airlines, hotels, insurance companies, coach hire companies, transfer companies and various destination management companies. You are bound by the travel provider's terms and conditions of booking. We are acting as your agent in arranging your booking and the travel provider is the principal or the agent to the principal.

A contract will only exist when we have received the required first deposit amount per student and have acknowledged receipt of this, sent you your confirmation letter and booking form. This form needs to be signed by the group leader and returned to us as soon as you receive it. On signing the booking form the group leader is accepting the following conditions on behalf of all members of the group. Once we receive the signed booking form, all aspects of your booking are formalised. The group leader will be our point of contact, unless we are advised otherwise.

The terms of the contract are to be interpreted under and are subject to the laws of the Republic of Ireland.

2. Deposits/Payment

The full deposit amount is generally €300 per student. Full payment is required 12 weeks prior to departure date. The passport name and date of birth for all passengers that are travelling will be required at the time of booking. Higher or lower deposits may be required depending on the destination and overall cost of the tour and the cost of the airline seats. You will be advised of deposit amounts in your quotation.

Deposits are non-refundable (unless the cancellation is covered by insurance). Deposits are generally paid online through our payment portal. We provide a booking ID for your tour. We can also accept cheques and bank transfers. All cheques are to be made payable to 'The School Tour Company'.

Full payment is required 12 weeks prior to departure date. The payment dates will be displayed on our payment portal and the group leader will receive all invoices applicable to the tour and final payment date will be clearly indicated. If we do not receive full payment by this date then we reserve the right to charge applicable cancellation charges as outlined in condition 6. We will not be in a position to pay final balances to our suppliers if we have not received your final payment and this could put certain aspects of your tour in jeopardy.

3. Passenger names

For groups paying online then it is the responsibility of the person who enters the student's information, on the payment portal at the time of booking, to ensure that the passenger name and date of birth are correct. If paying by cheque/ETB/bank transfer then it is the group leaders responsibility to ensure that all passenger names provided to us at the time of booking are as per passport and they must be sent via email. If any changes are to be made once airline seats have been purchased then name change fees will apply, see condition 7(a).

4. Insurance Cover

Insurance cover is included for every passenger, unless you have indicated otherwise. Insurance cover commences from the moment we receive your deposits. If our travel insurance is not taken then we need confirmation in writing that another travel insurance scheme will be covering the tour arrangements.

5. Price changes

All tour prices are based on the current exchange rates that apply at time of booking. The Company reserves the right to pass on any increase due to currency fluctuations with exchange rates once the increase exceeds 2%. You will be notified before your final payment is due. In addition, the Company reserves the right to pass on any increases due to the introduction of any new tax or levy enforced by the Government in the Republic of Ireland or abroad or an increase in an existing tax or levy, or any increase in fuel surcharges which are outside of our control.

The Company reserve the right to surcharge for any increases mentioned above at any time up until final balance due date (12 weeks prior to departure).

6. Cancellations

The group leader must advise the Company by email as soon as they receive a cancellation.

Cancellation of a booking is effective only once it has been received in writing to the Company from the group leader and any cancellation charges will be calculated from this date. Deposits are non-refundable but can be transferred to a replacement passenger, where an applicable name change fee may apply.

Our cancellation charges are as follows:

29 – 56 days prior to departure – 80% of the tour price.
28 or less prior to departure – 100% of the tour price.

Many reasons for cancellation (other than disinclination to travel) are covered by our insurance cover, please check our insurance booklet. If the reason is insurable, a cancellation invoice will be sent to the insurance company and full money will be refunded minus the premium and excess charge. Please note that cancellations could increase your tour price if it affects the student/teacher ratio.

7. Alterations to your tour

(a) By the Group Leader

Should the group leader wish to make any changes to their tour then the Company must be notified as soon as possible. Changes can only be made once they have been confirmed by the group leader to the Company in writing. We will endeavour to make the changes, if they are practical, at a minimal cost; however this is dependent on costs imposed by our suppliers at the time of change. Please be aware that if there are any changes requested to be made to airline dates/routes or names then substantial costs may be incurred by the airlines. Name change fees are strictly enforced by all airlines and these can vary depending on the airline. The passenger that is cancelling from the tour is obliged to pay this fee for their replacement or if it is in error then the passenger/group leader is obliged to pay same. Name changes must be confirmed in writing.

If the group leader wishes to add extra passengers to the group then the Company will try their best to facilitate you. Please note that surcharges may apply due to increased airfares etc.

(b) By the Company

While the Company's aim is to satisfy your requirements and expectations from the time of booking, occasionally we have to make alterations to your tour due to changing circumstances and we reserve the right to do so at any time. If any changes have to be made to your tour the Company will advise you as soon as possible and endeavour to ensure that the same standards are met and a satisfactory alternative is provided. In the unlikely event of the group leader not being satisfied with alternative arrangements that the Company have been obliged to make, then a full refund of all monies will be given, except if the changes are due to circumstances outlined in condition 8.

(c) Changes by airlines

Any change in departure or arrival airport and flight schedule will not entitle you to cancel or change other arrangements. Refund and booking conditions for that particular airline will prevail. Please note that a change of airport, airline or flight time of less than 5 hours is not deemed as a significant change.

8. Events beyond the Company's control

We regret that we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where unforeseeable events, outside the Company's control, prevent contractual obligations being carried out. War, threats of war, natural or nuclear disaster, volcano eruptions, 'force majeure', closure of airports/ ports, terrorism, political unrest, pandemics, industrial disputes, adverse weather conditions, technical faults or accidents involving transport, fires and 'acts of God' are all classed as events outside of the Company's control. If any of these unlikely events occur we may have to cancel or rearrange your tour. We cannot guarantee any refunds will be made unless we are able to obtain refunds from our suppliers.

8.1. Visa Requirements

All Visa requirements are the responsibility of the passenger and they should make contact with the Embassy of the country they are travelling to in plenty of

time before travel. This also applies to the ESTA application for travel to the USA. The Company will accept no responsibility if you are refused boarding at any airport due to the fact that you do not have the correct Visa and documentation in place to travel.

9. Special Requests

Special requests (e.g. dietary requirements) must be made in writing and shall be communicated by the Company to the relevant supplier. The Company shall use reasonable endeavours to fulfil such requests. No liability shall attach to the Company for failure to comply with a special request and such requests do not form part of this contract.

10. Complaints/Difficulties while on tour

Should the group leader have any complaints before or while on tour you are asked to contact the Company using the contact details you have been provided with.

If any difficulties are experienced while travelling or when abroad then the emergency numbers must be used to inform the Company of these difficulties in order to rectify the situation as soon as possible. If the group leader is unhappy with a particular aspect of your tour we ask you to contact the supplier on the emergency numbers you may have for them in your travel documents e.g. coach company, hotel agent. If problems are not discussed with them at the time suppliers are reluctant to help with the complaint when the group are back in Ireland, as they would not have had the opportunity to resolve the problem at the time. If the difficulty you have encountered cannot be rectified then contact the Company's emergency number/office number in order for us to liaise with suppliers involved.

If the matter is not resolved or cannot be resolved while you are on tour then it must be sent to us in writing no later than 28 days from returning from your tour, as the Company will not accept liability for any complaints received outside this period. In the unlikely event that an agreed settlement for a dispute or complaint cannot be reached then we refer you to the special Arbitrations Scheme detailed in condition 11.

11. Arbitration

Any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever which arises or occurs between any of the parties hereto in relation to anything or matter arising under, out of or in connection with the contract and/or the booking connected to this contract shall be referred to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Irish Branch. Full details of this scheme are available on request. Neither the Company or the group leader has the right of Appeal except the High Court on a point of Law.

Alternatively, claims for less than the jurisdiction of the District Court Small Claims Procedure per booking form may be pursued through the District Court Small Claims Procedure. All claims in excess of the jurisdiction of the District Court Small Claims Procedure shall be referred to arbitration.

12. Liability

Every effort will be made to ensure the smooth running of your tour and that all arrangements are made accurately.

We accept full responsibility if any of the services provided to you are not handled correctly by our employees and for any element of the tour arrangements which are under our direct control.

We will only accept responsibility for any personal illness, injury or death which results from the negligence of our employees, or any of our suppliers providing services on our behalf.

We cannot be held responsible for the loss of enjoyment and/or additional expenses, which are caused by events beyond the Company's control (condition 8) and could result in travel arrangements being changed.

13. Data Protection

The Company is committed to protecting your personal information. Any contact details supplied will only be used for administration purposes by the Company. On occasion we will have to provide personal information to our suppliers and agents in order to enhance the tour service. Please note that airlines are required by new laws introduced in the United States and other countries to give border control agencies access to passenger data. Accordingly any information the Company has regarding any passengers travel arrangements may be disclosed to the customs and immigration.

Please see www.schooltour.ie/gdpr for further information.



It is difficult to think that this city suffered so much in the last century. Bombed and blasted, split into two and then healed as one in 1989. Since then, Berlin has been aggressive in reconstruction and has become both vibrant and quirky. Typically German, the city runs like clockwork, everything to time and everything in place. With its historical heritage there is much to learn here and students will find the experience pleasurable in so far as everything is so accessible.

Below is just a sample itinerary for the Berlin trip which can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.



Day 1

A full day guided sightseeing tour in this thriving city is a perfect way to start your trip. Take in the Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial and Alexanderplatz.

Day 2

Take an Olympic Stadium tour, visit Checkpoint Charlie or explore the underground of Berlin by taking a bunker tour.

Day 3

See first-hand the horror of Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and/or make a stop in Potsdam to visit Sanssouci Palace.

Day 4

Before you leave take the time to discover the rest of the attractions such as the Reichstag, Stasi or DDR Museum.

'We had a terrific time in Berlin...everything was perfect! Thank you so much. Hostel was clean and comfortable, breakfast was excellent. All tours and excursions worked out perfectly. All in all it was a fabulous experience for them and I am hoping to organise another similar trip next year.'
- Antrim Group Leader



Best of Berlin...

You will be faced with endless possibilities in Berlin, some major places of interest are:

- Checkpoint Charlie
- Holocaust Museum
- Jewish Museum
- Brandenburg Gate
- Olympic Stadium
- Reichstag
- Alexanderplatz
- Unter den Linden & Kurfurstendamm
- Berliner Unterwelten (bunker tour)
- Plötzensee Prison
- Berlin Zoo
- Stasi Museum
- Story of Berlin Museum
- DDR Museum
- Potsdamer Platz
- Berlin Zoo & Aquarium
- Deutsches Historisches Museum
- Deutsches Technikmuseum
- Charlottenburg Palace
- Topography of Terror
- Die Mauer ('The Wall' 360 panorama)

Excursions:

- Tropical Islands
- Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp
- Potsdam

Evening entertainment:

- Bowling
- TV Tower
- Boat trip (seasonal)
- Karaoke

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GERMANY

Munich

"The students were really delighted with the trip, everything went like clockwork, they really enjoyed the activities in Austria, the Skyline theme park, and the visit to Dachau where the Guide was superb"

- Cork Group Leader



Southern Germany's premier city situated just 50 kilometres from the Bavarian Alps embraces culture and the arts completely. Munich's history is world renowned, although musically it offers much more as a culturally versatile city. Rebuilt since its destruction during WWII, there is an imposing mix of old and new architecture to be admired and galleries and museums are plentiful.



Below is just a sample itinerary for the Munich trip which can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.

Day 1

Be introduced to the main landmarks of the city by your guide, such as Marienplatz, Frauenkirche and Königsplatz.

Day 2

Enjoy the Bavarian Film Studios, Olympic Stadium and the Deutsches Museum or visit Dachau Concentration Camp.

Day 3

Visit the stunning city of Salzburg and the Salt Mines in Berchtesgaden, or take a cable car to the top of Zugspitze and go to the magical Neuschwanstein Castle.

Day 4

Complete the trip by exploring the rest of the sights and museums or enjoy some shopping.



Magnificent

Munich...

There are so many things to engage the students from history, art and culture to fabulous excursions:

- Marienplatz
- Deutsches Museum
- BMW Museum
- Königsplatz
- Frauenkirche
- Altes Rathaus & Neues Rathaus (Old & New Town Halls)
- Bavaria Film Studios
- Allianz Arena
- Olympic Stadium & Tower
- Galaxy Erding indoor water park
- Skyline Park

Excursions:

- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Berchtesgaden - 'Eagle's Nest' & Salt Mines
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Zugspitze Mountain
- Salzburg - Sound of music tour

Evening entertainment:

- Swimming
- Indoor soccer
- Ice-skating (seasonal)
- Bowling



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RHINELAND

The Rhine Valley boasts spectacular views both landside and from the river to expose the true beauty of this great region, where magnificent castles dominate the shores. Groups are generally based in Koblenz from where they can enjoy a variety of excursions.

Day 1

Begin your tour with a visit to Marksburg Castle and a cable car ride or steam boat trip on the Rhine.

Day 2

Take a tour of BayArena football stadium followed by a visit to Cologne and its famous Cathedral. Alternatively, you could take a trip to Heidelberg.

Day 3

Spend the day enjoying the rides and attractions at Germany's largest theme park, Phantasialand.

Day 4

Visit Konigswinter, then Drachenfels by funicular railway or spend some time in the cities of Dusseldorf, Brussels or Frankfurt depending on where you are departing from.

"Absolutely fantastic tour and brilliantly organised. Itinerary was spot on and hotel was perfect!"
- Dublin Group Leader

Rediscover the Rhineland...

From fairy tale castles, historic cities and pretty villages you will find plenty to do in the Rhine Valley:

- Rudesheim – Seigfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet
- Cologne – Cathedral, Chocolate Factory
- BayArena Football Stadium
- Heidelberg
- Rhine Boat Cruise
- Marksburg Castle
- Phantasialand
- Nuerburging Racing Track
- St Goarhausen – Burg Maus & Burg Katz (Cat & Mouse Castles)
- Loreley Rock
- Rheinfels Castle (St Goar)
- Deutsches Eck
- Bonn
- Konigswinter & Drachenfels (Dragon's Rock) by funicular railway

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FRANCE

Paris

Without doubt, the perennial art capital of Europe, Paris tenders an inexhaustible supply of culture and history. Visiting students will have a wealth of choice both educationally and recreationally, learning and relaxing in a city that boasts memorable museums and galleries together with a host of street cafes and restaurants for that people watching experience.

The brief itinerary below is just a sample of how you can enjoy your Parisian school tour. This can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.

“This city is perfect for a school tour, so many well-known historical sights, amazing culture and to finish it all off – Disney”

- Sligo Group Leader



Day 1

Arrive in Paris and commence your guided city tour, taking in all the main sights – a perfect introduction!

Day 2

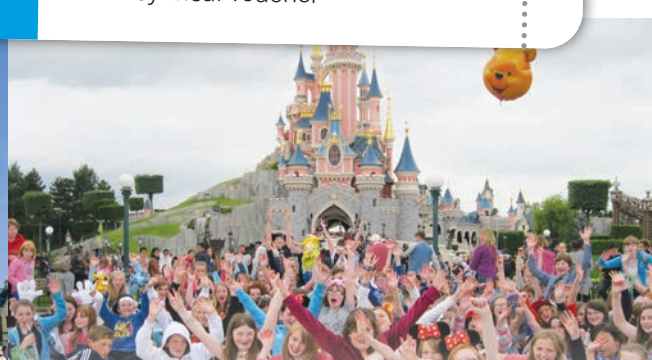
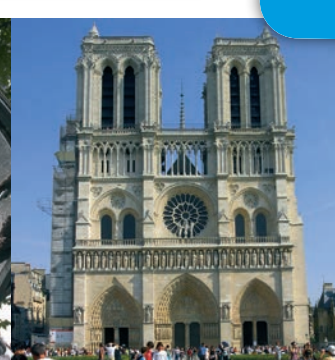
Spend the day discovering attractions such as the Montparnasse Tower, Stade de France and the Arc de Triomphe. A trip on the Bateaux Mouches will finish your day off nicely.

Day 3

Your group will enjoy a full day at Disneyland Paris. Save some time for Val d'Europe shopping centre.

Day 4

The Louvre, Montmartre, Sacre Coeur, Versailles and many more attractions await you.



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Parisian Delights...

There is so much to see and do in Paris you will be completely spoilt for choice. Some of the most visited attractions are as follows:

- Eiffel Tower
- The Louvre
- Disneyland Paris
- Montparnasse Tower
- Arc de Triomphe & The Champs-Elysees
- Sacré Coeur & Montmartre
- Stade de France
- Sorbonne & The Latin Quarter
- Musée d'Orsay
- Palace and Gardens of Versailles
- Centre Georges Pompidou
- Péré Lachaise Cemetery
- La Defense
- Cité des Science
- Parc Asterix
- Choco-story
- Palais Garnier
- Opera Bastille
- Catacombs

Evening entertainment:

- Bateaux Mouches trip on the River Seine
- Eiffel Tower by night
- Aquaboulevard
- Bowling
- Cinema
- Montparnasse Tower

Meal options:

- Flunch (self service)
- Pizza Hut (self service)
- Pizza/Italian restaurants
- Creperie
- Hard Rock Café
- Disney meal voucher

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★ We can also organise language classes in Paris to give your students the opportunity to improve their French language skills. Courses tend to be held in the mornings in order for you to enjoy the attractions in the afternoons, however this is flexible.

Strasbourg



It is no accident that Strasbourg was chosen as the capital of Europe. The city has stood as a shining symbol of reconciliation since the Second World War. Discovering the institutions of Europe enhances students understanding and is a great opportunity to embrace the stunning contemporary architecture.

Activities:

- EU Parliament (school organises visit directly)
- Palais de l'Europe (Council of Europe)
- Cathedral & La Petite France
- Natzweiler Struthof Concentration Camp
- Chocolate Museum
- European Court of Human Rights
- Boat Cruise

Suggested excursions:

- Freiburg
- Bergwelt Schauinsland cable car (longest in Germany)
- Heidelberg



Carcassonne

This beautiful city is really two cities in one and is steeped in history dating back to Roman times. Take in the delights of the well fortified part of the city that towers above the lower town area.

Carcassonne is well worth a visit for one night as part of another trip, such as a French or Spanish trip, or as part of a ski tour if you are going to the Pyrenees or Andorra.



Loire Valley

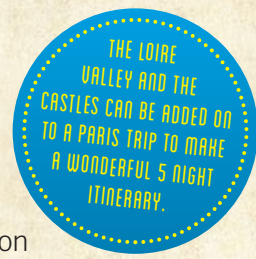


The stunning Loire region offers more magnificent chateaux, splendid country manors and fortified castles than anywhere else in France.

Beautiful landscape and prestigious historic sites are in abundance in this region, which offers excellent opportunities for improving the French language. The bustling city of Tours is the perfect base for students to explore the regions attractions. One of the main attractions for student groups, in this area, is the educational theme park Futuroscope which will amaze and engage young minds.

Activities:

- Le Château de Chambord
- Château de Saumur
- Beauval Zoo
- Patisserie Chocolaterie Bigot, Amboise
- Château d'Usse
- Château de Chenonceau
- Joan of Arc Museum
- Puy du Fou Theme Park



French Riviera

The vast and surprising area of Southern France, close to the Italian Border, offers opportunities to visit small cities such as Nimes, Arles and Orange to explore at first hand Roman architecture, a real highlight for classical studies students, as well as absorbing the atmosphere in fabulous and stylish cities such as Nice, Monaco and Cannes. Take the opportunity to study with a French tutor to improve language skills.

Activities:

- Cannes
- Monaco (Monte Carlo)
- Nice - Art Museums
- Port Grimaud & St Tropez
- Chocolate Factory in Nice
- San Remo
- Saint Paul de Vence
- Antibes
- Perfumeries in Eze and Grasse
- The Exotic Garden of Eze





FRANCE/BELGIUM

WWI & WWII tours

A visit to the WWI & WWII sites in France & Belgium is a real 'out of classroom' experience that students will long remember. The two great wars are pivotal in recent history and such visits come as a stark reminder of the suffering endured by others for the sake of peace.

WWI Ypres Salient & The Somme

The Irish Link – Your group will experience these areas with an insight from an Irish perspective with many references to the 16th Irish Division and the 36th Ulster Division while also recognising that many Irish fought in other British and Commonwealth regiments. We can source guides that specifically focus on the Irish link to Ypres Salient & The Somme.

Suggested excursions:

- The Island of Ireland Peace Park
- Ulster Tower
- Pool of Peace
- Wytshaete Military Cemetery and the Memorial to the 16th Division
- Irish Pillars at Suicide Road
- Petit Bois
- Locre Hospice Cemetery
- Grave of Major William Redmond MP
- New Irish Farm Cemetery
- Memorial and grave of Francis Ledwidge
- Grave of John Condon, 14 year old Irish boy soldier



Other 'must see' visits:

- In Flanders Fields Museum
- Menin Gate Ceremony
- Passchendale Memorial Museum & the Platoon Experience
- Vimy Ridge
- Thiepval Memorial & Visitor Centre



WWII Normandy

- Caen Peace Museum
- Pegasus Museum
- D-Day Landing Beaches
- Point de Hoc
- 1944 Museum
- Mulberry Harbour
- Arromanches 360
- La Cambe German Cemetery
- Ranville Cemetery
- Bayeux Tapestry
- Omaha beach



GENEVA/CERN

The cosmopolitan city of Geneva is a delight for any students of business and science, with CERN being one of the main draws. Set around the sparkling shore of Lake Geneva this city has played a prominent part in world events and is home to many international organisations, holding headquarters for the UN and the Red Cross. This sophisticated city is the second biggest in Switzerland and plays host to a multitude of international jewellers, banks and chocolatiers, lending to the city's overall feeling of buzzing worldliness.



GENIUS GENEVA...

- CERN (EDUCATIONAL VISIT)
- GENEVA OBSERVATORY
- BOAT TRIP ON LAKE GENEVA
- HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM
- THE LITTLE TRAIN OF GENEVA
- UNITED NATIONS HQ
- CHOCOLATE FACTORY
- INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MUSEUM EXCURSIONS:
- ANAECY
- CHAMONIX & MONT BLANC



THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands promises an interesting school tour destination. It has given the art world Rembrandt and Van Gogh, has played its part in recent history and is home to many beautiful cities and waterways. Choose to be based in the outskirts of Amsterdam or stay close to the German border in the scenic town of Valkenburg.

Attractions for Amsterdam & Valkenburg:

Amsterdam and surrounding areas:

- Anne Frank House
- Van Gogh Museum
- NEMO Science Museum
- Rembrandt Museum
- Zaanse Schans Windmill Village
- Amsterdam Arena (Ajax FC)
- Madame Tussauds
- Amsterdam Dungeons
- Canal boat trip
- Theme parks – Duinrell, Walibi & Efteling.
- Clog factory
- Delft pottery
- Rijksmuseum
- Delta Expo
- Zuiderzee Museum
- Amsterdam bike tour
- Noordwijk Space Expo



Valkenburg:

- Marstone, Fluweelen & Municipal Caves
- Coal Mines
- Cable car to Wilhelmina Tower
- National War & Resistance Museum

Valkenburg can also be combined with the Rhineland.



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VIENNA & BRATISLAVA

The city of Vienna is a cultural haven which is home to grand imperial palaces, an entire district of art museums, an historical centre and masses of glorious green parkland's and gardens. The Slovakian capital of Bratislava is a beautiful city of contrasts, with natural and urban mixing hand in hand. Lying on the banks of the Danube river, the city is built on hilly greenery and forests. Modern buildings and structures stand side by side with its historic castle. This city is an intriguing mix of old and new with varied cultural influences identifiable from Austrian, Croats, Czech, German, Serbian and Jewish legacies.



Venerable Vienna...

- St Stephen's Cathedral
- Hofburg Imperial Palace
- Schoenbrunn Palace and Gardens
- Danube Tower
- Tiergarten Zoo
- Prater Amusement Park
- Kunsthistorisches Art Museum
- Vienna State Opera Museum



Ideal for any art, history or music group.

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Excursions:

- Salzburg
- Danube Valley



Bratislava's Brilliance...

- Bratislava Zoo
- Bratislava Castle, Devin Castle and Castle Red Stone
- Museum of Arms and Michael's Tower
- UFO Observation Deck
- Aquapark Senac
- River cruise on the Danube



As Europe's second largest city, London is pacy and animated although there are many opportunities for taking things easy. Educationally it will captivate those wanting to expand their awareness of a major player in world economics. The sciences and the arts are well represented and days can easily be filled with the abundance of museums and galleries. The experience of London and the pageantry that goes with it is unmatched and cannot be seen anywhere else in the world.

Below is just a sample itinerary for the London trip which can be amended in any way you choose and you can stay for more or less nights.



Day 1

On arrival commence your guided tour where you will see all the world-famous sights and landmarks. Experience the London Eye or take a cruise down the Thames.

Day 2

Take part in a workshop at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre (on a play of your choice), visit the popular attractions of Madame Tussauds or The London Dungeons. Alternatively, you could spend this day in Thorpe Park. End the day by seeing one of the many spectacular west end shows!

Day 3

Visit the interactive Science Museum and National History Museum before enjoying some shopping time in one of the large shopping centres such as Westfield.

- ★ A day trip or overnight trip to London is a popular choice for many groups, to enjoy one of the spectacular musicals in the West End.
- ★ Workshops and classes can be organised at the Pineapple Studios in London for keen drama students.

"Just back from London and I have to say WOW! I have never had such a hassle free school tour"
 - Kerry Group Leader



★ Combine the hustle and bustle of London with the relaxed ambience of Stratford-Upon-Avon for a truly educational experience. Shows in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Courtyard Theatre and Swan Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon are also available during theatre season.



London Calling...

One of the most exciting cities in the world with so much for groups to do, you will not find enough hours in each day! We highly recommend the following:

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- London Eye
- Madame Tussauds
- Shakespeare Globe Theatre
- Tower of London
- London Dungeons
- Imperial War Museum
- Science Museum
- Natural History Museum
- British Museum
- Wembley Stadium
- Thames River Cruise
- Houses of Parliament & Big Ben
- Buckingham Palace & Changing of the Guards
- Harry Potter Tour at Warner Bros Studios
- Workshops at Pineapple Studios
- Trafalgar Square
- Leicester Square & Piccadilly Circus
- Covent Garden
- National Portrait Gallery
- St Paul's Cathedral
- Westminster Abbey
- Thorpe Park



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Evening entertainment:

- Bowling
- West End show
- Jack the Ripper ghost tour
- Ice-skating
- Cinema



Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a stunning city, entwined with its landscape, where buildings and monuments are perched on dramatic windswept hills, namely the atmospheric Castle Rock home to the magnificent castle. With its cobbled streets, rocky hills and beautiful buildings, Edinburgh certainly has plenty of character.

YOU CAN ALSO TAKE A DAY TRIP TO GLASGOW TO VISIT THE AMAZING SCIENCE CENTRE.

Edinburgh Attractions:

- The Royal Mile
- Edinburgh Castle
- Camera Obscura
- Royal Yacht Britannia
- Dynamic Earth
- Edinburgh Zoo
- New Lanark Heritage Centre



Manchester

One of our most popular trips for budget conscious students, the vibrant city of Manchester has a lot to offer. The convenience of your coach meeting you at your school and staying with you for the duration of the tour is a cost-effective and easy way to travel. Alternatively, for those less constrained by budget, morning and evening flights are available in/out of Manchester. Combine a trip to Alton Towers with an Old Trafford Stadium tour, a visit to the Science and Industry Museum and plenty of shopping. Choose from 1 to 4 day tours.

Alton Towers Day Trip

The UK's leading theme park offers a thrilling day out for student groups and is a real highlight to the Manchester and Stratford-Upon-Avon tours, or simply as a day trip on its own. Fly from Dublin to East Midlands or Birmingham on an early morning flight and return on an evening flight in order to enjoy a full day at this action-packed theme park and experience its many exhilarating rides, some not for the faint-hearted! You also have the option of spending the afternoon in the Water Park which is walking distance from Alton Towers.

Stratford-Upon-Avon

The famous birthplace of William Shakespeare, Stratford-Upon-Avon offers a hugely educational experience for English, Drama and History students.

Visit any of the evocative Shakespearean Properties and enjoy a Shakespearean production at one of the theatres, from Macbeth to Romeo and Juliet, all of them bringing the classroom to life. Other places of interest in the surrounding areas include Warwick Castle, Cadbury World and the National Space Centre.





AMERICA



New York

Although New York can no longer lay claim to having the tallest buildings in the world, they still provide superb vantage points for viewing the Manhattan skyline. This bustling city is alive night and day and sustains a multi-cultural society. It's history is less than 400 years old but still has a tale to tell.

Washington

The powerful capital is renowned for its neoclassical monuments, federal buildings and majestic greenery, as well as its buzzing arts scene. Visit the Smithsonian Institution which is the world's largest museum, education and research complex and all for free!



SIGHTS



Bite the Big Apple...

There is so much to see and do in New York you will be completely spoilt for choice. Some of the most visited attractions are as follows:

Top Attractions:

- Empire State Building *
- Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island *
- Grand Central Station
- Chrysler Building
- Rockefeller Centre
- Staten Island Ferry

Museums:

- United Nations
- Times Square
- Central Park
- Circle Line Cruise *
- Ripleys 'Believe it or Not'
- Broadway



EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:

- BROADWAY SHOW
- TOP OF THE ROCK
- ICE-SKATING
- EMPIRE STATE BUILDING BY NIGHT



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Shopping:

- Macy's
- Century 21 Department Store
- 5th Avenue
- FAO Schwartz
- Woodbury Common
- Jersey Gardens

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Wonderful Washington...

Top Attractions:

- *United States Capitol and Capitol Hill
- *The White House
- *Lincoln Memorial
- *Washington Monument
- *National World War II Memorial
- *The Tidal Basin
- *National Zoological Park
- Georgetown Historic District
- Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

Museums:

- *Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
- *Holocaust Memorial Museum
- *National Museum of American History
- *National Gallery of Art
- *National Archives Museums
- *The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- International Spy Museum
- Newseum

Evening Entertainment:

- Segway Night Tour
- American football event
- Theatre at the Kennedy Centre



ATTRACTIONS

*All admissions to these attractions are free of charge.

OTHER CHOICES...



Lisbon

Lisbon is one of the oldest cities in the world, lying on the western coast of Portugal. The glorious capital offers wondrous Gothic architecture, sprinkled with its characteristic decorative ceramic tiles or Azulejos and white limestone buildings. The unique beauty of the city stands along with its status as an international global hub, recognised in finance, commerce, media, entertainment, arts, international trade, education and tourism.

LISBON ATTRACTIONS:

- Belem Tower
- Oceanario de Lisboa
- Estadio da Luz
- Hippotrip (aquabus)
- Mosteiro dos Jeronimos
- Sintra & Palacio de Pena
- Monument of the Discoveries
- Castelo Sao Jorge
- Maritime Museum
- Lisbon Telecabine (cable car)
- Berardo Museum

China

China is growing in every aspect especially tourism. It's popularity among the Irish is growing and makes an exciting and highly culturally educational school tour. Beijing has a wealth of discovery to delight and intrigue any group while Shanghai is described as the "showpiece" of the economy of China.

BEIJING ATTRACTIONS:

- Temple of Heaven
- Tiananmen Square
- Forbidden City
- Great Wall of China
- Summer Palace

SHANGHAI ATTRACTIONS:

- The Bund
- Temple of Jade Buddha
- Yuyuan Garden
- Shanghai Acrobat Show
- Oriental Pearl Tower

Budapest

Hungary's capital city boasts a rich and storied history tracing back to the 9th century. Budapest is said to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world and is one of Europe's most popular destinations. This bustling metropolitan city is the perfect destination for school tours with an interest in religion, music and history with a diverse range of galleries, museums and landmarks.

GREECE ATTRACTIONS:

- Fisherman's Bastion
- Szamos Chocolate Museum
- Matthias Church
- Holocaust Memorial
- Szechenyi Thermal Baths
- Hungarian Parliament building
- House of Terror Museum
- Royal Palace of Godollo
- Danube River Cruise

Iceland

Travel to the unique and intriguing Nordic island of Iceland and discover the beauty and natural wonders of the land of fire and ice. Iceland is an incredible country of sharp contrasts and outstanding natural beauty with its hot volcanic springs and lava fields laying side by side with ice glaciers.

ICELAND ATTRACTIONS:

- Reykjanes Peninsula & Blue Lagoon
- South Shore tour - Eyjafjallajökull, Seljalandsfoss and Skógarfoss waterfalls.
- Reykjavik city tour.
- Northern Lights
- Golden Circle route - Pingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, Strokkur geysers.
- Hellsheiði geothermal powerplant.

Prague

Prague really is a delight to the eyes with all of the different colours, spires and glorious architecture coming in many contrasting styles. Prague is one of the most diverse and welcoming cities in Europe and is a must for art enthusiasts and historians alike.

PRAGUE ATTRACTIONS:

- Charles Bridge
- Old Town
- Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia
- Terezin Concentration Camp
- Prague Castle
- Old Town Square
- Jewish Quarters

CHOICES IN IRELAND...

Derry & Belfast

DERRY ATTRACTIONS:

- Museum of Free Derry
- Heritage Tower and City Gates
- Apprentice Boys Memorial Museum
- Historic Derry Walls
- St Columbs Cathedral

BELFAST ATTRACTIONS:

- Titanic Experience
- The Ulster Museum
- Stormont Parliament Buildings
- City Hall
- Belfast Black Cab tour
- Crumlin Road Gaol

Dublin

DUBLIN ATTRACTIONS:

- Kilmainham Gaol
- Glasnevin Cemetery
- Dublin Castle
- Trinity College & Book of Kells
- EPIC Museum
- Dublin Zoo
- Guinness Storehouse
- Malahide Castle
- Christchurch Cathedral
- Dublinia
- GPO Museum
- Viking Splash Tour
- Croke Park
- Leprechaun Museum



SKI

Considering something different? We also offer resorts in Romania and Greece! Ask us for more details.

A ski tour is a fantastic and fun way to bring together your students or a group of friends. We offer a number of exciting and varied destinations in Europe and America which cater to all levels of ski ability. We have resorts which would be specifically suitable for beginner groups, as well as more challenging options. Our team have years of experience in organising safe and successful ski trips for schools and adults alike.

PLEASE NOTE

- A selection of apres ski options, suitable to all groups, are available in each of our resorts.
- A daily packed lunch or hot lunch on the slopes is available in all resorts for a supplement. (Please note that some of our packages already include a daily lunch).
- You can opt to stay for more or less nights.
- Perhaps combine your ski tour with a city break.
- We only use scheduled flights to allow flexibility for your outbound and return dates.

Our standard ski package would include:

- 6 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal accommodation
- Coach transfers on arrival and departure
- 5 days ski lessons (2 or 4 hours)
- 5 days ski hire (ski's, boots, poles)
- 5 day ski pass
- 5 days helmet hire
- Fully comprehensive ski insurance
- 1 free leader place with every 10 students

Lavarone, Italy

The attractive resort of Lavarone is one of our most popular resorts.

The hotels are perfect for student groups and are situated in different villages, all easily accessible to the slopes. It caters very well for all abilities, especially beginners and is an ideal choice for a first ski trip.

Altitude: 1180 – 1600 metres
 Ski lifts: 15
 Slopes: 19 blue, 3 red, 1 black
 Longest run: 3.5km
 Total km of slopes: 30
 Snowmaking: Yes



Tarvisio, Italy

Located near the border with Austria and Slovenia, Tarvisio is an ideal resort for student groups willing to get well acquainted with the snow. It is also well-known for its market, shops and hospitality. The ski area is in a very fortunate position with its wonderful panorama of the Julian Alps. Tarvisio is also one of the coldest and snowiest areas of the Alps!

Altitude: 800 - 1800 metres
 Ski lifts: 12
 Slopes: 7 blue, 8 red, 4 black
 Longest run: 4km
 Total km of slopes: 35
 Snowmaking: Yes



Grandvalira, Andorra

The Grandvalira Ski Area in the Andorran Pyrenees was established in 2003 through the combination of two of the oldest ski resorts in the Pyrenees - Pas de la Casa-Grau Roig and Soldeu-El Tarter. This merger made Grandvalira the largest ski resort in the Pyrenees and one of the largest in Europe. Grandvalira is completely connected and accessible with a single ski pass. It is a great choice for skiers and snowboarders of all levels.

Altitude: 1710 – 2640 metres
 Ski lifts: 66
 Slopes: 25 black, 30 red, 42 blue, 21 green
 Longest run: 6km
 Total km of slopes: 210
 Snowmaking: Yes





Prato Nevoso, Italy



Prato Nevoso is one of Piedmont's most advanced ski resorts. The terrain ranges from gentle nursery slopes to more challenging, well maintained slopes so you can be sure to find the ideal terrain for your group's level of skiing. You will have access to the Mondolè ski area which combines Prato Nevoso, Artesina and Fabrosa Soprana.

Altitude: 1496 – 2029 metres
 Ski lifts: 31
 Slopes: 22 blue, 23 red, 4 black
 Longest run: 4km
 Total km of slopes: 130
 Snowmaking: Yes

Sierra Nevada, Spain



Although Sierra Nevada is perhaps the sunniest ski resort in Europe, it boasts exceptional snow cover from November to mid-April/May with large and attractive ski terrains. It stands out for having clean, wide, obstacle-free slopes, suitable for all levels, which are groomed daily and it has the greatest skiable vertical drop!

Altitude: 2100 – 3300 metres
 Ski lifts: 22
 Slopes: 17 green, 40 blue, 52 red, 7 black
 Longest run: 6km
 Total km of slopes: 105
 Snowmaking: Yes

Zakopane, Poland



Zakopane, known as the winter capital of Poland, is home to the Tatry ski area which is comprised of 9 smaller resorts all covered by one ski pass. The groups mainly ski in Kotelnica which is ideal for school groups, especially beginners. One of the attractions in this resort are the thermal baths right by the slopes!

Altitude: 931 – 1030 metres
 Ski lifts: 10
 Slopes: 10 blue, 5 red
 Longest run: 1.9km
 Total km of slopes: 14.5s
 Snowmaking: Yes

Szczyrk, Poland



Szczyrk is one of the largest ski resorts in Poland and it boasts some nice wide varied slopes which are perfect for beginners. It is a small town so everything is close by, including the slopes which are just a short transfer away.

Altitude: 524 – 1257 metres
 Ski lifts: 10 lifts
 Slopes: 10 blue, 5 red, 1 black
 Longest run: 3.4km
 Total km of slopes: 36.6
 Snowmaking: Yes



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BONDONE, ITALY

Monte Bondone ski resort, located in the Province of Trento, features modern facilities and offers good skiing to beginner and intermediate groups. The most difficult run is called the 'Palon' and is a challenge even for the best of skiers!

Altitude:	1250 – 2090m
Ski lifts:	4
Slopes:	7 blue, 11 red
Longest run:	4km
Total km of slopes:	21.5
Snowmaking:	Yes



SAPPADA, ITALY

Sappada is a small charming resort and an ideal location for first time skiers and those who need to build confidence. Our groups stay in the holiday village in Piani di Luzza just a 5 minute bus ride away from the slopes of Sappada. There are plenty of facilities on site, such as an indoor swimming pool and sports hall.

Altitude:	1250 – 2000m
Ski lifts:	9
Slopes:	7 blue, 8 red, 2 black
Longest run:	3km
Total km of slopes:	15km
Snowmaking:	Yes



VOSS, NORWAY

Voss is the largest ski resort in Fjord Norway and it boasts some of Scandinavia's finest terrain with something for all abilities. It is a compact ski area with slopes that are extremely varied and suitable for first time skiers up to intermediate and snowboarders.

Altitude:	284-964m
Ski lifts:	11
Slopes:	8 green, 9 blue, 3 red, 2 black
Longest run:	4km
Total km of slopes:	45km
Snowmaking:	50%



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