

# The Horizon Is The Limit.....

Traveling has been part of the school curriculum for many years as groups take off at spring break or other times of the year for destinations around the world. The educational value through exposure to other parts of the world is an experience that opens eyes and possibilities. Travel helps define young people as they open their minds to different cultures and other ways of living.

We have been busy setting up tours for schools in BC since 1989 and pride ourselves in providing personalized, 'value for your money' tours and programs. We enjoy working with teachers to create a tour that fits their group – as every group is a bit different and every teacher has some special ideas on what a tour should be all about. It takes a team effort to accomplish this goal – *an experience of a lifetime!*

**Give us a call for an informal meet – find out how we can work together and launch your next travel project for your group!**

Tours can be customised for sport, music/art, social studies or general interest. Below are some ideas of what we can organize for your group. We believe that there are many ideas for projects out there – the world is changing so fast and that is reflected in the tours being taken by some school groups...

**Sport Tours** offer the chance to measure your skills in basketball, soccer, hockey, softball etc with opponents in other countries while learning about culture and history at the same time.

**Music/Art Tours** focus on museums and/or musical performances (or presenting concerts yourself) are a great way to experience the world.

**History** is everywhere. With particular attention to one fact: Canadians were involved in Europe's WWI and WWII – if you consider that 1 out of every 10 Canadians were involved one way or another in WWII, a case can be made for making sure that you include Normandy, Italy (the front where Canadians faced some fierce battles at Cassino and Ortona amongst others), Belgium or Holland and of course famous Vimy (where the memorial is being re opened in 2007 after a "face lift" to mark the 90th anniversary of the famous battle). This is a great way of finding out about one's roots and making sure that the memories stay alive...

**Special Projects Tours** offer the opportunity to work for a few days in an orphanage or a special needs school in an exotic country! It is a rewarding endeavour as you can share your time and stories with those less fortunate and bring them the knowledge that there are people out there who care.

**HOMESTAYS** are always an important factor as this offers students the unique opportunity of "living" in a foreign culture and getting to know the locals. Combined with a tour, this makes for a very special and rewarding experience. We are happy to help you find a partner school in whichever country you can imagine! We have great connections in many countries and are able to tap into them to benefit your group.

*Here are some great destinations – some of which you might find very exotic and tempting – There are so many to choose from. Since you are most likely familiar with the "regular" destinations, we will introduce the more "unusual" places in more detail.*

*We are the best qualified for you and your next school travel project!!!*

## CENTRAL AND WESTERN EUROPE

The standards for any spring break tour are: London, Paris, Rome and their respective countries. History and culture without limits and of course all closely tied to our own history – these places are a must visit for anyone and always a favourite starting point for any school tour. Don't forget other popular destinations in the area with Holland, Belgium, Germany and Austria amongst others. Prague in the Czech Republic has become one of the most attractive European destinations ...

## EASTERN EUROPE AND RUSSIA

A visit to Budapest, Hungary's capital and queen of the Danube, Krakow in Poland or Bucharest and Brasov in Romania – educational and different. A look at these places makes you realize that they have come a long way from their communist controlled past. Moscow and St. Petersburg: these two towns are marvels of culture and history and the fact that they have been hidden behind the Iron Curtain for so many years makes Russia a more than unique and special destination.

## SCANDINAVIA AND THE BALTICS

Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland have been on our maps forever and these countries are great places to visit although prices sometimes scare off the more budget oriented.

## MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

Greece with its history, charming villages and breathtaking scenery has always been a favourite. Walk in the footsteps of Aristotle and Socrates and visit the Oracle in Delphi. Southern Spain gives you an insight into a mix of cultures where Moorish culture has left its legacy after 700 years of interacting with European culture.

Portugal and Southern France also offer that special warm feeling of the Mediterranean – their smaller towns and seaside villages have inspired artists throughout the centuries.

Walk through Arles like Van Gogh did and enjoy the sites that have been immortalized by his paintings.



Some of our past and current partners include  
New Westminster Secondary (BC)  
Riverside Secondary (BC)  
Point Grey Secondary (BC)  
Van Tech Secondary (BC)  
Kitsilano Secondary (BC)  
Churchhill Secondary (BC)  
Listowel Secondary (Ontario)  
North York (Ontario)  
Crescent School (Ontario)  
Central Butte (Saskatchewan)  
and many more

## BEYOND THE NORM .... Just a few of them ...

### TURKEY

Istanbul is a city on two continents and it combines the modern European with the traditional Islamic flavours. Experience a totally different culture and architecture. In this day and age it is important to get an understanding for cultures we are not so familiar with – rather than being educated by CNN and scary news flashes, day in and day out, painting pictures of enemies around the world ... a school exchange with one of the private schools in the city gives you an opportunity to live with the locals, enjoy a visit to the Grand Bazaar with its 3000 shops and partake in their daily activities.

Imagine adding a trip along the coast, visiting fabled Troy and then heading to one of the Seven World Wonders in Ephesus and enjoying the colourful coast of Southern Turkey before heading to Capadocia with its underground churches and breathtaking landscapes.

Turkey is at the "outskirts" of the European Union and an important link to the Islamic Asian countries.

### BRAZIL / ARGENTINA

Soccer is one of the "religions" in Brazil and playing against teams in that country gives you a different view of what sports can mean to nations!

Or get involved in a social project and support one of the groups in need by working towards the project goal in Canada and then get hands on experience for a few days in the country. The beauty and poverty make for an eye opening contrast. Rio de Janeiro is a city without comparison, from incredible sights like the Sugar Loaf or the Corcovado to the famous beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana.

The tropical islands offshore and the bustling beach activities make this town a spectacle in itself.

Buenos Aires, the home of the Tango and Maradona, as well as the working Ranches of the nearby Pampas create a special excitement and the Iguassu Falls on the border between Brazil and Argentina are a natural wonder which rivals the greatest places on earth. The locals are eager to receive tourists and an exchange with a sports team would be an absolute highlight for any Canadian soccer-playing youngster (who wouldn't want to watch a game at the famous Maracana Stadium in Rio??). South America is a destination for the open minded....

### EGYPT

One of the cradles of civilisation, the country has gone through difficulties but the friendliness towards visitors is visible everywhere. Standing in front of the Pyramids or walking through the Valley of the Kings and visiting a few of the famous tombs of some of the kings there ...

One cannot but feel overwhelmed ... Ancient history at its finest and a trip on the legendary Nile ..... sounds too exotic for a school group?

There is so much to be learned in this country and for the right group it is a great project.

*These are just a few of the destinations that might be of interest to you ... we would like to share our inspiring experience with you ... do give us a call or visit our website to view sample itineraries at [www.sticanada.com](http://www.sticanada.com). Be it a tour through France, Italy or Brazil....we would be happy to sit down and meet with you. We are available for information sessions in the evenings for your students and parents. Not many companies can match our dedication, knowledge and willingness to work with you to make your next tour "special"!*



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Learn more about creating a customized educational school tour by filling out the fields below or call us to discuss further possibilities.

P.S.: Since we also offer tours for adults – we can send you copies of the programs we have – so that you may see how diversified we are and perhaps it will give you ideas for your next tour with your students.

- Ancient Wonders of Egypt & Nile Cruise
- Normandy & Vimy Re-opening
- From Coronation Street to Strawberry Fields
- European Heartland Cruise

- Cruise the Russian Waterways: Moscow to St. Petersburg
- Italian Campaign – Cassino/Gari & Melfa Rivers
- Normandy & 65th Anniversary Dieppe
- Airforce Tour of Great Britain
- South American Highlights

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this information to the following address (as they would also enjoy receiving the itineraries on your tours):

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