



Your guide to  
**GEOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**  
school trips 2019-20

# Organising a school trip?

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We know it can be time consuming to plan a school trip, that's why we work hard to ease the pressure on teachers.

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- Financial protection - NST are fully bonded through ABTA & ATOL
- More than 50 years' experience of creating expertly planned school trips that suit the individual needs of each group



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We're the travel company of choice for over 35,000 group leaders. We've been awarded the Feefo Gold Service award, an independent seal of excellence for delivering exceptional experiences, as rated by real customers.



# With you every step of the way

Taking learning beyond the classroom is widely known to help young people build strong, positive relationships and independence, as well as improving academic achievement. A school trip often brings a sense of experience and enjoyment to learning, supporting the wider character development and resilience students need to deal with life's inevitable challenges.

At NST, we passionately believe in the importance of enriching educational experiences outside the classroom. That's why you won't find a wider choice of destinations, inspiring visits, educational guided tours, and hands-on workshops anywhere else. This year, we've also introduced our LIVE! student events led by industry professionals, giving students a bridge into the world beyond the classroom as they prepare to become work-ready.

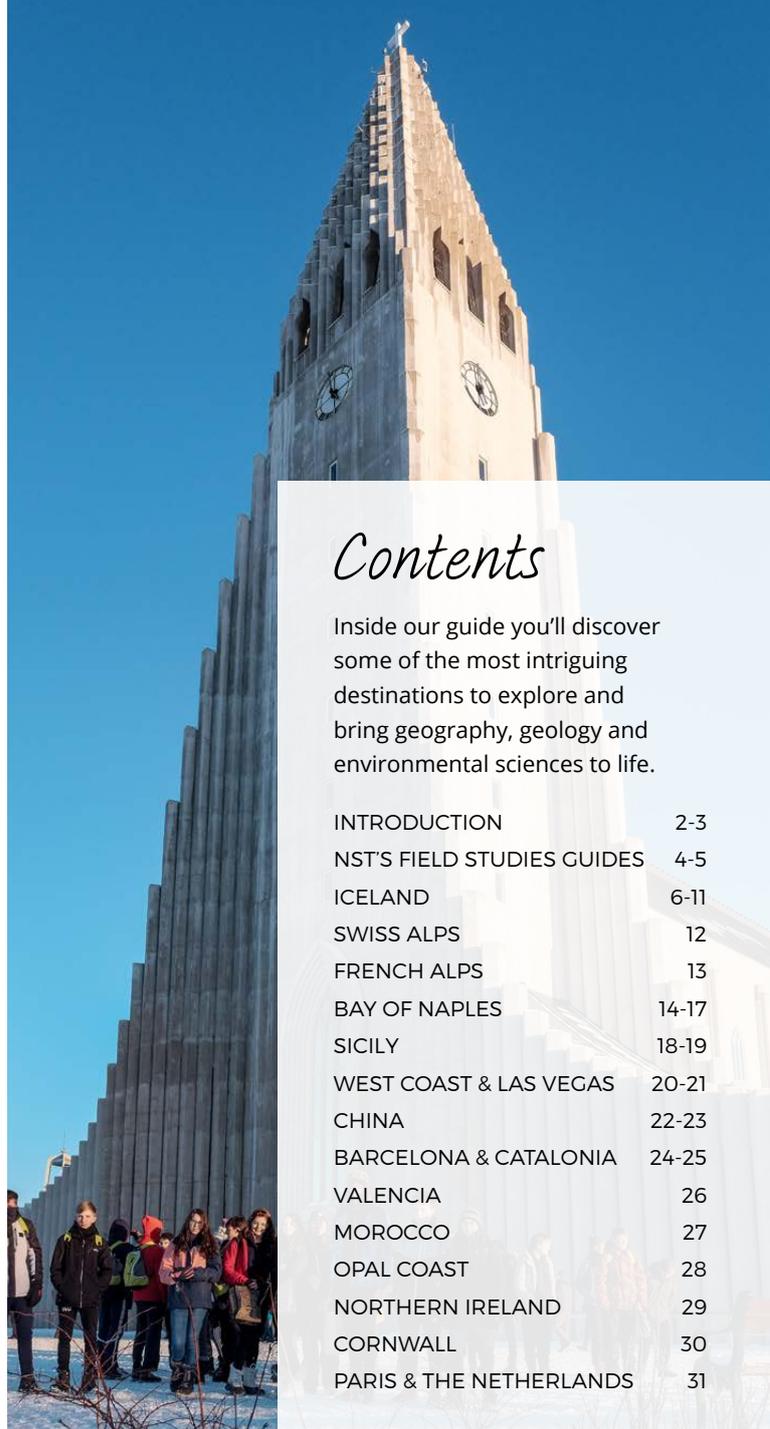
When it comes to organising a school trip, we understand just how much time and energy it can take on top of teaching. What's more, many schools are not aware that when they arrange transport, accommodation, and other services directly themselves, they'll have all the responsibilities of a travel company - both legal and financial - under the new Package Travel & Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018.

That's where NST can help. We're an LOfC accredited provider, giving you peace of mind that all the elements of your trip have been carefully checked on your behalf - a view supported by the DfE's recent recommendations on selecting a travel provider.

We're the travel company of choice for over 35,000 group leaders, but we know that what counts is the help and support that you receive. That's why we're committed to doing our absolute best to provide you with the experience and support that you need to match your requirements and budget and create a school trip that your students will remember long after they return to the classroom.



*Steve Craven*  
NST Director



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in your chosen destination.

# NST's Field Studies Guides

Explore some of the world's most exciting geographic destinations with NST's range of specialist Field Studies Guides. When you book your school tour with NST, we can provide you with a guide to ensure that your pupils get the best learning experience from their trip. Experiences tailored to specific learning needs.

## What will your guide do for you?

We've been working hard to give geography groups even greater value for money and improved benefits when they choose to take a school trip with NST. With this in mind, we have developed a team of friendly and knowledgeable Field Studies Guides to enrich learning and help your pupils to discover some of the most fascinating geographical sites on the planet.

Equipped with first-hand knowledge of the culture, climate, history and subject knowledge of geography, geology and environmental science, NST's Field Studies Guides will assist with programme delivery, tailoring your group's experience to suit your specific learning needs.



## Educational Content

Your Field Studies Guide can tailor the educational content to the specific requirements of your group. Whether KS3, GCSE or A-Level, your Field Studies Guide can deliver a tour which matches your study themes and exam board specifications.

## Our Geography guides are available in:

- Iceland
- Sicily
- Bay of Naples
- French Alps
- Swiss Alps
- Northern Ireland

If you are travelling to a destination other than the ones mentioned above, you can also receive support from a Tour Escort, Specialist Guide or Local Guide.

## Benefits of our Field Studies Guides

### PRE-TOUR DISCUSSION

Your Field Studies Guide will liaise with you ahead of your school trip to ensure that your itinerary supports your group's key study topics.

### TEACHING & GUIDING

All of our Field Studies Guides have the knowledge and experience to lead the teaching and advising at key geographical sites, helping your group to get the very most from your trip.

### PRACTICAL INVESTIGATION

Your NST Field Studies Guide can assist your pupils in undertaking data collection to enable you to complete selected fieldwork activity.

### GROUP LEADER SUPPORT

Throughout your trip, your Field Studies Guide will assist you with logistics, planning, itinerary changes due to weather, and will be on-hand to provide advice and support with regards to clothing and kit requirements.

### FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Your Field Studies Guide will assist your group in completing NST's recently enhanced free Education Resource Packs, with data collection activities, discussion topics and pre-prepared results (go online to see more).



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FREE

## FREE GEOGRAPHY EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Enhance your geography field studies experience before and after your trip with inspiring geography educational videos created by our partner, Time for Geography.

These curriculum-linked videos, which have been created in collaboration with leading UK universities, aim to boost geographical knowledge and support secondary school students in preparing for exams by working through GCSE-level model answers. Linking closely to key study themes that your group will explore during your trip, the videos can be used before and after your trip to prepare your students and build on learning back in the classroom. You will have access to the videos from the moment you book your trip.

Call us for further details!





# Iceland



Iceland, the geographer's and geologist's ultimate playground, offers a unique geography field trip for pupils. This island country has a unique heritage and style all of its own, with a landscape rich in opportunities and challenges that will perfectly complement your group's studies at both GCSE and A-level. Take your pupils on thrilling Icelandic geography visits and bear witness to rare phenomena, from dramatic volcanic lunar landscapes and spouting geysers, to diverging plates, glaciers, and outwash plains.

## At a glance

**Getting there** We offer flights to Iceland from a variety of departure airports.

**When to go** April to October offers the best weather for visiting.

**Average temperature** October to April: 0 to 7°C, May to September: 10 to 14°C.

**Flying time** Flights from London - 3 hrs. Flights from Manchester - 2 hrs 30 mins.

**What to pack** Walking boots with firm grip, warm, waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers, hat/balaclava, warm gloves, thermals, clothes that can be layered, shoes for indoor use, swimsuit and towel for Seret Lagoon or Blue Lagoon.

**Local currency** Króna

**Language** Icelandic is the national language. English is spoken by most Icelanders and is the official second language.

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*including  
visits &  
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**Price includes:** 3 nights' half-board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), services of an NST Field Studies Guide, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in February 2020.

## Inspire & educate



### NST'S ICELAND FIELD STUDIES GUIDES

All of our Iceland packages include a specialist NST Field Studies Guide as standard, allowing your group to explore the wealth of natural wonders and unique geographic features that characterise this fascinating destination with an expert by their side - **exclusive to NST**.

## Exam board specification links

### AQA

- 3.1 Living with the Physical Environment
- 3.2 Challenges in the Human Environment
- 3.3 Geographical Applications
- 3.4 Geographical Skills

### EDEXCEL A

- Component 1: The Physical Environment
- Component 2: The Human Environment
- Component 3: Geographical Investigations

### EDEXCEL B

- Component 1: Global Geographical Issues
- Component 3: People and Environment Issues

### OCR A

- The World Around Us
- Geographical Skills

### OCR B

- Our Natural World
- People and Society
- Geographical Exploration

## Study themes

### PHYSICAL:

- Natural hazards
- Water & rivers
- Climate change
- Tectonics
- Coasts
- Ecosystems
- Landscapes & processes
- Weather

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Resource management
- Global development
- Tourism & sustainability

# Trip highlights



## GOLDEN CIRCLE ADVENTURE

TECTONICS, GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

Tour the Hellisheidi power plant, then visit Kerid, the Gullfoss waterfall, and witness Strokkur in action. Finally, visit Thingvellir National Park.



## SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, COASTS, WATER & RIVERS

Visit the Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls and the black volcanic beaches and basalt-columned cliffs of the Dyrhólaey coast. Then take the rare opportunity to see Sólheimajökull.



## REYKJANES PENINSULA TOUR

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, TECTONICS, NATURAL HAZARDS

Visit lake Kleifvatn before stopping in the Seltún geothermal area, then make a stop at Graenavatn explosion crater before visiting Litli Eldborg.



## SKAFTAFELL AND JÖKULSÁRLÓN

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, TECTONICS, NATURAL HAZARDS

Take a walking tour in Skaftafell National Park, then visit Jökulsárlón; a proglacial lagoon clustered with ice flows. April - September only. Overnight stay in Skaftafell required.



## WESTMAN ISLANDS

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS, ECOSYSTEMS

Groups can take a ferry to Heimaey, an island formed by submarine volcanic eruptions. We can also provide a coach for you to explore the island. May - September only.



## GLACIER WALK

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, WEATHER & CLIMATE CHANGE

This walk is a great glacier adventure where you can try for yourself how it feels to walk on ice. This is the stand out visit for many of our groups.



## SECRET LAGOON

TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY

A great alternative to the Blue Lagoon, the Secret Lagoon offers a more authentic Icelandic hot springs experience.



## LAVA TUBING

VOLCANIC LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES

Explore the geological history of Iceland... from within! Venture inside a vast underground network of lava caves to explore stalactites and different rock formations.



## ICE CAVES

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, WEATHER & CLIMATE CHANGE

Iceland's most significant, new attraction; the ice tunnel located on Europe's second largest glacier, Langjökull. This is a once-in-a-lifetime visit where your group can experience a magical journey.

“ Our guide, was outstanding in all respects. He was well organised, timings were immaculate and he communicated everything clearly to us at all times. He developed a superb rapport with the pupils and demonstrated exemplary subject knowledge in response to all the many questions he was asked. The pupils learnt a great deal in a relaxed and fun way courtesy of his support. Thank you for an excellent trip.

Tom Wood, Farmers School ”

# Trip highlights continued



## REYKJAVIK

### TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY

Explore the city centre then visit the Perlan Centre, which holds the city's geothermally heated water supply.



## GEOTHERMAL GREENHOUSES

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

How is it possible to grow vegetables in such a cold climate? Discover the processes of greenhouse horticulture.



## SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

### TECTONICS, GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS

See a more wild and off the beaten track area of Iceland. Dramatic landscapes and features can be discovered on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula Day.

## Don't miss...

- **NORTHERN LIGHTS** For groups visiting September - March, you may be lucky enough to see this wondrous phenomenon.
- **WHALE WATCHING** Catch sight of whales and dolphins out on the North Atlantic Ocean. April - September only.
- **THÓRSMÖRK VALLEY** Witness glacial landforms of varying scales, on which glacial retreat and environmental change are strongly evident. April - September only.
- **ELDHEIMAR MUSEUM** If you go to the island of Heimaey, visit this exhibition which focuses on the 1973 volcanic eruption of Eldfell.
- **FLYOVER ICELAND** Get whisked away over Iceland's breathtaking landscape in this simulated flight ride.
- **PERLAN - WONDERS OF ICELAND** Volcanoes, glaciers, geothermal marvels and more come alive through cutting edge technology at the Perlan.
- **VOLCANO HOUSE** At this in-house cinema watch two excellent documentaries featuring two of Iceland's best known eruptions.
- **QUAKE 2008** See and feel how the earthquake of 29th May 2008 affected the residents, buildings and the environment.
- **LAVA CENTRE** An interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years.

SEE MORE ONLINE

## Evening lectures

We can arrange an evening educational lecture, 'Iceland in a nutshell'. Topics covered will focus on:

- **ICELANDIC NATURE, GEOLOGY AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**  
What is it like to live in a country with volcanic eruptions all the time? And if the population density is 3 people per square kilometre, that means a lot of space – or does it?
- **HISTORY**  
The Vikings didn't actually wear helmets with horns, that's a fairly recent fashion. What do the colours of the flag stand for? And why do Icelanders all have freckles?
- **ICELANDIC LANGUAGE**  
Did you know that Bear, Wolf, Hawk, Spear and Lone Warrior are entirely normal and very common names? Why is the president called by her/his first name? What's special about the Icelandic alphabet? And how do you come up with new words for all things new?
- **CULTURAL HERITAGE: LITERATURE, MYTHS AND BELIEFS, MUSIC**  
There are 13 santas! Technically they are trolls, but they bring presents so who cares? How traditional are the Icelandic wool jumpers? Are all Icelanders writers?
- **MODERN LIFE IN ICELAND AND NATIONAL IDENTITY**  
When do Icelanders start school? Which languages do they learn? And what if they want to become astronauts? Do Icelanders speak English? Is Iceland ever going to join the European Union? And why whaling?

## Evening activities



- **LAZERTAG**  
Enjoy two games of Lazertag, including pizza and a soft drink.
- **TEN PIN BOWLING**  
Why not end your day with a fun leisure activity for your group.
- **GEOTHERMAL POOL**  
Take part in this traditional Icelandic evening past-time.
- **ICE SKATING**  
If you've not seen enough ice already then why not take your group ice skating in Reykjavik!

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### Benefits include:

- Pre-tour discussion to ensure that your itinerary supports key study topics
- Teaching and advising at key geographical sites
- Group leader support - assisting with logistics, planning, itinerary changes
- Support with your FREE educational resources - helping with fieldwork activities, discussion topics and pre-prepared results

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## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation.
- Day 2** South Shore Adventure Day: Skógafoss & Seljalandsfoss, Reynishverfi, Dyrhólaey coast, Sólheimajökull.
- Day 3** The Golden Circle: Hellisheidi Power Plant Tour, Kerid, Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir.
- Day 4** Free time in Reykjavik. Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.

### Optional day

- Day 5** Reykjanes Peninsula day.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**

“

Our guide was excellent! He fitted in with our group really well and was a mine of interesting facts. Brilliant local and subject knowledge. We would very much like him to be our guide on future trips.

”  
*Lisa Cliften, William Allitt School*

## Where you will be staying



### THE CABIN

A bright modern hotel offering good facilities and comfortable accommodation, located approximately 30 minutes from Keflavik airport.



### HOTEL ORK

The hotel is very spacious and comfortable and enjoys a quite small-town location. It offers excellent facilities for groups.



### HOTEL KATLA

The hotel offers comfortable accommodation 5kms east of Vik i Myrdal approximately 2½ hours' drive from Reykjavik.



### REYKJAVIK CITY HOSTEL

The hostel offers comfortable budget accommodation and excellent facilities. Located within 45 min walk from the centre of Reykjavik, the hostel is next door to the geothermal pool.



### HOTEL SELFOSS

Located in south Iceland, this hotel offers an excellent base for visiting famous Icelandic landmarks such as Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir and the Westman Islands.



### HOTEL VIKING

This is a uniquely Icelandic hotel about a 15-minute drive from Reykjavik city centre.

*Ready to start planning your next learning experience?*

Get in touch with our team of school travel experts on **0845 293 7974** and we'll create a bespoke tour to suit your exact needs.

For further details about tours to Iceland, visit [nstgroup.co.uk](http://nstgroup.co.uk)



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GREAT DESTINATION FOR FIELDWORK  
& DATA COLLECTION

# Swiss Alps

The Valais region of Switzerland makes a fantastic location for a geography field trip overseas. Popular Swiss Alp geography visits for school groups include the imposing peak of the Matterhorn, the Aletsch Glacier, the well-known resort of Zermatt, the proposed Winter Olympic centre of Sion and Mattmark's hydro-electric dam all within easy reach. A geography school trip to this stunning region of Switzerland offers pupils a great opportunity for hands on data collection and fieldwork techniques.

*including visits & NST Field Studies Guide*

## Trip highlights



### ZERMATT AND THE MATTERHORN

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY

This Alpine mountain sits on the Italian border and helps attract 4 million tourists a year. Additional costs for cable cars and trains payable locally.



### MATTMARK DAM

GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, WATER & RIVERS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Part of a hydro-electric scheme that transports the water from the surrounding glacier into a holding lake, which is contained by the largest natural earth dam in Europe.

## Don't miss...

- ALETSCHE GLACIER
- SAAS FEE
- MITTELALLALIN AND THE ICE CAVES
- SAAS GRUND
- ALLALIN GLACIER
- KREUZBODEN AND HOHSAAS
- BRIGERBAD POOLS

## Where you will be staying



**THE RODANIA**  
A good, basic hotel that's well-located in the Swiss Alps for both ski and field study programmes.

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Depart school.
- Day 2** Arrive at hotel.  
Local orientation walk in Saas Grund.
- Day 3** Cable car to Hohsaas for field sketch of upland glaciation.  
Mattmark Dam for outwash plain / rivers study.
- Day 4** Saas Fee & Mittelallalin.\*  
Visit the ice caves.
- Day 5** Brigerbad Pools.\*  
Travel back to the UK.
- Day 6** Arrive in the UK.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**  
\*Some visits may incur additional costs to be paid locally.

## Study themes

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| <p><b>PHYSICAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural hazards</li> <li>• Tectonics</li> <li>• Landscapes &amp; processes</li> <li>• Water &amp; rivers</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Weather</li> <li>• Ecosystems</li> </ul> | <p><b>HUMAN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource management</li> <li>• Tourism &amp; sustainability</li> </ul> |
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**Price includes:** 3 nights' full-board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, visits shown in suggested itinerary\*, services of an NST Field Studies Guide, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, travelling in October 2019.



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GREAT DESTINATION FOR  
FIELDWORK & DATA COLLECTION

# French Alps

A fantastic location for a geography field trip. The awe and wonder of the Alpine landscape around Chamonix, with the permanent snow-capped peak of Mont Blanc towering over the town, is sure to inspire your pupils. The region offers excellent geography visit opportunities to study glacial features and processes. Many groups choose to study the impact of skiing on the fragile landscape, along with taking hands-on measurements of rivers, sediments and vegetation and learning about how alpine hazards are managed to create a thriving economy.

*including  
visits &  
NST Field  
Studies Guide*

## Trip highlights



**AIGUILLE DU MIDI**  
GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, TOURISM  
Take the highest cable car ride in Europe to 3,842m at the top of the Aiguille du Midi. Views extend across the glaciers and mountain pass into Italy and Switzerland.



**THE BOSSONS GLACIER**  
GLACIAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, WEATHER & CLIMATE CHANGE  
The Bossons has been used by scientists for decades as a key indicator of climate change. There is a fabulous view of the glacier's terminal tongue and the ice-pinnacles of Plateau des Pyramides.

### Suggested itinerary

**Day 1** Depart school.  
**Day 2** Arrive at hotel. Local orientation.  
**Day 3** Cable car to Aiguille du Midi. Mer de Glace for field sketches.  
**Day 4** The Bossons Glacier to discuss the evolution of the glacier. Chamonix for a settlement study.  
**Day 5** Travel back to the UK.  
**Day 6** Arrive in the UK.  
**Suggested itinerary included in price.**  
\*Some visits may incur additional costs to be paid locally.

## Don't miss...

- MER DE GLACE
- MONT BLANC TRAMWAY
- CHAMONIX & COURMAYEUR
- LE BETTEX
- THE EMOSSON DAM
- COL DES MONTETS
- ANNECY

## Where you will be staying



**DES DEUX GARES**  
Located in the charming village of Le Fayet, offering a comfortable base to explore the French Alps.

### Study themes

<b>PHYSICAL:</b>	<b>HUMAN:</b>
• Natural hazards	• Resource management
• Tectonics	• Tourism & sustainability
• Landscapes & processes	
• Water & rivers	
• Climate change	
• Weather	
• Ecosystems	

**Price includes:** 3 nights' full-board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, visits shown in suggested itinerary\*, services of an NST Field Studies Guide, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, travelling in October 2019.



# Bay of Naples

Where better to take your pupils on a geography and geology school trip than the place where the observations of the great English geologist, Charles Lyell, gave the basis to the modern geology. The Bay of Naples provides a great opportunity to study key themes at GCSE and A-level, including tectonic processes, tourism, hazard management, coasts and industry. Our exciting programme of visits includes trips to Pompeii, the Phlegraean Fields, Capri and the Amalfi Coast - not to mention Mount Vesuvius!

## At a glance

**Getting there** We offer flights from a variety of departure airports.

**When to go** The Bay of Naples is a year-round destination, however it gets very hot during the summer months.

**Average temperature** October to May: 9 to 18°C, June to September: 21 to 25°C.

**Flying time** Flights from London - 2 hrs 40 mins. Flights from Manchester - 3 hrs.

**GMT** +2 hrs GMT.

### Good to know

- Most shops close from about 1.00pm to 4.30pm, they then stay open until 8.00pm to 9.00pm.
- Some visits are payable locally. We can advise you on this.
- Take a small rucksack – some visits have restrictions on the size of bag you can carry with you.

## Inspire & educate



### NST'S BAY OF NAPLES FIELD STUDIES GUIDES

When you book your tour to the Bay of Naples with us, you have the option to add an NST Field Studies Guide to help your pupils to get the most from their visit whilst exploring the dramatic volcanic landscape to be found here.

## Study themes

### PHYSICAL:

- Natural hazards
- Tectonics
- Landscapes & processes
- Coasts
- Weather
- Climate change
- Ecosystems

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Resource management
- Tourism & sustainability

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## Exam board specification links

### AQA

- 3.1 Living with the Physical Environment
- 3.2 Challenges in the Human Environment
- 3.3 Geographical Applications
- 3.4 Geographical Skills

### EDEXCEL A

- Component 1: The Physical Environment
- Component 2: The Human Environment
- Component 3: Geographical Investigations

### EDEXCEL B

- Component 1: Global Geographical Issues
- Component 3: People and Environment Issues

### OCR A

- The World Around Us
- Geographical Skills

### OCR B

- Our Natural World
- People and Society
- Geographical Exploration

# Trip highlights



## MOUNT VESUVIUS

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS, TOURISM**

Walk to the rim of the most populated volcano in the world to consider its formation, eruptive history, anatomy and human management issues.



## POMPEII

**NATURAL HAZARDS, TOURISM**

Observe the destructive impact of the volcanic eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD which buried and consequently preserved this famous town.



## ISLAND OF CAPRI

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, COASTS, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY**

This stunning rocky coastline features the Arco Naturale and Faraglioni landforms, shaped over many years by the erosive power of the sea.



## PHLEGRAEAN FIELDS

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS**

The Bay of Pozzuoli is a giant caldera 12-15km across. Visit the Temple of Serapis in Pozzuoli, the crater of Solfatara and Monte Nuovo.



## HERCULANEUM

**NATURAL HAZARDS, TOURISM**

Smaller but better-preserved than Pompeii, a visit here is often preferred by many pupils. Activity sheets, provided in Pompeii, can also be used here.



## AMALFI COAST

**COASTS, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY**

A UNESCO World Heritage site, where a ribbon of road clings tightly to steep, rugged cliffs interspersed with picturesque towns.

## Don't miss...

### • PERTOSA CAVES

With your guide, you will enter on a boat as the entrance is flooded by the waters of the Negro River.

### • NAPLES UNDERGROUND MUSEUM

There is an entire underground city below Naples - the museum is in a huge underground sandstone quarry.

### • OLIVE & LEMON MILL

Guided tour of this olive and lemon mill and mozzarella farm. With cheese-making demonstration, plus a complimentary pizza and soft drink.

### • LA FABBRICA DELLA PASTA DI GRAGNANO

A fascinating visit where pupils will learn about the ancient art of making pasta, which has a very long tradition in Gragnano.

### • SORRENTO TOWN TRAIL

Available with your Field Studies Guide.

### • EVENING ACTIVITIES

Why not treat your group to a fun evening of 10 pin bowling? Or a visit to an ice cream parlour to sample one of Sorrento's most delicious ice creams?

SEE MORE ONLINE 

## Suggested itinerary

**Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation.  
Exploration of the local area.

**Day 2** Full day visit to Pompeii.

**Day 3** Visit Herculaneum.  
Visit Mount Vesuvius.

**Day 4** Free time.  
Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.

### Optional day

**Day 5** Visit the Phlegraean Fields or the Island of Capri.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**

## Our expert's comment

The Bay of Naples is a chance to see where our understanding of global hazards first developed with a walk along the rim of Vesuvius, mainland Europe's only active volcano, followed by a visit to Pompeii or Herculaneum to see the sheer destructive effect of a pyroclastic flow.

*Paul Rowen*



### *Here to help*

**ADD AN NST FIELD STUDIES GUIDE - ONLY £45<sup>pp</sup>**

When you book your tour to the Bay of Naples with us, you have the option to add a specialist **NST Field Studies Guide** to help your pupils to get the most from their visit whilst exploring the dramatic volcanic landscape to be found here.

The Gib School

## *Where you will be staying*



### **HOTEL MARY**

A spacious, comfortable, family-run hotel with superb panoramic views of the Bay of Naples.



### **HOTEL FLORA**

A medium sized hotel with 130 modern rooms, centrally located in Sorrento. The majority of rooms include private balconies, some with views of the bay and Mount Vesuvius.



### **KLEIN WIEN**

A delightful family-run hotel. The hotel offers a good standard of accommodation in a spectacular location.



### **HOTEL LA RIPETTA**

Family-run hotel with much experience in welcoming groups of young people. Situated in a safe and secure area that offers a good wandering territory.



### **HOTEL ANGELINA**

A small, family run hotel in the quiet location of St Agnello di Sorrento, with 27 simple and comfortable rooms.



### **PANORAMA PALACE**

A modern family run hotel with 100 rooms over 4 floors offering a wide range of services within easy reach of Sorrento and other famous attractions in the Bay of Naples.

## *Ready to start planning your next learning experience?*

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For further details about tours to the Bay of Naples, visit [nstgroup.co.uk](http://nstgroup.co.uk)



St Mary's College

# Sicily

A geography school trip to Sicily provides a great opportunity for groups wanting to study key themes at GCSE and A-level, including volcanic activity and coastal processes and the resulting formations. This island offers superb geography visits including Mount Etna which provides an excellent case study to expand upon back in the classroom.

Sicily has an astonishing diverse heritage and a geography field trip here provides a great range of geographical opportunities for pupils of all ages.

## At a glance

### Getting there

We can fly you into Catania or Palermo, depending on the route from your local airport.

### Flying time

Flights from London – 3 hrs.

### When to go

March – October.

### Average temperature

March to May 15 °C, June to October 25 °C, November to February 12 °C.

### GMT + 1hr GMT.

### What to pack

Even in the summer months there is snow on Mount Etna. Remember to pack suncream and sunglasses as well as walking boots and a warm coat.

prices start from

**£549** pp

including visits & Local Guide

**BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE £10 PP**

**Price includes:** 3 nights' half-board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), services of a Local Guide, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in October 2019.

## Exam board specification links

**AQA** • 3.1 Living with the Physical Environment • 3.2 Challenges in the Human Environment • 3.3 Geographical Applications • 3.4 Geographical Skills

**EDEXCEL A** • Component 1: The Physical Environment • Component 2: The Human Environment • Component 3: Geographical Investigations

**EDEXCEL B** • Component 1: Global Geographical Issues • Component 3: People and Environment Issues

**OCR A** • The World Around Us • Geographical Skills

**OCR B** • Our Natural World • People and Society • Geographical Exploration

# Trip highlights



## MOUNT ETNA

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS, TOURISM**

The themes of plate tectonics and eruptions, land use, tourism and more can be investigated at Europe's highest and most active volcano.



## LIPARI AND VULCANO ISLANDS

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS, COASTS, TOURISM**

Explore the town of Lipari, and then sail to the island of Vulcano, where you will explore the black beaches, hot springs and sulphur mud baths.



## ALCANTARA GORGE

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, WATER & RIVERS, TOURISM**

Groups flying home in the afternoon or evening will have time to visit the Alcantara Gorges, which were formed by the volcanic activity of Mount Etna.

### Don't miss...

#### • STRAIT OF MESSINA AND TINDARI LAKE

View the Strait of Messina, then move onto Tindari, in particular, the Black Madonna Sanctuary.

#### • VULCANO ISLAND GRAND CRATER WALK

Walk up the Fossa Vulcano to the Grand Crater. Stromboli and Vulcano Islands.

See the continuous emission of blobs of lava shot a small distance into the air as 'fire fountains'.

#### • GIARDINI NAXOS AND TAORMINA

Investigate the effects of coastal erosion and the impact of tourism.

#### • PANAREA AND STROMBOLI

Enjoy a boat trip and admire Stromboli exploding by night.

#### • ETNA LAND

Enjoy a day's visit to this popular Sicily attraction.

SEE MORE ONLINE

### Study themes

#### PHYSICAL:

- Natural hazards
- Tectonics
- Landscapes & processes
- Water & rivers
- Coasts
- Weather
- Climate change
- Ecosystems

#### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Global development
- Resource management
- Tourism & sustainability

### Our expert's comment

Get even more from your trip with a specialist NST Field Studies Guide. See page 4 for further details.

Italy's largest island, dominated by Mount Etna, provides a wealth of experiences, with Etna and the Eolian island providing dramatic proof of the destructive forces that are both a hazard and an opportunity. Its closeness to Africa marks Sicily at the crossroads for migration, and its coastline and coastal towns, developed since Greek times, show how man has adapted his environment.

*Paul Rowen*

## Where you will be staying



### HOTEL SAN PIETRO

The Hotel San Pietro is a modern, comfortable hotel with stunning surroundings.



### HOTEL BAI A DEGLI DEI

A small, comfortable, tastefully decorated hotel that is located on the bay of Recanati in Giardini Naxos.

### Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation. Independent exploration of local area.
- Day 2** Full day excursion to Mount Etna.
- Day 3** Full day excursion to Lipari & Vulcano Islands.
- Day 4** Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.

#### Optional extra day

- Day 5** Strait of Messina & Tindari Lake. Free time.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**

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£20 PP**

prices start from  
**West Coast USA**  
**£1259 pp**  
Las Vegas  
**£959 pp**

# West Coast USA / Las Vegas

including visits

A geography school trip to West Coast USA offers unparalleled opportunities for pupils of all ages, with many geography and geology visits directly relating to KS3, GCSE and A-level study. Rich in biodiversity, the spectacular waterfalls and giant sequoias of Yosemite contrast dramatically with the harsh, arid environment of Death Valley. Meanwhile, West Coast cities (including LA, Las Vegas and San Francisco) offer countless opportunities to study key human geography themes.



## Study themes

### PHYSICAL:

- Natural hazards
- Tectonics
- Landscapes & processes
- Water & rivers
- Weather
- Climate change
- Ecosystems
- Hot deserts

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Resource management
- Global development
- Tourism & sustainability

## Exam board specification links

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**OCR A** • The World Around Us • Geographical Skills

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**West Coast USA price includes:** 7 days, 5 nights' room only accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in February 2020.  
**Las Vegas price includes:** 6 days, 4 nights' room only accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in February 2020.

# Trip highlights



## GRAND CANYON

**DISTINCTIVE LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, RIVERS, ECOSYSTEMS, TOURISM**

This vast chasm is arguably one of the most spectacular geographical sites in the world. A once in a lifetime opportunity!



## DEATH VALLEY

**DISTINCTIVE LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, ECOSYSTEMS, DESERTS**

Pupils can experience first-hand Death Valley's harsh, arid environment and dramatic landscapes.



## LAS VEGAS

**URBAN ENVIRONMENTS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, TOURISM**

This glitzy city is an ideal location for the study of water resources, conflict, supply and management.

### Don't miss...

#### • SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco offers the opportunity for pupils, from KS3 through to A-level, to study tectonics.

#### • MUIR WOODS

An opportunity to observe a truly remarkable ecosystem, only 30 minutes from San Francisco!

#### • YOSEMITE

Renowned for the mountain and valley scenery, waterfalls, grand meadows and forests containing the groves of giant sequoias.

#### • LOS ANGELES

Enhance your group's knowledge of world cities, pollution, globalisation, development and urban issues.

#### • UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

A great way to reward your pupils.

#### • HOOVER DAM

If staying for two nights in Vegas, this visit is a must.

### West Coast USA Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation.
- Day 2** Full day San Francisco city tour. Explore Pier 39 & Fisherman's Wharf.
- Day 3** Yosemite National Park. Drive to Bakersfield through varying land use. Free time for exploring local area.
- Day 4** Death Valley National Park. Observe the spectacular light show at Fremont Street, followed by free time for sightseeing.
- Day 5** Tusayan Grand Canyon visit.
- Day 6** Transfer to Phoenix Airport for overnight return flight to UK.
- Day 7** Arrive in UK.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**

### Las Vegas Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation.
- Day 2** Experience the harsh, arid environment, dramatic scenery & landscapes at Death Valley National Park.
- Day 3** Visit to the famous Hoover Dam & Lake Mead. Tour the powerplant and look around the visitor centre.
- Day 4** Visit to the West Rim of The Grand Canyon. Opt to take one of several walks to explore this awe-inspiring canyon.
- Day 5** After some free time for shopping, transfer to the airport for overnight return flight to UK.
- Day 6** Arrive in UK.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**

## Where you will be staying



### COVA HOTEL - SAN FRANCISCO

A medium sized hotel with 95 rooms located in downtown San Francisco. This modern hotel features spacious well-maintained rooms and is of an excellent standard.



### MARDI GRAS HOTEL - LAS VEGAS

Offering a good standard of accommodation in a convenient location just east of the famous Las Vegas Strip.

## Inspire & educate

### LOCAL GUIDES

In Los Angeles & San Francisco you can be met by a local guide who will escort you for a full or half day and offer assistance and knowledge at key city visits.

### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Our geography educational resource pack contains a wealth of information for you to use during your tour. Visit [nstgroup.co.uk/sample-educational-resources](http://nstgroup.co.uk/sample-educational-resources) to download an example.

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# China

Take your pupils on the most exciting of geography school trips! China offers an exhilarating educational journey with its huge contrasts and wide range of tourist attractions. Your pupils will see spectacular scenery and experience charming and inquisitive hospitality. The 2008 Olympic Games provide an excellent geography visit and gives a fantastic insight into urban development and rebranding, whilst the controversial Three Gorges Dam makes for a fascinating field trip excursion.

## At a glance

**Getting there** We offer scheduled flights, excellent group prices and group seating from a variety of departure airports.

**Flying time** Direct flights from London to Beijing – 10 hrs. London to Shanghai – 12 hours. Direct flights from Manchester Airport to Beijing are also available.

**When to go** China is a year-round destination, although spring and early autumn offers the best weather for visiting.

**GMT** + 8 hrs GMT in winter and +7 hrs GMT in summer.

**Local currency** Renminbi.

### Good to know

- Budget extra for visas. We can advise you on this.
- Tourist hot spots can get busy during public and school holidays. We can advise on the best times to visit.
- Some visits are closed on Mondays including the Forbidden City and National Museum of China. We will build your itinerary around this.
- Bartering is acceptable at markets so grab yourself a bargain.

## Exam board specification links

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**OCR A** • The World Around Us

**OCR B** • Our Natural World • People and Society

prices start from

**£1099<sup>pp</sup>** including visits & Tour Escort

**BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE £20<sup>pp</sup>**

**Price includes:** 6 days, 4 nights' full board accommodation return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), services of an English-speaking Tour Escort throughout your tour, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in February 2020.

# Trip highlights



INCLUDED IN PRICE SHOWN

## GREAT WALL OF CHINA

URBAN ISSUES & CHALLENGES, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY

The Great Wall of China winds up and down across deserts, grasslands, mountains and plateaus, stretching approximately 21,196 kilometres from east to west of China.



INCLUDED IN PRICE SHOWN

## TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

CHANGING CITIES, GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

Located in southern Beijing, it was first constructed in 1420 and was extended and renovated during the reigns of Ming emperor Jiajing and Qing emperor Qianlong.



INCLUDED IN PRICE SHOWN

## BIRD'S NEST STADIUM

URBAN ISSUES & CHALLENGES, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY

Explore the themes of sport and tourism as a catalyst for urban change, and study rebranding at the Beijing Olympic Site. Take part in urban regeneration and future land use activities.

## Don't miss...

### • MING TOMBS

Where lay the mausoleums of thirteen emperors of the Ming Dynasty.

### • FORBIDDEN CITY

Chinese imperial palace from the Ming Dynasty.

### • TIANANMEN SQUARE

Located at the centre of Beijing city is the remarkable Tiananmen Square.

### • SUMMER PALACE

The largest and most well-preserved royal park in China.

### • CHINA FOCUSED GEOGRAPHY LECTURE

In Beijing, groups can attend a 2½ hour lecture.

### • YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE TO THE THREE GORGES DAM

An amazing three day 5\* cruise through spectacular scenery.

### • SHANGHAI

Shanghai's rapid economic development perfectly exemplifies the issue of globalisation.

### • XIAN

Opportunity to study cultural diversity and observe tourism impact and management strategies.

SEE MORE ONLINE

## Study themes

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Global development
- Resource management
- Tourism & sustainability

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Overnight flight to Beijing.
- Day 2** Early afternoon arrival in Beijing & escorted transfer to accommodation. En route visit to the Temple of Heaven. Free time to settle in.
- Day 3** Full day visit to the Great Wall of China & the Ming Tombs.
- Day 4** Beijing Olympic Stadium, Tiananmen Square & the Forbidden City. Peking Duck Banquet.
- Day 5** The Summer Palace. Shopping in the flagship Friendship Store & neighbouring Silk Alley market.
- Day 6** Free time before transfer to airport for return flight to the UK.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**



## Inspire & educate

### TOUR ESCORT & LOCAL GUIDES

Your group will be accompanied by an English-speaking Tour Escort throughout your tour, with additional local guides in each location. You will be provided with useful information at each site and assisted with entry into attractions and all your meals.

## Where you will be staying



### BEIJING WUHUAN HOTEL

The Best Western Premier Beijing (Wuhuan) is a large four-star luxury hotel located in the city's central business district.

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For further details about tours to China, visit [nstgroup.co.uk](http://nstgroup.co.uk)



# Barcelona & Catalonia

A school trip to the popular and cosmopolitan city of Barcelona provides pupils with numerous exciting study opportunities. Our most popular tours to the Catalonia region are designed to cover a host of study themes at the Garrotxa Natural Park, while our geography field trips to Barcelona offer a choice of full day modules; Montjuïc, Port Olympic and Port Vell offer excellent case studies of redevelopment and regeneration, and the city's distinct urban zone lends itself to comparisons with urban models.

## At a glance

**Getting there** We offer flights to Barcelona from a variety of departure airports.

**Flying time** Flights from London – 2 hrs. Flights from Manchester – 2 hrs 25 mins.

**When to go** The best time to travel to Barcelona is February - October.

### Good to know

- Our Barcelona hotels are all in great locations
- Hotels along the coast line are better for younger groups
- Metro may be a good option as coaching within Barcelona is difficult
- Trains may be a cheaper alternative to take trips out of the city
- Booking early is the best option!

### Specialist Guides

Your Specialist Guides will assist you with orientation and specific programme delivery. We offer a good mix of guided or self-guided programmes, allowing you to do as much or as little as you wish.

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## Exam board specification links

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**OCR B** • Our Natural World • People and Society • Geographical Exploration

prices start from

**£399 pp**

including visits & Specialist Guide

**BOOK BY  
END OF MAY  
& SAVE  
£10 PP**

**Price includes:** 3 nights' B&B accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), services of a Specialist Guide, use of on-site field equipment, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in October 2019.

# Garrotxa Natural Park study days



## VOLCANISM DAY

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, NATURAL HAZARDS, TOURISM**

This guided visit provides graphic insights into the world's volcanic and earthquake regions and the chance to experience an earthquake!



## HUMAN IMPACT DAY

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY**

You'll visit sites as diverse as the information centres, the former rubbish tip, various tourist sites and the honey pot site of the Croscat volcano.



## ECO-SYSTEMS DAY

**VOLCANIC LANDFORMS & PROCESSES, WATER & RIVERS, TOURISM, SUSTAINABILITY**

Pupils can complete a comparison study of the vegetation on the northern and southern slopes of Santa Margarida volcano.

## Don't miss...

- **URBAN LAND USE AND REDEVELOPMENT**  
Escorted by a city representative, your group will conduct a transect study across six selected city sites.
- **TORDERA RIVER VALLEY STUDY DAY**  
Fantastic location to study fluvial systems, climate, human exploitation and management issues. Includes specialist guide and on-site field equipment.
- **CROWDED COASTLINES STUDY DAY**  
On this coastal day module, pupils will visit L'Empordà National Park, Lloret de Mar and Arenys de Mar for comparison studies.

- **PORTAVENTURA**  
Your group will have a great time in the two amazing parks.
- **POBLE ESPANYOL**  
A complete village consisting of streets and squares with reconstructions of famous or characteristic buildings from all over Spain.
- **LA SAGRADA FAMILIA**
- **FLAMENCO SHOW**
- **TAPAS TASTING**

SEE MORE ONLINE 

## Study themes

### PHYSICAL:

- Natural hazards
- Tectonics
- Landscapes & processes
- Water & rivers
- Coasts
- Weather
- Climate change
- Ecosystems

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Global development
- Resource management
- Tourism & sustainability

## On-Site Field Equipment

Your group will be provided with a range of high quality specialist fieldwork equipment free of charge, demonstrated and delivered by our Specialist Guides. Ideal for field investigations and primary data collection on the themes of tectonics, ecosystems and fluvial systems.

## Where you will be staying



### BARCELONA URBANY HOSTEL

A modern hostel located in the heart of the city centre. Please note this is a very busy, city centre hostel accommodating older pupil parties from all over Europe.



### ALBERG PERE TARRES

A new, modern youth hostel in a central location in Barcelona.

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation.  
Exploration of local area.  
Free time to settle in.
- Day 2** Guided full day excursion to Garrotxa Natural Park.  
Free time exploring resort & local beach area.
- Day 3** Full day excursion to Barcelona, Urban Transect Study.  
Visit to Port Vell.  
Follow up studies or free time.
- Day 4** Free time and transfer to airport for return flight to the UK.

**Suggested itinerary included in price.**

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from  
**£429** pp

# Valencia

Valencia combines a modern infrastructure with cultural and artistic heritage. The beautiful geography of the city and its surroundings is certain to inspire your geography pupils. A visit to Valencia, the third largest city in Spain, will reinforce your classroom based learning by offering pupils a range of exciting visits in and around the city they call the 'mini Barcelona'. Valencia has it all: a beautiful coastline, stunning scenery, delicious cuisine and a rich history, all waiting to be discovered by your group.

## Trip highlights

FREE Free £ Under £5pp £ £ Under £10pp £ £ £ £10pp+



### ORANGE GROVES

ECOSYSTEMS, LANDSCAPES & SUSTAINABILITY

Learn about the cultivating processes - citric varieties, irrigation, fertilization, grafting and pest control. Groups will then get the chance to pick their own oranges to make their own fresh orange juice!



### SANT JOSEP CAVES

TECTONICS, WATER AND RIVERS, TOURISM & SUSTAINABILITY

Sail down the longest navigable underground river in Europe as you admire amazing rock formations, stalagmites and stalactites.

## Don't miss...

- BIOPARC £ £ £
- CITY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES £
- OCEANOGRAPHIC AQUARIUM £ £ £
- ALBUFERA LAKE BOAT TRIP £
- VALENCIA OLD TOWN FREE
- CENTRAL MARKET FREE
- VALENCIA FC £ £

## Where you will be staying



### HOTEL EXPO

A very large centrally located hotel with 378 rooms. This is a modern hotel with bright, functional rooms.

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight & transfer to accommodation. Exploration of the local area. Free time to settle in.
- Day 2** Full day visiting the rice fields of Albufera.
- Day 3** Morning visit to the Orange Groves. Afternoon visit to the Sant Josep Caves.
- Day 4** Free time to spend on the beach. Transfer to airport for return flight to the UK.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

## Study themes

### PHYSICAL:

- Tectonics
- Landscapes & processes
- Water & rivers
- Coasts
- Ecosystems

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Global development
- Tourism & sustainability

**Price includes:** 3 nights' B&B accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 passengers travelling in November 2019.



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**£20<sub>pp</sub>**

prices start  
from  
**£725<sub>pp</sub>**

*including visits  
& services of a  
local guide*

# Morocco

Morocco is a country of enormous geographical contrasts. From its Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts, plains sweep inland to the foot of the forested Middle Atlas Mountains. Beyond, rise the High Atlas Mountains with peaks of over 4,000m, before the long, dry, stony descent to the great emptiness of the Sahara.

## Trip highlights



### CITIES (MARRAKECH)

- Marrakech as an example of a city in an NEE; social, economic & environmental challenges
- Impacts of tourism on economic development
- Transport issues and management
- Issues associated with urban sustainable development including water management
- Marrakech: sense of place
- Urban change & regeneration

### DESERTS

- Weathering & mass movement processes
- Role of wind & water processes
- Hot desert landforms
- Water management
- Social & environmental impacts of economic development
- Desertification
- Hot desert ecosystems; plant & animal adaptations

### MOUNTAINS (IMLIL & ATLAS MOUNTAINS)

- Imlil flash flood (1995)
- Slope processes & weathering in mountainous environments
- Impacts of tourism on economic development
- Aspects of water & carbon cycles
- Rural settlement development
- Aspects of food, water & energy security

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Arrive Marrakech. Familiarisation of central Marrakech, with a walking tour of the Medina and Jemma el-Fnaa.
- Day 2** Day in Marrakech investigating urban issues, including sustainability, redevelopment, resource management, transport and economic development.
- Day 3** Consideration of hot desert environmental issues. Travel to Imlil via the reservoir Lalla Takerkoust to consider water management.
- Day 4** Fieldwork investigations in Imlil, such as river morphology, tourism, microclimates or ecosystems.
- Day 5** Transfer to airport for return flight to the UK.

**Price includes:** 4 nights' full board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, visits shown in suggested itinerary (including coach transportation), services of a Discover Ltd group leader, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in October 2019.



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GREAT DESTINATION FOR FIELDWORK  
& DATA COLLECTION

# Opal Coast

Just a short hop across the English Channel, the dramatic white cliffs and golden beaches of the Opal Coast region of Northern France provide the perfect backdrop for outdoor teaching on a geography school trip to remember. Here, a range of different geography visits can all be found in close proximity. Use our Educational Resource Pack to enhance a range of curriculum study themes, whilst developing geography fieldwork skills and techniques - a great base on which to build at GCSE.

## Trip highlights

PRICING KEY FOR VISITS    **FREE** Free    £ Under £5pp    £ £ Under £10pp    £ £ £ £10pp+



**FREE**

### CAP BLANC NEZ & CAP GRIZ NEZ

COASTAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABILITY

The Cap Blanc Nez is the only calcareous section of coastline in the Nord-pas-de-Calais region. It supports a unique flora and fauna due to the chalk geology and proximity of the sea.

#### Don't miss...

- RIVER CANCHE **FREE**
- JEAN-POL GRANDMONT **FREE**
- NAUSICAA **£ £**



**FREE**

### DUNE SLACKS

COSTAL LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES, ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABILITY

Located between the estuary of the River Slack and Pointe aux Oies to the south, this nature reserve provides an excellent introduction to coastal ecosystems and processes.

- P & J CHOCOLATES **£**
- WIDEHAM WIND FARM **FREE**
- MONTREUIL-SUR-MER **FREE**

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Depart from school. Beussent Chocolate Factory. Arrive at Château d'Eblinghem.
- Day 2** River Canche. Le Touquet.
- Day 3** Travel back to the UK.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

### NST'S CHÂTEAU D'EBBLINGHEM

The château has four buildings designed with school groups in mind, all accommodating pupils and teacher rooms together alongside dedicated dining and teacher areas.

Groups receive a dedicated on-site group co-ordinator to ensure the smooth running of your trip, and a programme of evening events and activities can be tailored to your group's requirements.

**Price includes:** 2 nights' full board accommodation at NST's Château d'Eblinghem, your own dedicated group co-ordinator providing all-round support for your group, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, travelling in November 2019.



prices start  
from  
**£219** pp

# Northern Ireland

With its remarkably diverse landscape of breathtaking coastlines and spectacular countryside, Northern Ireland's North Coast is the ideal geography school trip destination to study both physical and human geography. The area is filled with field trip opportunities for budding geographers, with glens, lush forest parks, secluded coastal tracks and many quaint fishing villages. Popular visits include the spectacular Giant's Causeway, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and Portstewart Strand - which offers a fantastic opportunity for data collection and fieldwork techniques.

## Trip highlights

FREE Free £ Under £5pp £ £ Under £10pp £ £ £ £10pp+



### GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

VOLCANIC LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES,  
TECTONICS, TOURISM

Pupils will take a short walk down to the Causeway to marvel at the 400,000 interlocking basalt stone columns left by volcanic eruptions over 60 million years ago.



### CARRICK-A-REDE ROPE BRIDGE

VOLCANIC LANDSCAPES & PROCESSES,  
ECOSYSTEMS, TOURISM

This visit offers a unique cliff-top experience to traverse the 30m deep and 20m wide chasm by a rope bridge. See examples of volcanic features and coastal processes.

## Don't miss...

- PORTSTEWART STRAND **FREE**
- GLENARIFF FOREST PARK **FREE**
- WHITE ROCKS BEACH **FREE**
- DOWNHILL DEMESNE **£**
- DUNLUCE CASTLE **FREE**
- TITANIC MUSEUM **£ £**

## Where you will be staying



### WHITE PARK BAY HOSTEL

A popular, modern youth hostel overlooking the beach.

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Portstewart Strand, Giant's Causeway & Dunluce Castle. Free time.
- Day 2** Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Whiterocks & Downhill Demesne.
- Day 3** Titanic Belfast Museum. Return flight to UK.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

## Study themes

### PHYSICAL:

- Natural hazards
- Tectonics
- Landscapes & processes
- Water & rivers
- Coasts
- Weather
- Ecosystems

### HUMAN:

- Urban features & issues
- Resource management
- Tourism & sustainability

**Price includes:** 2 nights' B&B accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers travelling in October 2019.



prices start  
from  
**£189** pp

# Cornwall – Eden Project

Cornwall provides geography pupils with the ideal learning environment to investigate coasts and tourism, and of course, a visit to the amazing Eden Project. The Eden Project can provide curriculum linked educational workshops covering themes such as sustainability, climate change, ecology and biodiversity, to encourage pupils to consider their environmental impact. Set in 35 acres, the Eden Project contains a series of biomes, outdoor gardens, sculptures and a rainforest canopy walkway.

## Workshop highlights

PRICING KEY FOR VISITS   **FREE** Free   £ Under £5pp   £ £ Under £10pp   £ £ £ £10pp+



### SUSTAINABLE ATTAINABLE

#### TOURISM & SUSTAINABILITY

Pupils will investigate Eden's green business credentials and consider what sustainability means in the real world.



### RAINFOREST ECOLOGY & ADAPTATION

#### ECOSYSTEMS, CLIMATE CHANGE

A workshop exploring the ecology of the rainforest, the challenges to life there and how plants have evolved and adapted to thrive. (KS5)

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Depart school.  
Explore the Eden Project.
- Day 2** Eden Project workshop.
- Day 3** Depart for return journey to school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

## Study themes

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>PHYSICAL:</b>         | • Ecosystems               |
| • Coasts                 | • Climate Change           |
| • Tectonics              |                            |
| • Landscapes & Processes | <b>HUMAN:</b>              |
|                          | • Tourism & Sustainability |

## Other Cornwall visits

- CHEDDAR GORGE **FREE**
- JURASSIC COAST **FREE**
- LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN £
- LANDS END **FREE**
- GEEVOR TIN MINE £
- KENTS CAVERN £ £

## Where you will be staying



### YHA EDEN PROJECT

This eclectic hostel at the Eden Project is crafted from former shipping containers, the snug rooms have bunk beds and all modern facilities. There is a heated tent doubling as a common social space and reception area.

**Price includes:** 2 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, travelling in March 2019.

# Paris

Paris is a city that everyone should experience, and a geography tour to the city offers the perfect opportunity to undertake studies into human geography, especially at GCSE level. The range of geography visits on offer uncover the historical growth, varied architecture and land use that has led to the development of distinct urban zones. Investigations into settlement morphology and tourism impact on a trip to Paris provide valuable opportunities for primary data collection and skills acquisition.

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure from school.  
Visit to Montparnasse Tower  
Observation Deck.
- Day 2** Guided geography walking tour.  
Seine river boat cruise.
- Day 3** Depart for return journey to school.
- For prices for this itinerary, please call us.**



**Price includes:** 2 nights' B&B accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, services of an NST Paris City Representative to assist with check-in & provide 24hr assistance, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points travelling in February 2020.

# The Netherlands

Geography school trips to the Netherlands are excellent for the study of physical, human and environmental geography at KS3 and GCSE. With geography visits that include the region's cities, waterways and its coast, key topics include Sustainability, Fluvial Systems, Hazards, Industry, Cultural Diversity and Environmental Change.

## Suggested itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure from school.  
Exploration of local area.
- Day 2** Delta Works & Delta Neeltje Jans.  
Rotterdam Harbour.
- Day 3** Amsterdam study day.
- Day 4** Depart for return journey to school.
- For prices for this itinerary, please call us.**



**Price includes:** 3 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points travelling in February 2020.

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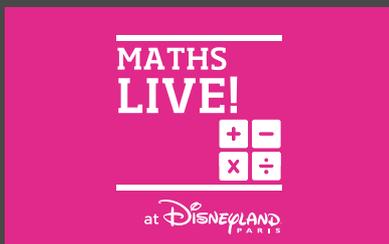
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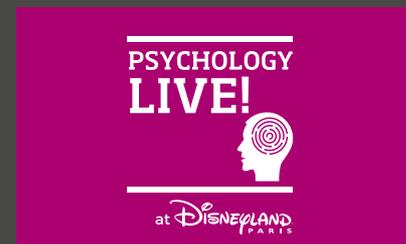
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