

# Italy, 2021 Tour Itinerary

## DAY 1-2 FLY TO EUROPE.

Fly to Europe. Begin our Italian adventure by exploring and walking through colorful Venice.

## DAY 3 VENICE.

Discover the real beauty of this unique city as a local guide brings us to St. Mark's, the Grand Canal, the Doge's Palace with its Gothic facades of white Italian stone and pink Verona marble, and the Bridge of Sighs. Opt to create our own disguise in **Behind the Carnival Mask**. Create a Venetian mask inspired by the Italian Carnival, the Commedia dell'Arte - or by our imagination! Learn the meaning of the mask and its historical significance, then decorate ours using professional techniques.

## DAY 4 FLORENCE.

Join a local guide for a tour of the Duomo, Ghiberti's Baptistery doors, and the Church of Santa Croce. A visit is included to the Accademia to view Michelangelo's *David*. Later, discuss the **Patron of the Renaissance-Imagine we are Medici. Or Sforza. Use this innovative activity to explore the motives of the patrons of the Renaissance.** Then, cook a three-course traditional meal with a local chef using fresh local produce during **Cucina Fiorentina- Cook up a three-course traditional meal with a local chef using fresh local produce. Get a taste of Tuscan life and zesty flavors! Mangia!**

## DAY 5 SAN GIMIGNANO

Explore San Gimignano, famous for its fourteen fortified, crumbling towers. Today, a Tuscan farm lunch is included in place of dinner.

## DAY 6 NAPLES-SORRENTO.

Enjoy the breathtaking vineyards and rolling countryside as we journey south to the Mediterranean resort town of Sorrento. Pause en route for a visit to charming Naples. Consider our roles carefully in the **Great Renaissance Debate-Greet six renaissance giants including Giotto, Galileo, and Isabella d'Este, and debate who made the greatest impact on civilization.**

## DAY 7 POMPEII-CAPRI.

A guided tour reveals Pompeii, a mysterious city left remarkably preserved after being buried by a catastrophic volcanic eruption in 79 A.D. Cross the Bay of Naples to the island of Capri, summer home of the Roman Emperor Tiberius. Tonight, enjoy an authentic evening with **Dance the Tarantella-Participate in the art of Italian folk dancing as we listen to the strumming of mandolins. Professional dancers in traditional attire will guide us through the Tarantella, one of southern Italy and Sorrento's most renowned dances.**

## DAY 8 ROME.

Drive to Rome, the capital of Italy. This afternoon, join a local guide on a walking tour of ancient Rome. Listen for the roar of the ancient crowds at the Colosseum, then visit the Roman Forum. Later, train as one of **Caesar's Gladiators- Discover the ancient secrets of the Roman gladiator games and master the basics of hand-to-hand combat at the gladiator school.**

## DAY 9 VATICAN-ROME.

This morning, visit the Vatican and discover the artistic legacy of Catholicism. Marvel at the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel before moving up the broad steps of the world's largest Christian church, St. Peter's Basilica. Enjoy a walking tour of Baroque Rome this afternoon. Opt to go on a bus tour to explore Rome by Night.

## DAY 10 RETURN JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES



To: The Bristol Board of Education  
From: Kelly Monahan-DiNoia, teacher of Latin, Bristol Central High School  
Date: September 2019  
Re: Proposal for BCHS World Language Students to travel to Italy in June, 2021



At the beginning of summer vacation, 2021, I would like your permission to organize an educational tour to Italy in cooperation with Worldstrides, a student travel operator in Boston. As head chaperone and leader, I have taken students to Italy with student travel companies in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2016, and 2019. Our ten-day trip ALWAYS results in rewarding and memorable travel experiences for students.

Participating in an educational travel program holds a variety of benefits for our students. Travel can add new dimensions to students' formal curriculum, expanding their views of the world and their perspectives of themselves and their own culture. Direct exposure to a foreign culture enhances months of classroom study. Students will develop a stronger appreciation and interest in ancient history, literature, and the arts. Participation in an educational travel program can also improve a student's chances for college admission.

You can view the tour and a video at Worldstrides's website:

<http://id.educationaltravel.com/ws/student-video/>

Italy in Depth is a ten-day tour which covers a variety of destinations including Rome, Pompeii, San Gimignano, isle of Capri, Florence, and Venice. Pertinent details about the trip are as follows: we'll depart after school ends in June from Logan Airport in Boston and return to Boston ten days later. Please see the cost worksheet for a breakdown of costs.

We are requesting permission two years in advance in order to ensure that both students and parents have enough time to prepare for this trip. Considering the cost, we want to give families ample opportunity to save for and to pay for the trip. Since my 2014 trip, Worldstrides has allowed students and their families to make monthly payments with no finance charge. Nearly all of us have made use of the monthly payment option (vs. 3 large payments).

I, personally, have traveled to Europe with students sixteen times, eleven as head chaperone/tour organizer. One of the MANY benefits of using a student travel agency is that all the proper travel precautions and insurances are included when planning the trip. Worldstrides supplies the travel and liability insurance. I meet regularly with the students before the trip to discuss travel rules, expectations, schedules, and protocol. Having organized so many trips in the past, I recognize that this travel experience is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. With your approval, we can facilitate the love and passion we have for the culture that spawned all five Romance languages, our American government and judicial system, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of our English vocabulary.

Worldstrides is the student travel agency that I have used seven times since 2007 and the people at Worldstrides are, by far, the BEST student travel representatives with whom I have ever worked. Worldstrides has provided superior educational tours abroad for more than 25



years. Worldstrides prides itself on an interactive learning approach that **involves** our students in the learning process, rather than their passively listening to information about the destinations. With Worldstrides, everything revolves around **LEAP, Learning through Exploring and Actively Participating**. Mindful that there are different types of learners, Worldstrides Tour Directors make information available in a variety of exciting ways. The result is culture and history come alive, with the students actively participating in the learning experience through things like gladiator school on the Via Appia in Rome, cooking classes and debates. Below is a list of BCHS students and parents who have traveled with me on these summer educational trips to Italy:

**2019 TRIP:**

Attle, Camille  
 Attle, Christine  
 Barnard, Crosby  
 Brewer, Casey  
 Brewer, Samuel  
 Celi, Alexa  
 Clement, Julie  
 Clement, Mia  
 Duval, McKenna

Fodiman, Sheri  
 Funk, Katherine  
 Gaudoin, Daniel  
 Hollman, Rebecca  
 Lukasiewicz, Jonathan  
 Masayda, Nadine  
 Northup, Connor  
 Pittman, Charles  
 Ptak, Anastasia

Ptak, Donna  
 Sato, Douglas  
 Serrano, Jessenia  
 Simpson, Julia  
 Stirk, Zachary  
 Thormahlen, Keegan  
 Zumbroski, Andrew

**PREVIOUS YEARS**

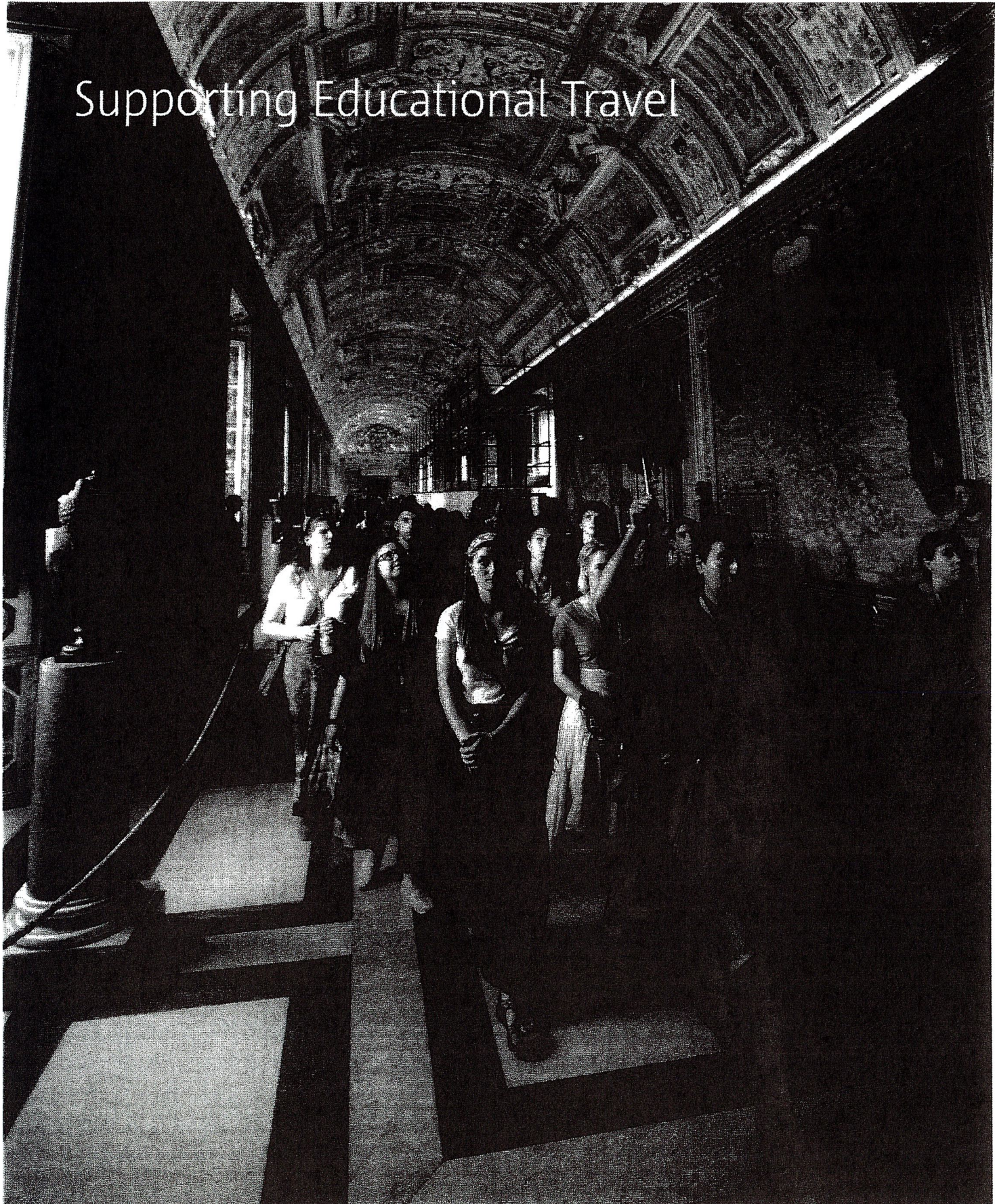
Abramczyk, Maranda Victoria  
 Barton, Angela Christina  
 Bowes, Sarah Katherine  
 Czarneski, Bryce Philip  
 Czarneski, Ethan Mitchell  
 Duval, Eric Joseph  
 Fruin, Noah Riley  
 Gaudoin, Michael Alexander  
 Gonzalez, Ian Carver  
 Goodwin, Emily Rene  
 Greger, Mary Katherine  
 Gregorich, Susan Kay  
 Guglietta, Kerri Ann  
 Kochin, Jake Thomas  
 Larson, Sarah Rae  
 Lauretti, Jr., Michael George  
 Luis-Fuentes, Roberto  
 Marcil, Benjamin Joseph  
 O'Rourke, Patrick Neil  
 Pittman, George Lawrence  
 Raymond, Gabrielle Susan  
 Sarmiento, Tiffany Monique

Sato, Maria Kate  
 Savino, Nicholas John  
 Schuler, Cindy Kay  
 Schuler, Amelia Kay  
 Signore, Joshua Alexander  
 Testa, Brianna Alexis  
 Thomas, Alexandra Monet  
 Thormahlen, Kaitlyn Elyse  
 Wolfe, Amanda Elizabeth  
 Zaino, Justin Paul  
 Alexandra Zygiel  
 Amanda Greenbacker  
 Anthony Castonguay  
 Ashley Pecorelli  
 Brittany Bouffard  
 Carissa Guglietta  
 Christina Cadorette  
 Dana Amico  
 Dylan Pesino  
 Emily McKenzie  
 Emily Zygiel  
 Garrett Macklosky  
 Gina Ciralli  
 Hillary Haupt  
 Jake Janser  
 Jenna Slipke  
 Jennifer Robinson  
 Jessica Martin  
 Jon Donovan

Justin Sikora  
 Katie Wright  
 Lacey Furey  
 Lorraine Wright  
 Martin Rakich-Kelly  
 Matthew McKenzie  
 Matthew Ouellette  
 Mitchell Gagnon  
 Mitchell Harkey  
 Molly Wojtusik  
 Mr. John Janser  
 Mr. Tom Mazarella  
 Mrs. & Mrs. McCabe  
 Mrs. Brenda Janser  
 Mrs. Kathy Pepin-Rousse  
 Mrs. Sherry Bouchard  
 Nick McDonald  
 Nicole Cloutier  
 Nikki Sassu  
 Phoenix Pedroso  
 Rachel MacAskill  
 Riley DiNoia  
 Sabraé Boisvert  
 Sal Mazarella  
 Sarah Wojtusik  
 Shannon Ciralli  
 Taylor Barton  
 Tom Dutcher  
 Tracey Pennito  
 Tracey Pennito  
 Tyler Thormahlen  
 Vicki Vasile  
 Zachary Signore



# Supporting Educational Travel







# WorldStrides® | Our History & Mission

## Our History

In 1964, a middle school social studies teacher from Chicago discovered the incredible educational experience of traveling to Washington, D.C., with his students. He was so encouraged by the powerful effects travel had on his students' eagerness and ability to learn, that he left teaching in 1967 to found Lakeland Tours. His vision to make educational travel easy, fun, and safe for teachers and students came to fruition as Lakeland Tours grew and became the leader in educational student travel.

## Who We Are Today

For over 50 years, WorldStrides has set itself apart as the premier student travel organization in the nation. From 1998 to 2000, Lakeland Tours joined forces with other leaders in the educational student travel field – American Student Travel, Bowl Games of America, Educational Field Studies, Heritage Festivals, and Wider Horizons – to form WorldStrides, an organization that provides the highest quality educational travel programs available in the country. Since then, WorldStrides has continued to expand its program offerings by bringing Classic Festivals, the Field Studies Center of New York, the Accent Travel Group, TravelMBA, New Century Tours, Casterbridge Tours, NETC, and WorldPass into the WorldStrides family. When you choose WorldStrides, you can feel confident that you've made the best choice for your students.

## Our Mission

All WorldStrides programs are united under our mission, "Igniting personal growth for students through travel at every stage of development." We strive to extend education into the worldwide classroom for students of all ages and to provide the best opportunity for learning through seeing, experiencing, and interacting.

## Financial Strength

WorldStrides is backed by the financial strength of Eurazeo Capital Partners. In addition, WorldStrides' stability and commitment to excellence are shown through our membership in the United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA) Travelers Assistance Program, which provides the best consumer protection plan in the industry.

## Accreditation

WorldStrides satisfies the same educational standards as public and private schools across the country, and is accredited by regional accrediting bodies across the United States:

- AdvancED (parent organization for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

# WorldStrides® | Our History & Mission

**Professional Affiliations** WorldStrides maintains various professional partnerships to guarantee our reputation of quality, including:

## **Educational Organizations**

- Center for Civic Education
- Colonial Williamsburg
- Monticello
- Mount Vernon
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- National Wildlife Federation Academic Associations

## **Academic Associations**

- National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)
- Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

- National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASSP)
- Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

## **Approved Professional Development Providers**

- Georgia Department of Education
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators
- New Jersey Department of Education
- Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Texas State Board of Education
- Washington State Board of Education  
(Approved provider for the FLAG Foundation)

## **Travel Associations**

- United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA)
- Student and Youth Travel Association of North America (SYTA)
- National Tour Association (NTA)
- Washington, D.C. Convention and Visitors Association
- American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)
- International Airlines Travel Agent Network (IATAN) Airlines Reporting Commission (ARC)

## **The WorldStrides Team**

Your group's leader will have a passionate and professional team of travel experts who will work closely with your group from the time you decide to lead a WorldStrides program, until your group returns home safely. Our primary goal is to provide a safe and secure travel experience. Without a focus on safety, our programs could not exist. Next, we strive to enrich lives by taking students beyond classroom walls and inspiring student travelers by providing a unique and experiential educational program. WorldStrides has a staff of more than 700 professionals, many of whom are former educators, and all of whom are dedicated to making sure every aspect of your program is a success.

## **Our Customers Say it Best...**

"The tour was amazing!! I loved everything about the trip. The tour was very well put together and very well organized. We saw so much of France in such a little amount of time which is usually very hard to manage. Loved all the meals, shopping, and so many different tours and sights we saw! I recommend 100%" (French Teacher, Pennsylvania)

"It is [your] steadfastness to duty, attention to detail, and friendly, courteous, and solicitous demeanor that keeps me coming back year after year with WorldStrides." Michael B. Riemer, Teacher, LA

"I'm impressed with Stephen [Course Leader] because he doesn't just give the students information, he makes it fun." Mrs. Newman, Parent, IN

"When I bring students to Costa Rica for the Turtles and Toucans Tour they are understandably excited. When they have completed the tour, however, they are changed human beings. The stellar qualifications of the tour guides, the beautiful hotels in natural settings, the tours and activities in the Costa Rican environment where the students experience first hand the diverse beauty of Costa Rica, and the general amenities such as food, buses and hotel rooms - all of these make this tour a life changing experience for all who participate." (Teacher, New Jersey)



# WorldStrides® | At A Glance

For a group like yours, it is critical that your travel provider has the resources and experience necessary to smoothly and efficiently coordinate a youth group in the areas that you will visit. We are confident that over 50 years as a student travel specialist provides us with this level of experience. Educational travel requires special skills that go far beyond making simple hotel and airline reservations. When emergencies arise, this experience is important. We also realize that price is important, and our prices consistently provide the highest value for your students' money.

Not all companies are the same, have the same priorities, or provide the same experience. WorldStrides sets the bar high. In terms of safety, education, and passion for student travel, our team has consistently beaten all other competitors. WorldStrides is the standard by which every other company measures themselves.

## EXPERIENCE WITH YOUTH GROUPS

- Number of years in student travel business  Over 50
- Number of participants during this period  7 million+
- Number of participants per year  400,000
- Number of groups last year  3,000+
- Number of full-time staff dedicated to youth group travel programs  700+

**Be sure your organization has the experience you deserve.**

## QUALIFICATIONS TO COORDINATE YOUR PROGRAM

- Does the organization have a 24/7 Tour Central office?  Yes
- Does the organization employ and train its own Tour Directors?  Yes
- Will a Tour Director stay at the hotel with the group?  Yes
- Does the organization provide student training for its staff on how to best work with students?  Yes

**Your group is at risk without appropriate contingency plans.**

## EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

- Does the organization employ a full-time education team?  Yes
- Does the organization offer students the opportunity to earn school credit?  Yes
- Does the organization offer teachers the opportunity to earn professional development?  Yes
- Is the organization accredited by regional accrediting bodies across the United States?  Yes
- Who issues accreditation for the organization?
  - Western Association of Schools and Colleges  WASC
  - Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools  MSA
  - AdvancED (parent organization for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, North Central Association Commission on Accreditation, and School Improvement and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement)  AdvancED (NWAC, SACS CASI, and NCA CASI)



# WorldStrides® | At A Glance

## INSURANCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Does the organization maintain liability insurance?

Yes

Does this coverage apply to the Program Leader (teacher)?

Yes

What are the limits of this policy?

\$50 million

What is the cost for supplemental medical and dental insurance?

\$0

Who pays if an emergency mandates an itinerary change?

WorldStrides

Does the organization maintain USTOA consumer protection?

Yes

Amount of deposits covered by consumer protection

\$1 million

**Insurance and consumer protection are there to protect you.**

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# WorldStrides® | Educational Travel Programs vs. School Field Trips

Because WorldStrides programs are typically non-school-sponsored/affiliated, they do not follow the traditional model of a school field trip. When you let your administration know about your plans to travel, it may be helpful for you to highlight the points outlined below. These points will ensure that they don't confuse your program with a school field trip that would require an approval process.

## Non-School-Sponsored Status

Unlike a school field trip, a WorldStrides educational travel program is not sponsored by the school and does not require the school or school district to allocate funds.

## Programs Don't Occur During School Time

Just like a part-time job or a camp or youth sport/activity that a student chooses to participate in, a WorldStrides program does not result in lost class time for students or the need for a substitute instructor when a teacher leads a program.

## Voluntary Student Participation

Since the trip is not paid for by the school and does not take place during school time, neither the school nor the students are obligated to participate. Similar to summer camp, this program is available for all students, but only some will decide to go.

Summer camps, supplemental enrichment programs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and even the Little League are all non-school sponsored programs that are embraced by the community and promoted in schools. Most administrators are very supportive of WorldStrides educational travel programs. Below is a simple approach many of our Program Leaders have found easy and successful.

## A Simple Approach to Presenting Your Program

1. Show the presentation that was sent to you by your WorldStrides representative. This shows your administrator the quality of our programs and the strengths that have made WorldStrides the nation's leader in student travel. The presentation will also answer any questions they may have about our unmatched safety record and extensive liability coverage. In fact, WorldStrides can name you and your school as co-insured, protecting you with the power of the most comprehensive insurance policy in the student travel industry.
2. Explain which accredited program you have chosen and the educational value of the experience. Include the dates you plan to travel, so your administration understands that the trip won't happen during school time and will not result in missed classes for you or your students. Since the trip is not paid for by the school and is non-school-sponsored, students are never obligated to attend.
3. Offer to connect administrators with WorldStrides references so they can hear first-hand from teachers and administrators in your area who have enriched students' lives through travel with WorldStrides programs. If your administrator needs any other documentation from WorldStrides, we have additional materials to help explain the merits of the program you have chosen to offer your school community.

|   | School Field Trip  | WorldStrides Program  |
|---|--|---|
| When the trip occurs                          | During school time   | During summer or school holidays  |
| How the trip is funded                        | With school or school district money                           | By individual parents and students  |
| Who attends                                   | All students   | Only students who choose to go  |
| How funds are collected                       | Teachers and school administration collect money from students | Billing and payment collection is done completely outside of school by WorldStrides                               |
| How parents' questions & concerns are handled | Calls flow through the school secretary and school office      | Calls are directed to the teacher after school hours or are answered by WorldStrides' Customer Service department |





# WorldStrides® | Value: Programs

## All-inclusive Price

- Teachers travel free with the first 6 students
- For each additional 6 students who travel, teachers can bring along another adult
- Single rooms for Program Leaders
- Round-trip transportation to destination city
- Confirmed flight information at least 45 days prior to departure
- The support of WorldStrides' Dedicated Flight Team to help with any flight related problems
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation at your destination
- Conveniently-located quality hotel accommodations
- Free high school credit for middle and high school students
- Three free college prep credits for traveling high school students
- Professional development for educators
- Knowledgeable Motorcoach Drivers
- 24/7 Tour Directors with LEAP® training
- Educational tools to support your program before you leave, on your trip, and after you return
- All reservations and logistical planning
- Tour Central offices to assist 24 hours a day
- Hearty breakfasts and authentic three-course dinners
- Comprehensive accident, illness, and accident-related dental insurance for all participants
- 24-hour Doctors on Call program to provide in-hotel or phone consultations for participants
- All admissions and fees

## Quality Customer Service

WorldStrides provides all customer service:

- A personal Account Manager to assist you in planning your program every step of the way
- Customer Service Department to handle all parent inquiries
- A personal Financial Services Representative to handle all accounting and invoicing services for your group and assist in allocating fundraising monies
- Online resources for educators and parents at [www.worldstrides.com](http://www.worldstrides.com)

## Fundraising Assistance

Your group's personal Financial Services Representative will assist you in any fundraising that you or your school decide to do. WorldStrides offers over \$4 million in FLAG financial assistance annually, as well as the unique Gift of Education program, which has helped thousands of students raise millions of dollars over the years. Additionally, you will receive WorldStrides' fundraising flyer, and can also access our fundraising website at [worldstridesfundraising.com](http://worldstridesfundraising.com) for ideas, tips on grant writing, a list of outside companies that participate in fundraising efforts, and forms to help you keep track of the money you raise.

## We Take Care of the Billing

WorldStrides directly handles all financial responsibility. We set up an individual payment plan for each participant and bill each family directly. If requirements with the group differ, other payment plans can be arranged. In the event that a parent is having difficulties with a final payment, please encourage them to call our customer service department. We may be able to make special payment arrangements on a case-by-case basis. The school and the Program Leader do not need to collect money or worry about payment deadlines.

## Benefits of Traveling with the Industry Leader

For over 50 years, WorldStrides has been enriching students' lives by providing top quality educational travel programs. Our staff of more than 1300 professionals is dedicated to serve you. Our accredited programs and commitment to excellence make us the leader in educational student travel.

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# WorldStrides® | Safety and Security

## 24/7 Tour Central Office

We maintain a Tour Central office that can be reached 24 hours a day, because safety is our first priority. WorldStrides can be reached 24 hours a day, both in the United States and overseas, in the event of an emergency. Every WorldStrides participant is covered by an international network that provides emergency services including medical referral, medical translation, medical monitoring, repatriation, and much more.

## Extensive Emergency Manual

We have developed an extensive emergency manual that details how we will deal with all types of emergency situations (including contingency plans for dealing with extreme situations such as acts of terrorism and airline disasters), and all of our on-site staff members have been trained to carry out these plans. Set procedures, checklists, and immediate access to correct phone numbers will result in faster and more accurate responses, which is critical when dealing with an emergency situation.

## 24/7 Tour Directors

Our bilingual Tour Directors are educational experts in the field who are specially trained in international travel and are given extensive training on how to supervise student groups. Tour Directors undergo background/criminal checks as applicable in their countries of residence and are rigorously trained. They are supported on tour 24/7 by our overseas and US staff and stay with your group 24/7 – from the moment you arrive to the moment of departure. They will assist you with any on-tour needs and assist with any emergency that may arise.

## Liability Insurance

We maintain an industry-leading multi-million dollar level of liability coverage. Our insurance automatically covers teachers, chaperones, and the school. WorldStrides' insurance is truly geared to protect you. Additionally, accident, illness, and accident-related dental insurance coverage are provided for WorldStrides program participants. Limits per single occurrence are \$7,500 for accident, \$1,500 for illness, and \$750 for accident-related dental.

## United States Tour Operators Association

As an Active Member of USTOA, WorldStrides is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of WorldStrides customers in the unlikely event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by WorldStrides may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by WorldStrides. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, New York 10016, or by e-mail to [information@ustoa.com](mailto:information@ustoa.com) or by visiting their website at [www.ustoa.com](http://www.ustoa.com).

## Cancellation Protection Plus

The Cancellation Protection Plus program protects the investments of your students, their families, and the community. Cancellation Protection Plus enables students to cancel their trip at any time and we strongly recommend it. Details of insurance and the protection plans are can be found here: [worldstrides.com/idtripterms](http://worldstrides.com/idtripterms).





# WorldStrides® | Student Supervision and Safety

## Planning for a Safe Experience before Departure

### **Behavior Contract**

Safety is the number one priority at WorldStrides. All participants are expected to demonstrate high standards of conduct, courteousness, and consideration toward others. Students and their parent/legal guardian must sign a Behavior Contract so everyone understands the proper rules of conduct. Students behaving inappropriately while on the program may be sent home at the parent's expense.

### **Medical Release Form**

A parent/legal guardian for each participant must complete a medical release form and provide emergency contact information and authorization for treatment in the event of an emergency. Teachers carry all Medical Release Forms throughout the trip.

## Ensuring Students' Safety While on the Program

### **Adult Supervision**

With a chaperone-to-student ratio that is customized to fit your group's needs, students receive proper attention and supervision. The Program Leader will identify the adult chaperones for the program. WorldStrides suggests selecting adults who are flexible, helpful, and comfortable with the students. Please note that at selected sites, students may be allowed the freedom to explore on their own.

### **24/7 Tour Directors**

A specially trained bilingual Tour Director is with your group from arrival to departure on every WorldStrides International Discovery program. Our Tour Directors devote 100% of their attention to the students, challenging them to assess and apply what they learn through firsthand experience so they take the most away from the program. Students also follow a busy schedule, so their days are full of planned activities with adult supervision.

## Emergency Services

### **Doctors on Call Program**

WorldStrides has an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine. A George Washington University doctor serves on our staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization and providing direct case management in the event of a medical response issue anywhere in the world. Our partnership gives us access to doctors who are available 24 hours a day to provide in-hotel emergency care to all our traveling students, parents, and teachers in the Washington, D.C. area and phone consultations for travelers in other locations. This program offers teachers and students the unparalleled benefit of receiving care in the comfort of their own hotel rooms while minimizing the disruption to the entire traveling group.

## WorldStrides Selects Its Suppliers with Safety in Mind

### **Hotels**

WorldStrides pre-screens its properties and selects only those which are safe, comfortable, high quality and centrally located.

### **Travel Arrangements**

WorldStrides contracts with major airlines such as American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, or comparable. Typically, WorldStrides meets the group upon arrival at their destination.

### **Suppliers**

WorldStrides only works with companies who share WorldStrides' high safety and quality standards. WorldStrides thoroughly screens and regularly evaluates Motorcoach Drivers, hotels, and restaurants by periodically visiting these venues and relying on program evaluation surveys completed by teachers after returning from their program. All participating enterprises maintain their own insurance coverage.

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# WorldStrides® | Beyond Classroom Walls: Education

## Accreditation

WorldStrides was the first accredited student travel organization in the nation. Accreditation recognizes educational institutions for performance, integrity, and quality and entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public. WorldStrides is accredited through multiple regional accrediting bodies across the nation, including AdvancED (parent organization for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, North Central Association Commission on Accreditation, and School Improvement and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement), Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. This accreditation means that we have met or exceeded safety and educational standards established for schools all over the world. Accreditation means more educationally sound programs and better value for parents and students. All certificates of accreditation are available upon request.



## Academic Credit

All students in grades 9-12 who participate on WorldStrides programs are eligible to receive one free college prep credit after completing the required online coursework through our online platform. Students in grades 6-12 who travel on a WorldStrides program and complete online coursework requirements are eligible to receive high school credit. This helps students fulfill graduation requirements, open up their course schedules to be able to take upper-level courses, and distinctively showcase themselves to colleges and universities.

## Professional Development

WorldStrides programs comply with states' requirements for professional development. WorldStrides will help educators identify opportunities to earn professional development in their state, assist in the development of a portfolio, as needed, and issue a transcript free of charge.

## Curriculum and Academics Team

WorldStrides employs a full-time curriculum and academics team, which is responsible for maintaining our accreditation, developing curriculum materials, training our Course Leaders, assessing student learning, and providing educators with opportunities to grow through our professional development program.

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# WorldStrides® | Experiential Learning

## Educational Value of Student Travel

Learning through personal experience takes education beyond the classroom. Through educational travel, students use knowledge acquired in the classroom to analyze the world around them and make a personal connection by applying their knowledge to their understanding and view of the future.

## Educational Innovation

LEAP: Learning through Exploration and Active Participation ®

WorldStrides Perspectives programs are unique in offering the LEAP Enrichment Program. LEAP brings contemporary teaching strategies, used by excellent teachers in the classroom, to the environments encountered while traveling.

LEAP is designed so your students:

- Are engaged and active learners.
- Are challenged to think critically.
- Grow personally and intellectually.

LEAP is the entire relationship between each student, the places they encounter, and their Tour Director acting as a cultural mediator, not just a series of activities. International Discovery Tour Directors have developed their exceptional leadership and educational skills as a result of extensive LEAP training, which includes cultivating an understanding of how all students — and all people — learn.

Students learn best when they are engaged, and challenged, and in any group, a wide variety of learning styles and social skills will be represented, each deserving an opportunity to shine. LEAP was designed specifically to replace the old-fashioned lecturing style of traditional tour guides, with a dynamic, inclusive, and constructivist approach.

# WorldStrides® | Accessibility

WorldStrides is dedicated to making fundraising easy and fun for your students. We offer travelers a number of fundraising ideas and financial assistance that are designed to empower them to fundraise independently and generate contributions for their trip with WorldStrides International programs.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### FLAG Scholarship

Our most popular scholarship program is the FLAG (Future Leaders of American Government) Scholarship program, offering more than \$4 million in travel assistance to thousands of families each year. Families with an annual adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$85,000 are invited to complete a confidential, easy application to receive travel assistance funds. The scholarship program is supported by a grant from the FLAG Foundation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, and supplemented by funds from International Discovery. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out more at [FlagFound.org](http://FlagFound.org).

### SYTA Scholarship

The Student Youth Travel Association (SYTA) offers need- and merit-based scholarships for student travel. Visit [www.sytayouthfoundation.org](http://www.sytayouthfoundation.org) for more information on how to apply.

### Fundraising

Many students work individually and with the help of their communities in order to raise money for their international program. Sending a child on a trip of a lifetime is an opportunity families, friends, and neighbors can rally behind.

### Gift of Education

The most successful individual fundraising effort WorldStrides students use are Gift of Education letters. The Gift of Education is a successful, easy fundraising strategy that relies on small gift donations from your friends, family members, and local organizations to help you fund your trip.

## Grant Opportunities

### Verizon Foundation

The Verizon Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications. The Verizon Foundation's goal is to invest in results and fuel positive social change in a number of areas, including education. Organizations can learn more and submit an electronic grant proposal on the Verizon Foundation's website at [foundation.verizon.com](http://foundation.verizon.com).

### Grant Wrangler

Grant Wrangler is a free online listing service of grants and awards for K-12 teachers. New fundraising opportunities are posted frequently, and educators can sign up for a bi-weekly newsletter announcing the latest grants and awards. Find out more about Grant Wrangler at [www.grantwrangler.com](http://www.grantwrangler.com).







WorldStrides programs are different because we share your passion for changing students' lives. All international programs are:

#### Truly Educational

Our unique LEAP educational philosophy enriches every program. LEAP provides authentic experiences and ensures that each student is engaged throughout their educational tour in an active, hands-on learning environment. Our Tour Directors are much more than a guide. They are intensively trained in teaching methods and "classroom" management by our faculty of professional educators. They lead, prompt and challenge the students in a constructivist environment that is inclusive, varied and which stimulates critical thinking.

#### High Quality with a Purpose

Our high quality tour services directly impact the educational outcomes of the program and add value by optimizing your students' time abroad. Hotels close to what you have come to see mean more time for exploring and less time commuting from a distant suburb. Enjoy well-balanced and authentic meals introduce another culture through its food. Cutting corners to offer a budget price means more out of pocket expenses for your students overseas.

#### Focused On Your Program

We don't believe one size fits all. We are specialists in custom-designing programs across the curriculum. Whether you opt for a private, customized, or pre-designed program, we will put your goals for your program first and work with you to tailor the program to your students' needs.

#### Safe and Secure

Our first priority is always the safety of our participants. We have developed a comprehensive approach to ensure each group's comfort and safety, and your peace of mind. WorldStrides can be reached 24 hours a day, both in the United States and overseas. In the event of an emergency every participant is covered by an international network that provides medical referral, medical translation, medical monitoring, repatriation, and other emergency services.

#### Academically Accredited

Our programs are accredited by regional accrediting bodies across the country and will provide you with free professional development credit. You will receive up to 35 points, 35 hours, or 3.5 CEUs toward your professional development, and we will issue your points, hours, or units with an official transcript on your return from your International Discovery program. Your students also have the opportunity to earn free academic credit at the college prep or high school level. Educational travel on a college or job application demonstrates initiative, maturity, well-rounded interests and an inquiring mind.

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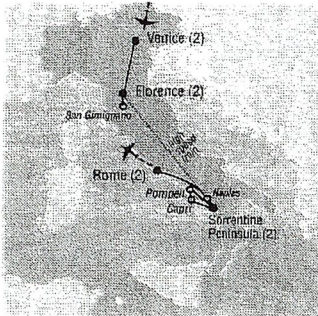






## Italy in Depth

### GROUP INFORMATION



**Trip ID:**  
 Monahan-DiNoia-1373

**Departing From:**  
 Boston

**Departing:**  
 June 21, 2021

**Returning:**  
 June 30, 2021

**Sign Up Deadline**  
 September 26, 2019

**Total Fee:\* \$4,740.00**

### Program Quote Breakdown

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Program Fee*           | \$4,956.00 |
| glassblowing, uffizi*  | \$19.00    |
| On-Tour Tipping        | \$65.00    |
| ** Earlyenrollment2021 | \$ -300.00 |

**Total Fee\* \$4,740.00**

OR 21 monthly payments of \$221.00  
 After initial payment of \$99.00

\* Last day for this Program Fee is Sep 26, 2019.

\*\* Only valid with voucher code  
 Earlyenrollment2021

### Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 23 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Adult Supplement     | \$125.00 |
| Twin Room Upgrade    | \$360.00 |
| Additional Adult Fee | \$485.00 |

### Free Chaperones

6 Travelers = 1 Free Chaperone

Your free place ratio is such that your group will fully contribute towards 4 free

### PROGRAM ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Start tour

#### Day 2 Ciao Venice

Meet your tour director and check into hotel

#### Day 3 Venice landmarks

- Venice guided sightseeing tour
- Bridge of Sighs, Doge's Palace visit, Grand Canal, St. Mark's Cathedral visit
- Glass-blowing demonstration
- Optional* ★LEAP Behind the Carnival Mask \$69

#### Day 4 Venice--Florence

- Travel to Florence
- ★LEAP Patron of the Renaissance

Florence guided sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets

Accademia visit, Baptistery Doors, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Duomo, Ponte Vecchio

★ LEAP Cucina Fiorentina!

Cooking lesson and dinner

### Day 5 Florence

Uffizi Gallery visit

San Gimignano Excursion

Tuscan Farm Lunch

Dinner on your own

### Day 6 Florence--Sorrento

★ LEAP Great Renaissance Debate

Travel to Naples by train

Pompeii guided visit

### Day 7 Sorrento

Capri excursion

★ LEAP Tarantella Dancing

Dance Lesson

### Day 8 Sorrento--Rome

Travel to Rome

Rome guided sightseeing tour

Colosseum visit with Whisper headset, Arch of Constantine, Forum Romanum visit

### Day 9 Rome landmarks

Vatican City guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets

Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel visit, St. Peter's Basilica visit

★ LEAP Caesar's Gladiators

Gladiator school visit

Rome city walk

Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona

### Day 10 End tour

place(s), and partially contribute to an additional free place. We reimburse this partial contribution to you as a Cash Stipend.

4 Free Chaperones

#### Private Group Fees:

#### Your Tour is a Private Group Tour

If your group has elected to have its own bus and Tour Director rather than travel with other groups, a Private Group Fee will be added to each paying participant's account. This amount, which is based on the total number of tour participants per bus and is included in the Total Fee above, is noted in bold below.

15-19 Travelers \$361

20-24 Travelers \$177

25-29 Travelers \$61

**30+ Travelers \$0**

#### PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare and other transportation described in the itinerary
- Traveler Assistance, Medical Insurance & Travel Insurance
- Centrally located three- and four-star hotels
- Daily breakfast to start the day energized and ready to go
- Local guide at sites and on city tours as described in the itinerary
- LEAP! Educational Program
- Entrances and transportation to sites and activities described in your itinerary
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips







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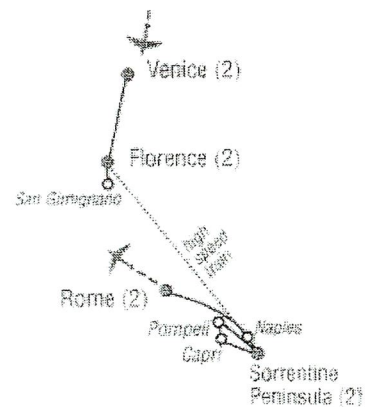
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# Reserve your Spot!

MyTrip ID: Monahan-DiNoia-1373

Registration deadline: September 26, 2019

## What's included

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We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

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- Entrances and transportation to sites and activities described in your itinerary
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips
- 24/7 On Tour Emergency Support

## Tour investment

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Students (travelers under the age of 23): \$4,740

Adults (age 23 and over): \$5,225

Price reflects savings of \$300 scholarship. Sign up by 9/26/2019 and enter code Earlyenrollment2021 in order to take advantage of this limited-time offer!

### Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay just \$99 upon enrollment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card or checking account. As of August 05, 2019, your monthly payment would be just \$221.00.

## Travel protection

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Most WorldStrides travelers protect their investment with our Cancellation Protection Plus.

Enroll online,  
by phone, or by mail

[educationstrides.com/Monahan-DiNoia-1373](http://educationstrides.com/Monahan-DiNoia-1373)

1.800.771.5353

Mail in your paper application to:

WorldStrides Programs  
Attn: Participant Services  
2 Heritage Drive  
Quincy, MA 02171

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## Earn academic credit—Perspectives

Students! You can register for **Discovery for Credit** coursework before, during, or after the travel portion of the program. Most assignments are designed to be completed after travel, since they ask that you incorporate much of what you learned during the field experience. We encourage you to log on before travel, if time permits, to get a feel for the course and explore its components. There is a six-month deadline from the return date of travel to complete all online assignments.

Upon successful completion of both the travel program and online coursework, you will receive an official transcript (from WorldStrides or our university partner—The University of California, San Diego Extension) mailed directly to your home address. Transcripts can be submitted to school registrars for consideration or attached separately to college applications or résumés. Students and educators should check with receiving institutions with regard to credit transfer policies.

WorldStrides holds accreditation through multiple regional agencies, including both corporate-level and school-level accreditation through AdvancED. This enables our traveling students to earn academic credit in conjunction with travel programs.

## Types of academic credit

### High school credit

Students who are in grades 6-12 at the time of travel on WorldStrides programs are eligible to participate for high school credit at no additional cost and with no fees. Courses differ according to content, theme, destination, and length. For in-depth descriptions of courses applicable to your program and to register, go to your Tour page and click on the Academic Credit banner.

### College preparatory credit

Students who are in grades 9-12 at the time of travel on WorldStrides programs are eligible to participate in college preparatory credit in conjunction with our university partnership with The University of California, San Diego Extension. Perspectives programs include the opportunity to take college preparatory credit at no additional cost. Courses differ according to content, theme, destination, and length. For in-depth descriptions of courses applicable to your program and to register, go to your Tour page and click on the Academic Credit banner. Our experience working with successful students in our courses informs our recommendation for choosing the course level that's best for you. These guidelines are quite flexible!



# Earn academic credit—Perspectives

## Available courses

- Global Perspectives 0.5 credit high school
  - Global Perspectives 1 CR college preparatory credit
  - Global Perspectives 3 CR college preparatory credit
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- Students in 6th–9th grade are likely going to enjoy and be successful in the high school course.
  - Students in 9th–11th grade are likely going to need to weigh their comfort working in a self-paced environment and choose between high school credit and the one-credit college preparatory course.
  - Students in 10th–12th grade are likely going to need to weigh the amount of time they can dedicate to their online studies and their experience with advanced coursework as they choose between the one-credit and the three-credit college preparatory courses.

## How to register

1. Visit your Tour page
2. Click the Academic Credit banner
3. Select your course
4. If you have any questions, please email us at [discovery@worldstrides.org](mailto:discovery@worldstrides.org)

## Academic Credit

Access your online coursework 

