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We know that teachers strive to give their students the very best education. We believe that travel is an invaluable tool in enhancing their knowledge! Great Escapes Tours and Travel offers a broad range of enriching, exciting, and adventurous trips. With a staff that boasts over 50 years of experience in the educational student travel industry, we can provide creative itineraries, memorable experiences, and customized tours for your students. Most of our tours are fully escorted by our professional Tour Directors. We are fully committed to providing superior customer service and competitive prices. Our tour specialists continuously strive to offer new, innovative group travel experiences through product research and evaluation.

Our goal is to exceed your expectations. We look forward to partnering with you on your next student outing.

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- Prices quoted will be based on number of guests and itinerary chosen.
- One complimentary adult chaperone for every ten paying students.
- We reserve the right to modify any tour when the need arises. This will be done with all efforts to maintain the original itinerary. Schedule of visits may also vary. You will be notified in advance of these changes.
- Prices quoted are subject to change. Fuel charges may apply.
- Most of our tours include the services of a professional Tour Director.
- All tours include gratuities for coach drivers.
- We are not responsible for typographical errors.

DEPOSITS

- For One-Day Trips \$400.00 per bus is needed to confirm your reservations. Final payment for all services is due no later than one month prior to departure.
- For Multi-Day Trips \$600.00 per bus is needed to confirm your reservations. Rooming lists are required 45 days prior to trip along with final payment.

CANCELLATIONS

Full refunds less administrative fee 45 days or earlier. Cancellation fees will apply within 44 days of departure, administrative fees and non-refundable items such as theatre tickets and certain admissions. No refund within 14 days of trip.

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Experience



Albany - New York State Government

Tour the New York State Capitol Building, learn about the history of the state at the New York State Museum or take a "Voyage to Albany" Duck Tour. Other programs include Early Life in Albany: A Dutch Fur Trading Town or a Planetarium program "Follow the North Star and the Underground Railroad".

Philadelphia

Visit the "Green Country Towne" William Penn created in the 17th Century. Walk through "America's most historic square mile". See The Liberty Bell Center, Franklin Free Post Office, Franklin Print Shop, Independence Hall and Congress Hall. Add one of the options to complete your trip; The Franklin, the National Constitution Center, the National Liberty Museum or the Independence Seaport Museum including climbing aboard the 1892 Olympia and walk through the WWII submarine Becuna.

Itineraries may be customized to meet your group's requirements



History, Religion & Roots of Philadelphia's African Americans

You will share the story of their struggle and the historical roots of the African-American's pursuit of freedom. In addition to the standard historical sites you will see Elfreth's Alley, the oldest continuously occupied residential street in America where Free Blacks lived during the revolution and visit Mother Bethel's A.M.E. Church.

Adventure Aquarium

Enter into worlds that you never thought possible with nearly 200,000 square feet of sea life and wildlife. Explore the West African River Experience, featuring massive hippopotamuses, a free-flight aviary with more than 20 different species of birds flying overhead or travel into the depths of the ocean and explore the wonders of the deep in the Jules Verne Gallery. Surround yourself in the 40 foot, floor to ceiling, walk through tunnel Shark Realm.



Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration and the Seaport Museum

At the Aquarium you will meet Lions of the Sea. They're friendly and playful, but at roughly 500 pounds, and with jaws like a bear, they have a commanding presence. Get up close and personal with one of nature's most enduring creatures, the African penguin. Stroll the streets of an authentic 19th century seafaring village at Mystic Seaport Museum. The museum has more than 30 old New England trade shops and businesses.

Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk

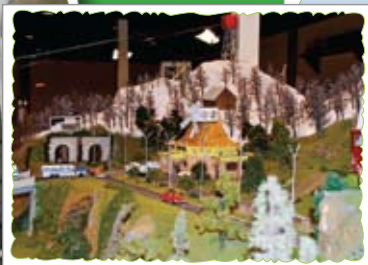
Explore the marine life and maritime culture of Long Island Sound. This aquarium offers many hands-on programs on marine animals and environmental issues such as, Squid Anatomy, Intertidal Habitat, Global Warming and Climate Change, Water Pollution, Tooth About Sharks plus many more. An IMAX movie will be included.



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Entertainment



Manhattan

Options include: American Museum of Natural History, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, United Nations, South Street Seaport, Times Square, Top of the Rock Observation Deck, Backstage Tours of Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Sony Wonder Technology Lab, Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, The Sports Museum of America, Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Liberty Science Center

Skyscraper!, Infection Connection, Communication, Eat & Be Eaten, I Explore, Our Hudson Home, Energy Quest, Wildlife Challenge and Wonder Why, are some of the permanent exhibitions at the Science Center. You can also enjoy the nation's largest IMAX Dome screen and Digital 3D Theatre.

Medieval Times

Be a guest in the castle and enjoy an authentic Medieval Feast served by Serfs and Wenches. Watch an arena performance of Knights on horseback catching flags, piercing rings, throwing javelins and fighting with swords. Banners to cheer on your knight and admission to the dungeon museum available.

One Day

Recreational Trips

Hersheypark, Dorney Park, Six Flags Great Adventure, Six Flags New England Malibu Dude Ranch, Club Getaway

Choo Choo Barn and the Strasburg Railroad

Enjoy the Choo Choo Barn, 17,000 square feet of miniature display which is home to scenes right out of Lancaster County and America. You'll see an Amish barn raising, a baseball game, a zoo, a circus and much much more. It's nothing like you've ever seen, fully animated with 22 operating miniature trains. Then, founded in 1832, the Strasburg Railroad is a designated heritage site. Board an authentically restored passenger car, a mighty coal burning steam engine pulls you past 20 working farms, and beauty as far as the eye can see. Also, you will visit the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Baltimore

Options include: Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Maryland Science Center, National Aquarium, Geppi's Museum of Entertainment, Camden Yards, Babe Ruth Museum, Baltimore Inner Harbor and Harborplace, B & O Railroad Museum, National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Reginald F. Lewis Museum or the Frederick Douglass Isaac Myers Maritime Park (new hands-on interactive heritage site)

Penn Dutch Country

Step back in time and enjoy a slower, more peaceful pace, where horse & buggy remains a primary form of transportation. Visit an Amish Farm & House, petting zoo, back country touring and leisure time at Kitchen Kettle Village. Smorgasbord or Family Style Penn Dutch meal can be added.

Discovery Museum and the Garbage Museum

Experience adventures in art & science. This Bridgeport museum has more than 100 hands-on art and physical science exhibits and planetarium shows. Hands-on workshops are offered. The Garbage Museum is a one-of-a-kind environmental education facility demonstrating the recycling process.

Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos



One day or two day

This hotel is a first-class, full service, year-round destination resort designed to capture the atmosphere and adventure of the northwoods. Great Wolf Lodge has a 91,000 square-foot indoor entertainment and waterpark area. Fort Mackenzie is a four-story interactive treehouse water fort offering 12 levels of super-soaking fun for everyone. The arcade is jampacked with over a hundred games. Dance, race, spin, throw...it's the only "workout" that will let you earn prizes. The Tech Center features computers with teen-conscious internet access, docking stations for ipods and mp3 players, as well as multiple gaming stations for those who strive to win one



Overnight Trip Suggestions
 Destinations and itineraries may be customized to meet your group's requirements

Boston and Salem

Two and three day trip options:

Boston is America's Walking City where the richness of American history is complemented by the vibrancy of a thriving, modern city. Walk the Freedom Trail and the Black Heritage Trail.

Visit Boston Common, the oldest public park in the United States, The State House, Granary Burying Ground, site of the first public school, Old Corner Bookstore, Boston Massacre Site, Paul Revere House, Faneuil Hall, also know as the Cradle of Liberty, Old North Church, Bunker Hill Monument, The USS Constitution & Museum, The African Meeting House, Robert Gould Shaw and 54th Regiment Memorial, Charles Street Meeting House, The Boston Museum of Science, The New England Aquarium, Salem Witch Museum, House of Seven Gables, Whale Watching, Plimoth Plantation, Lexington & Concord, Six Flags New England and much more.

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Philadelphia First Capital of the United States

Two and three day trip options:

Philadelphia's reputation as the "City of Neighborhoods" is well earned. There are plenty of unique places to explore, from Old City's historic sights to Center City's more modern scene, Philadelphia is one of the world's most dynamic destinations.

Walk the most historic square mile in the country, Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, US Mint, The Franklin, National Liberty Museum, National Constitution Center, Betsy Ross House, Franklin Court, Independence Seaport Museum, Ride the Ducks, Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise, Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Mutter Museum of Medical Oddities, Valley Forge, Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rocky Steps and the first zoo in America the Philadelphia Zoo. Dorney Park, Hersheypark and more.

Our Nations Capital Washington D.C.

Two and three day trip options:

From the patriotic and inspiring monuments, National Mall and museums to the cosmopolitan theatres and restaurants, Washington D.C. is rich in culture, tradition and history.

Monuments and Memorials, U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, Supreme Court of the United States, National Archives, New Air & Space Museum, Holocaust Museum, White House, Newseum, Crime & Punishment Museum, National Museum of American History, National Postal Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, International Spy Museum, Marian Koshland Science Museum, George Washington's estate Mount Vernon, U-Street Corridor, Pope Paul II Cultural Center, Six Flags America and much more.



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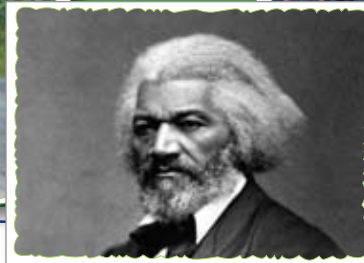


Gettysburg and Penn Dutch Country

Two and three day trip options:

The greatest battle ever fought on the continent and one of the most decisive battles of world history took place at Gettysburg. Today the Gettysburg National Military Park stands supreme as one of the largest battlefield shrines in America. On this trip you will also learn about the Amish culture by exploring the unspoiled backroad beauty of the Amish farmlands.

Guided Battlefield Tours, Cyclorama, New Visitors Center Museum and movie "A New Birth of Freedom" Underground Railroad Tour, Boyds Bear Country, The Shriver House Museum, Hersheypark, Amish Farm & House, Guided Backcountry Tour, Choo Choo Barn, Kitchen Kettle Village, Hayloft Petting Zoo, Strasburg Railroad, Farm Tour, Buggy Rides and Landis Valley Village & Museum, Historic Philadelphia and more.



Two Cultures Native & African American

Three day trip

The city of Rochester and the surrounding areas helped to play a leading role in the Underground Railroad movement. Rochester, which was conveniently located close to the Canadian border, served as one of the last stops before fugitive slaves could for the first time in their lives be considered free men, upon their arrival in Canada.

Highlights of this tour include "Freedom Under the Stars". At the Rochester Science Museum you will stroll back in time to July 5, 1852. Enjoy the same sumptuous buffet that was prepared to support Frederick Douglass and The Abolitionist Cause. You will also enjoy re-enactors as they bring Rochester's historic role in the Underground Railroad to life. Celebrate Iroquois culture with a guided tour through the Iroquois Museum. The museum maintains the largest collection of contemporary Iroquois visual art. You will also enjoy a hands-on workshop of your choice.



Colonial Virginia

Two and three day trip options:

Throughout America's Historic Triangle of Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown, you will encounter more adventure and excitement than you thought possible. Come face-to-face with history by witnessing a revolution or exploring a Powhatan Indian Village!

Colonial Williamsburg guided themed tour, Jamestown Settlement including museum and Powhatan Indian Village, Yorktown Victory Center and Encampment, Yorktown Battlefield, Berkeley Plantation, Ghost Tours, Colonial Williamsburg Evening Programs, Presidents Park, Ripley's Believe It or Not, Go-Karts Plus, Busch Gardens, Merchant's Square, Outlet Shopping and Tavern Dining.



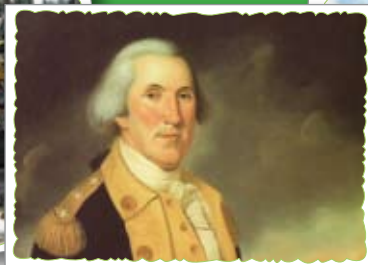
New York State Albany and Cooperstown

Two or three day trip options:

While looking for a trade route to the Far East in 1609 Henry Hudson came up La Grande Riviere, later named for Hudson by the Dutch. The first settlers set up a colony in 1624 named Fort Orange. First a trading center, then a hub of government, now home to world-class art and architecture.

Albany Heritage Visitors Center, Albany Aqua Duck Tours, New York State Capitol Building Tour, New York State Museum, Voyage to Albany Tour; a re-enactment of Henry Hudson's journey up the Hudson River, experience Early Life in Albany: A Dutch Fur Trading Town, "Follow the North Star and the Underground Railroad", interactive workshops at the Baseball Hall of Fame, Howe Caverns, Iroquois Indian Museum, USS Slater.

Experience



Annapolis and Baltimore

Two or three day trip options:

Colonial dressed guides will bring history to life as your students visit key sites that are part of Maryland's colonial past and our nation's history. Learn about life in the mid to late 18th century and be inspired by the sights and sounds of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Walking tour of the U.S. Naval Academy and historic Annapolis. Visit the Maryland State House, enjoy a narrated cruise of Annapolis Harbor, African-American walking tour, Pirate Treasure Hunt, National Aquarium, Maryland Science Museum, Harborplace, Geppi's Entertainment Museum, Camden Yards tour, Sports Legends at Camden Yards, National Great Blacks in Wax, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Frederick Douglass Isaac Myers Maritime Park, Ft. McHenry, Medieval Times, Six Flags America.

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Mt. Vernon & The New Washington DC

Two day trip

Discover the Real George Washington. Two new museums have opened on the grounds of George Washington's estate Mt. Vernon. Visit the New National Air & Space Museum and the Newseum

Mt. Vernon is the most popular historic estate in America. You will tour the Mansion house and more than a dozen outbuildings including the slave quarters, kitchen, stables and greenhouse. The new education center includes 25 new theaters and galleries that tell the detailed story of George Washington's life. More than 500 original artifacts, eleven History Channel videos, and immersion theater experiences illuminate the remarkable story of the first American hero. The new National Air & Space Museum is housed in the large Boeing Aviation Hangar in which aircraft are displayed on three levels. See the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest jet in the world, the space shuttle Enterprise and the Gemini VII space capsule. The Newseum is a 250,000 square foot museum of news which blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. Some of the exhibits include G-Men and Journalists, NBC News Interactive Newsroom, Bloomberg Internet, TV and Radio Gallery and 15 theaters including a 4-D immersive experience.

Niagara Falls, Canada

Three or four day trip options:

The Niagara region has been inhabited for more than 9000 years. The earliest people in this area were the aboriginals of Iroquoian origin who visited the area around the Falls to hunt and trade. Let Niagara Falls take your breath away while you enjoy its overwhelming wonder, often called the "the world's most famous address."

American & Horseshoe Falls, Maid of the Mist boat ride, Niagara Parks Greenhouse, Journey Behind the Falls, Whirlpool Aero Car, Skylon Tower Observation Deck, Floral Clock, White Water Walk, Festival of Lights, IMAX Theatre, Clifton Hill's many fun museums, Marineland, Butterfly Conservatory, The Welland Canal and Museum, Bird Kingdom at Niagara Falls Aviary, Whirlpool Jet Boats and much more.



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