

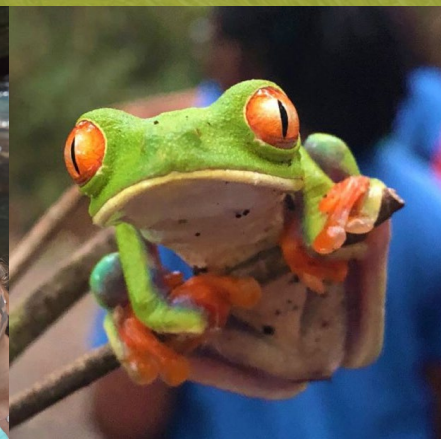


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## A word from our President

Dear Group Leader,

In 1996, while teaching high school French and middle school Spanish, I had a dream to show students my native Puerto Rico. I was eager to immerse them into our unique local culture and to see them use the language. In order for the trip to be successful, they needed to breathe Puerto Rican culture and be engaged in lively chats with locals.

After a few years of living my dream and making many mistakes along the way, the word spread. Schools began requesting cultural immersion tours of our island, and Vamonos was born! After hundreds of successful tours, we added multiple destinations all while staying true to our mission: off the beaten path itineraries, meaningful service options, and a daily dose of interaction with locals in the target language.

Cultural immersion is what we are all about. We focus on cultural, linguistic, service, performance, and nature-related experiences all while avoiding tourist traps. We also care deeply about our travelers' safety. We do not cut corners with keeping students safe. We're one of the few tour operators in the industry that employ not one but at least two full time staff members on tour at all times. This includes an emergency vehicle that follows the coach bus everywhere.

We're excited about our new performance and cultural tour options throughout the world. I urge you to explore with us the land of Israel, French Martinique, and Panama, our new remarkable destinations off the usual student tour path. You're too busy to plan a tour on your own. Contact us and let us help you plan every aspect of your tour. We promise pressure-free and honest communication at all times. ¡Vámonos!




Jorge Pardo  
*President & Founder, Vámonos Tours Inc.*

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink.

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IMMERSION  
TRAVEL**

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"The world is a book  
and those who do  
not travel read only  
one page."

- St. Augustine of  
Hippo

Meet our Vamonos Team @ [vamonostours.com/about-us/](https://vamonostours.com/about-us/)





# Why VÁMONOS

## TOP REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE VÁMONOS

1

### Educational Tour Company Built by Teachers

Our owners are experienced middle and high school language teachers whose passion is to create fearless savvy world travelers and Spanish/French speakers for life.

2

### Immersion Specialists with an Insider's Perspective

We are passionate proponents of the "total immersion" approach to teaching language and travel. This is apparent in our tours - we eat where locals eat, play where locals play, and even stay where locals stay! Don't worry, we customize your tour to fit your group's level of language immersion.

3

### Outstanding Commitment To Safety

No other tour company matches our thorough and honest care for travelers. While on tour you are accompanied by trained **tour leaders**: the main tour director, an assistant, and/or a tour manager. They stay with you from the time you arrive at your destination until you say goodbye at the airport on the last day. We will never leave you floundering on your own!

4

### Superior Customized Itineraries

Our many years of teaching have helped us create meaningful customized itineraries that keep travelers completely engaged and happily exhausted by the end of the day! We avoid tourist traps and stay off the beaten path to keep cultural immersion real.

5

### Commitment to Service Learning & Sustainability

We are committed to giving back to local underprivileged communities. Our travelers have the option of engage in service projects such as working in orphanages, local schools, soup kitchens, and the environment all the while being fully immersed in local culture and language.

6

### Trust and Accreditation

We meet the BBB's A+ high standards for good business practices. We are also members of the most respected travel organizations such as SYTA, NTA, IATAN, and ASTA. For more information visit our **About Us** page.

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### Testimonials

There is no better way to get to know us than to read group leaders and travelers' thoughts upon their return from a tour. Find out more on our **Testimonials** page.







**I would never consider traveling with any other tour company. You treat your teachers and students like family, and the customer service is exceptional.”**

- K. Roggelin, Dundee High School

## Let Us Do The Work

We understand you are busy. That's why our dedicated staff supports you every step of the way. From the moment you contact us until you return home, we make sure your group has everything it needs for a well-planned and unforgettable experience.

### Some helpful items available for group leaders:

- Editable meeting agendas & information for parents
- Online password-protected group page for enrollment and tour planning
- Handouts, materials, and letters ready for you to edit
- Group Leader planning steps provided
- Cultural tips such as our signature “Gringo Cancún” immersion tips
- Multimedia available for presentations
- Important lists such as our packing checklist
- Superior support with our experienced, caring agent



# Value With Vámonos

We are a caring, flexible company built by teachers. We understand varied budgets and will do our best to assist you in making your tour a reality.

1

## NO SURPRISES

NO extra hidden charges, NO adult fees, NO membership fees, NO service fees!

2

## FUNDRAISING TIPS

Fundraising ideas, options, and important links available for group leaders.

3

## YOU TRAVEL FREE

You choose the ratio of free chaperones per number of paying travelers.

4

## PAYMENT PLANS

We offer a three-payment plan but will work with you on other plans as well.

5

## REFERRAL CASHBACKS

Group leaders receive a cash bonus for referring groups that travel with us.



# GIVING BACK & SERVICE-LEARNING



## OUR COMMITMENT

- Support locally-owned & family operated businesses.
- Serve at foster homes, orphanages, and underprivileged elementary schools.
- Assist communities in emergency and disaster relief efforts.
- Eat where locals eat, play where locals play, stay where locals stay.
- Invest in the lives of those we meet and establish relationships.
- Create meaningful people to people cultural exchanges.

## OUR PARTNERS & FRIENDS

- Local orphanages, foster homes
- Underprivileged elementary schools
- Soup kitchens and associations that help the homeless and needy
- Local businesses and hotels
- Volunteering and environmental conservation organizations

## OUR PROJECTS

- Serve at indoor and outdoor soup kitchens in urban areas
- Paint, clean, build, and improve facilities at service locations
- Divide, sort, deliver donations
- Disaster-relief efforts and fundraising
- Support communities with Vamonos' financial monthly donations
- Reforestation and environmental service-projects
- Create performances and music workshops for communities
- Wildlife rescue efforts
- Beach clean-up
- Many more

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# PERFORMANCE TOURS



## Culturally-rich concert and performance tours

Since our beginnings in 2002, Vámonos has passionately created meaningful cultural immersion tours with the highest standards of musical exchange and performance. Our expertise throughout the Caribbean is unsurpassed and has positioned us as the largest student tour operator in Puerto Rico and Martinique. Our reach is far beyond the islands to key destinations such as Costa Rica, Panama, Spain, Miami, Quebec, and to many other destinations.

Vamonos' music tours are led and directed by prolific conductor Kevin Meidl. Kevin brings decades of music expertise, teaching, and student travel. His choirs have performed all over the world in places such as Carnegie Hall, Japan, Rome (live performance for the Pope), at 14 state music conventions, and in over 13 countries.

What's our recipe for successful performance tours?

We are obsessed with details...we listen to our directors...and frankly, we sweat the small things that make your tour a life-changing experience for every performer! We create...

- Customized performance tours and/or festivals
- Powerful musical/cultural exchanges with local ensembles
- Dynamic festivals with renowned conductors and teachers
- Independent concerts in outstanding university, church, school and public venues
- Great audiences for our performing ensembles

Music is a powerful ambassador to world cultures and serves as a common language for building bridges of international friendship and for meaningful people to people interactions. We provide significant, exciting, and customized cultural experiences for groups such as school choirs/bands, community bands, adult church ensembles, or other performance groups. Musical exchanges take place within local schools, churches, universities, or with renowned regional artists. Not only do we provide great value and pricing, but we are a full-service company making your work easier. We provide...

- Air, coach, meals, hotels, guides and first-rate sightseeing to your performance itinerary
- Concert and exchange logistics including great venues and partner groups
- Consultation for programming and other musical decisions
- Promotion and marketing for your public concerts ensuring large, enthusiastic audiences
- Instrument transportation and rental if needed
- Sound, video or other specific needs

We love to travel and to open the world to thousands of touring groups. From cultural immersion, language, nature, and performances in towns, city squares, and orphanages, to Holy Week choral music performances in the great cathedrals of the world, we are proud to provide the finest life-enhancing experiences for our travelers.



# INCREDIBLE VALUE... WHAT'S INCLUDED



Whether it's your uniquely crafted **CUSTOM** tour or a selected predesigned journey, let us inspire **LIFELONG** memories and **MEANINGFUL** opportunities.

## **EACH TOUR INCLUDES:** *(anything on this list can also be customized)*

- Air transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Private transportation
- 2 meals a day
- Bilingual tour director and at least one more staff member
- Free group leader
- Covered entrance fees
- Pre-trip planning materials
- Flexible itineraries
- 24-hour emergency phone access
- School trip private page
- Rewards for language risk takers
- Vámonos safety bracelet
- Vámonos water bottle
- Cold filtered water

## **ADD-ONS:** *(anything on this list can also be customized)*

- Extra meal per day
- Single/double room accommodations
- Airline baggage fees
- Optional travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Optional local activities not covered on itinerary





## CULTURAL FOCUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Cook native recipes with local chefs & “abuelitas” at times
- › Compete in scavenger hunts at local farmers’ markets
- › Experience dance & music performances and workshops
- › Dine where locals eat
- › Time-travel through old city history and legends

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Zipline over forests
- › Explore amazing wildlife and natural resources from close range
- › Canoe to ancient indigenous villages as you interact with local tribes
- › See unique volcanoes and learn about their history and region
- › Hike “less traveled” paths through nature
- › Swim in unforgettable bioluminescent bays (Puerto Rico)



## ADVENTURE FOCUS



## LANGUAGE FOCUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Speak and interact with locals daily
- › Receive rewards for speaking the target language and risk-taking
- › Sign a language pledge
- › Live immersed in the language during optional homestays
- › Order meals in the target language with the help from our staff

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Experience wildlife from close range
- › Serve at animal rescue centers
- › Discover local flora and fauna
- › Tour organic farms and coffee plantations
- › Explore the world’s largest radio-telescope



## SCIENCE FOCUS



## PERFORMANCE FOCUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Perform at main city “plazas” and at festivals
- › Sing in old world cathedrals
- › Participate in private percussion workshops
- › Visit music museums and performance centers
- › Play along with local schools, bands, choirs



# Create Your Unique Custom Tour

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Think about your group's goals and focus.  
**Does your group.....?**



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Want to be immersed in local **CULTURE**

Crave **ADVENTURE**

Desire to practice and expand its **SPANISH/FRENCH**

Long to **SERVE** and give back

Want to investigate the **SCIENCES**

Perform **MUSICALLY**

Have an eye for the **ARTS**



# Destinations

**CUSTOMIZE IT!**  
We'll impress  
**YOU WITH**  
our unique  
**ITINERARIES.**

## PUERTO RICO

This is our specialty and our main destination since 1996. No one knows Puerto Rico better than we do!

## COSTA RICA

This Central American country is teeming with life. With its exotic animals, unique rural experiences, and landscape, Costa Rica is a terrific and safe place to visit.

## PANAMA

Panama should not fly under the radar of most companies and schools. It has so much to offer: US currency, remote indigenous tribes, two oceans, the world's most famous canal, a capital city rainforest, rich biodiversity, and much more.

## FRENCH MARTINIQUE

This safe French Caribbean island possesses a rich mix of European and African culture, exquisite beaches, exotic markets, a historical capital, a famous volcano and lots more.

## FRENCH QUEBEC

Quebec City and Montreal are two of the most vibrant and diverse cities in North America. Speak "Joual French" and interact with rural and city locals the Vamonos way.

## SAN ANTONIO

You've heard of the Alamo, but consider our cultural and language immersion opportunities of a vibrant Mexican heritage tour in the heart of Texas.



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**DON'T SEE YOUR  
PREFERRED  
DESTINATION?**  
*Contact us, WE'LL  
TAKE YOU THERE!*

### MIAMI

Experience the capital of Latin America in U.S. soil “en español.” Dine Cuban food daily, enjoy an Everglades airboat tour, visit Little Havana, and chat with Latinos daily.

### CUBA

This once forbidden island is full of cultural and Spanish immersion options. Experience our exclusive destination now before time changes it forever.

### ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS

Ecuador has it all: snow-capped mountains, beaches, fascinating Andean culture, incredible markets, and of course, the exclusive Galápagos.

### SPAIN

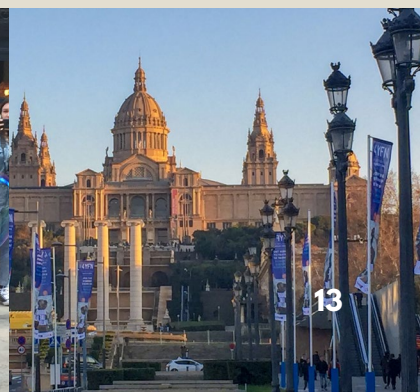
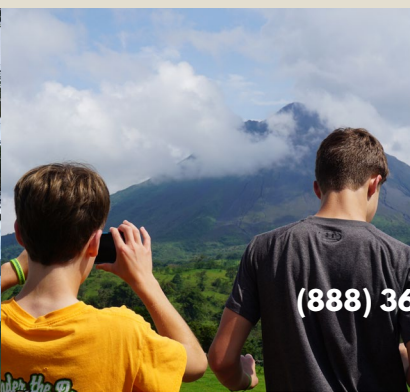
Spain is exciting, flamboyant, and alive! Come enjoy the land where the “Castellano” language began through our unique cultural immersion lens.

### ISRAEL

You've heard about its top notch historic sites and religious significance. But did you know about its abundant and diverse culture? Come and meet friendly Jewish, Bedouin, Arab, Druze, and other communities living together as we explore this small safe country.

### ITALY

Our unique Italy itinerary is certainly not your average “museum-happy” tour. Come and explore with us Italy's northeastern region with an unexpected amount of nature, culture, cuisine, and interaction with locals.



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# PUERTO RICO



Given our vast experience and deep Puerto Rican roots, no other company matches our unique connections, itineraries, and expertise. With us, you will feel like family!







San Juan



El Yunque



Ponce



Parguera





# Puerto Rico

*Experience foreign Latino culture within the United States. Our island offers an abundance of history and traditions that overlap four major cultures.*



## Why PUERTO RICO?

### 1 NO Passport, NO Customs Required

(No lines, no paperwork, no deadlines!)  
Puerto Rico is a U.S. Commonwealth!

### 2 Safe "Foreign" Travel

It's a foreign culture without being a foreign country. Expect U.S. currency, food and water standards, and much more.

### 3 Medical Care

Expect U.S. medical standard care easily accessible in every town and city we visit.

### 4 Unique Culture

Puerto Rico is a fusion of Taíno, African, Spanish, and American culture within a 100-by-35 mile range.

### 5 Affordable Travel

Given the proximity to most major U.S. cities, this is one the most affordable destinations for students.

### 6 Cell Phone Use

Most carriers do not charge extra for calls or texts made in Puerto Rico. No roaming, no long distance!

### 7 Air Transportation

Puerto Rico is a direct and short flight from most major U.S. cities.



This trip far exceeded my expectations in so many ways. It was an amazing learning and growing experience for all of the students on the trip. I feel like my students feel like Puerto Rico is their second home now. That is all thanks to the people of Vámonos! With all of that being said, we are starting the planning for our next trip with Vámonos."

- S. Barden, Horizon Community Learning Center



# AGUAVIVA TOUR: 5 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided rainforest eco-tour & waterfalls
- Bioluminescent bay tour
- Professional salsa lessons
- Old San Juan walking tour and fort
- Afro-Caribbean tour & lunch in Piñones
- Ziplining, hiking, spelunking over Utuado forest
- Organic farm visit
- Tour world famous murals and street graffiti



STARTING AT:  
**\$1,365**

For a complete list of prices refer to our pricing brochure accompanying this catalog.

Explore a  
sample itinerary

## DAY 1: OLD SAN JUAN / PONCE

Tour Old San Juan, the New World's oldest living city. Explore Fort El Morro or Fort San Cristóbal. Learn some folk legends and a ghost story on our unique walking tour. Spend a little time shopping and savor a *piragua* before you head to Ponce.

## DAY 2: UTUADO

Enjoy a full day of hiking, spelunking, and ziplining as well as a visit to an organic farm deep in the Utuado Forest. You'll learn about Taíno markings, visit a bat-filled cave, and have a *medianoche* sandwich at a *panadería*.

## DAY 3: LA PARGUERA

Enjoy Boquerón Beach and try some "banana-boating." Board a private boat on a tour of La Parguera's mangrove cays; interact with a local fisherman and swim at night at a dazzling bioluminescent bay tour.

## DAY 4: EL YUNQUE

Discover the U.S.' only tropical rainforest through a guided walk, and optional hike and swimming under waterfalls. Sample local cuisine for lunch at an authentic rainforest restaurant. Relax at pristine Luquillo beach. Enjoy a game of *dominó* after dinner.

## DAY 5: PINONES

Taste the island's best smoothies at Santurce's La Placita. Visit Calle Serra and admire world-famous murals and street graffiti. Enjoy an "Afro-Caribbean" lunch at Piñones. Sample unique Puerto Rican snacks such as *alcapurrias* before you head home.

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## DAY 2: PONCE

Compete in our digital scavenger hunt a local farmers' market. Speak to locals at Ponce's most intriguing street. Head to a prestigious dance school for a salsa lesson. Participate at a service-learning project at a foster home/orphanage. End the night as you learn the secrets of local cuisine on our signature *Mofongo 101* cooking class.

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## DAY 5: CABO ROJO

Discover Cabo Rojo's salt-flats as you hike the region's dry coastal forest. Explore breathtaking cliffs and a lighthouse. Relax at ironic "Playa Sucia." Learn about the historical progression of Puerto Rican dance at a private folkloric dance show and workshop. Try the moves, from early *Bomba y Plena* to today's *Reggaetón*.

## DAY 6: ARECIBO

Tour Río Camuy's Parque de las Cavernas, home of the world's third largest underground river. After an authentic *panadería* lunch, explore the Arecibo Observatory, the world's largest radio-telescope.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Aguaviva tour highlights, plus....
- Mofongo 101 cooking class
- Private folkloric dance performance and workshop
- Camuy Caverns tour
- Pineapple farm visit
- Arecibo Observatory & museum
- Full day touring culturally-rich Ponce
- Cabo Rojo's salt flats interpretive walk & lighthouse
- Visit ironic "Playa Sucia"
- Authentic "panadería" lunch



STARTING AT:  
**\$1,715**

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# COSTA RICA



The land of "Ticos" is home of Central America's most spectacular and bio-diverse region. This eco-friendly land has it all: volcanoes, rainforests, organic farms, coffee plantations, cloud forests, and so much more. Expect a rewarding Vamonos' signature cultural immersion experience and plenty of contact with friendly "Ticos."

## Why COSTA RICA?

1

### Natural wonders

Volcanoes, sloths, forests, a sea, an ocean, hot springs, waterfalls, abundant wildlife, the list goes on and on...

2

### Friendly people

The highly-educated "Ticos" are one of the most trustworthy, safe, happy, and hospitable people on earth.

3

### Ecotourism

Nearly 30% of the entire country is made up of protected national parks and wildlife reserves. There are vast opportunities here to serve in support of the environment.

4

### Safety

Known as the "Switzerland" of the Americas, this highly civilized country with a very low crime rate hasn't had an army in over 65 years. Environmentally, few hurricanes or earthquakes ever hit Costa Rica.

5

### Adventure

The country gave birth to "ziplines" many years ago and is full of them. In addition, there are plenty of whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking, mountain climbing, and other adrenaline-pumping activities

6

### Air transportation

Costa Rica is a short, non-stop flight from many major U.S. cities.





# CHILERO TOUR: 6 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Live like a local during our family homestay in rural Costa Rica
- › Experience Manuel Antonio National Park and its pristine beach
- › Visit Monteverde, home of world's first zipline
- › Make and eat your own homemade chocolate at a local farm
- › Eat "gallo pinto" and interact with locals "en español"
- › Hike lush forests, spot amazing wildlife, and go whitewater rafting



For a complete list of prices refer to our pricing brochure accompanying this catalog.

### DAY 1: SAN JOSE / SARAPIQUI

Visit a butterfly and ecological family garden. Learn about many insect and reptile species and maybe catch a glimpse of a caiman. After a homemade lunch, help make and sample homemade chocolate with our local host.

### DAY 2: SARAPIQUI / LA FORTUNA

Enjoy an adventurous morning of whitewater rafting in the Sarapiquí river. Then drive to the northern plains and have lunch at an organic farm. Try your hand at grinding coffee, making sugar cane juice, and even cooking your own tortilla. Have dinner and spend the night with a local family during our homestay in La Fortuna.

### DAY 3: LA FORTUNA/ MONTEVERDE

Visit a rural local community and/or a school as you interact with students during a service-learning project. Practice your español while having lunch with locals! Transfer to mountainous region of Monteverde. Guided evening hike in the mysterious cloud forest.

### DAY 4: MONTEVERDE / JACO BEACH

Interactive hike at the Santa Elena reserve. Experience the world's first canopy tour – Soar over the jungle on an amazing zipline adventure. After lunch, drive west to experience warm Pacific coast weather at Jacó Beach. Short beach town tour.

### DAY 5: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK / SAN JOSE

Experience a guided tour of Manuel Antonio National Park. Hike the trails and discover close-up encounters with wildlife. Enjoy some beach time at the park but beware of curious monkeys eager to snack on your lunch! Depart to San José for a brief walking and driving tour of historic capital city.

### DAY 6: SAN JOSE - HOME

Converse with locals as you learn about the nation's environmental efforts and the country's importance in Latin America. After a farewell breakfast, enjoy some last-minute cultural/souvenir shopping. Reminisce about all your people to people and nature experiences as you head home.

# GUACAMAYO TOUR: 8 days

### DAY 1: SAN JOSE / SARAPIQUI

Welcome to Latin America's "Switzerland." Meet your tour director as you depart for Sarapiquí. Visit a butterfly and ecological family garden. Learn about many insect and reptile species and maybe catch a glimpse of a caiman. Enjoy a late homemade lunch. For dessert help make and sample homemade chocolate with our local host. Ask for some cacao fruit!

### DAY 2: SARAPIQUI / LA FORTUNA

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### DAY 4: MONTEVERDE

Interactive hike at the Santa Elena reserve. Experience the world's first canopy tour – Soar over the jungle on an amazing zipline adventure. After lunch, participate in a service-learning experience in the forest. Brief down time to explore the city and shop.

### DAY 5: MONTEVERDE / JACO

Drive west to experience warm Pacific coast weather at Jacó Beach. Interact with locals as you explore the coastal town and culture. Walking tour of town and of one of its surfing beaches. Learn about the surf culture as you stroll through a Pacific black sandy beach. Rewards for the first one to spot a pair of scarlet "Guacamayos!"

### DAY 6: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK / JACO

Experience a guided tour of Manuel Antonio National Park. Hike the trails and discover close-up encounters with wildlife. Enjoy some beach time at the park but beware of curious monkeys eager to snack on your lunch! Return to hotel for some well-deserved pool time. End the day with cultural games and possibly a bonfire by the beach.

### DAY 7: JACO / SAN JOSE

Head to the highlands of the country. Visit a unique coffee plantation where you'll learn about the process from plantation to coffee cup. Sample various brews and find out how their coffee is grown and processed. Interact with local family farmers. Head to San José for a short driving/walking tour. Enjoy a fond farewell dinner.

### DAY 8: SAN JOSE - HOME

Converse with locals as you learn about the nation's environmental efforts and the country's importance in Latin America. After a farewell breakfast, enjoy some last-minute cultural/souvenir shopping. Reminisce about all your people to people and nature experiences as you head home.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › 6-day Chilero Tour highlights, plus...
- › Tour a coffee plantation and sample different kinds of coffee
- › Additional service project in Monteverde
- › Walking tour of coastal surfing town



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Costa Rica





# PANAMA

*Panama flies under the radar of most tour companies. The country has so much to offer: access to two oceans, US currency, the world's most famous canal, a rainforest in the capital, amazing culture, and numerous indigenous tribes. Like Costa Rica, the country is blessed with spectacular fauna, flora, and a rich biodiversity. Come and explore "la tierra de los panameños."*

San Blas Islands

Colon

Panama City

## Why PANAMA?

1

### Currency

It's the U.S. Dollar – no currency exchange needed!

2

### Accessibility

Panama has direct flights from several major cities in the U.S.

3

### Reliable

Panamá has a very strong and reliable infrastructure, solid medical care, a democratic government, and great telecommunications.

4

### Safe

It has a low crime rate, minimal threat of natural disasters, and has high hygiene standards (safe drinking water).

5

### History

The country has plenty of history to be found. There are numerous historic cities, old ruins, and ornate cathedrals.

6

### Cultural Diversity

In addition to Panama's European-Spanish and African cultures, Panamá is home to seven indigenous Amerindian tribes that have preserved their way of life for centuries. They are friendly and hospitable.

7

### Spanish

With only 15% of the population that speaks English, this country is ideal for Spanish immersion tours.

8

### Rich Nature

Panamá has expansive rainforests and beautiful beaches. You can get up close and personal with wildlife and swim in two different oceans in one day!

9

### Be Happy!

Panamá is one of the top five happiest countries on earth!





# BALBOA TOUR: 6 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by canoe and boat to visit remote indigenous villages
- Serve at a unique local soup kitchen and community
- Visit Panama City's El Casco Viejo
- Enjoy an Latin dance lesson
- Visit a local fish market for a fresh caught lunch
- Walk the "Cinta Costera" and enjoy the view of Panama City



STARTING AT:  
**\$2,125**

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### DAY 1: PANAMA CITY

Arrive in "Panamá" and meet your tour director and staff. Depart for Panama City. Explore "Casco Viejo" and learn about Panama's history.

### DAY 2: PANAMA CITY

Serve in a local soup kitchen preparing lunch while also participating in distribution and food outreach. Hike scenic Cerro Ancón in the afternoon. Enjoy a dance lesson before dinner at a local academy.

### DAY 3: EMBERA VILLAGE/ PANAMA CANAL

Depart for Río Gatú to visit the Emberá village. Ride down the river in canoes with indigenous "boteros." Learn about their language, dance, and culture. Help rebuild traditional homes. After lunch, visit one of the three locks that form part of the Panama Canal. Take the train back to Panama City. Spend the evening exploring the capital.

### DAY 4: PANAMA CITY

Walk the Cinta Costera spanning the city's old and new districts. Visit a local fish market for some fresh caught lunch. Spend a little time exploring and shopping in the market. In the evening, visit a local Panamanian home and learn how to prepare local favorite dishes as you have dinner with the family.

### DAY 5: PANAMA CITY

Enjoy one last walk through the city streets! Head to Casco Antiguo for a tour of the presidential palace and some last minute shopping before heading to the airport. ¡Hasta luego Panamá!

Explore a **sample**  
**itinerary** (We customize everything!)

# TAMBORITO TOUR: 8 days

### DAY 1: PANAMA CITY

Arrive in Panama and meet your tour director and staff. Depart for Panama City. Explore "Casco Antiguo" and learn about the country's history.

### DAY 2: PANAMA CITY

Serve in a local soup kitchen preparing lunch and distributing it to families in need. Take a short hike of scenic Cerro Ancón. Explore downtown Panama city with a walk down Cinta Costera to the local fish market. Scavenger hunt at the fish market. Then learn latin dances at a local dance academy. Visit a local Panamanian family and learn how to cook local favorite dishes; dine with the family.

### DAY 3: EMBERA VILLAGE/ PANAMA CANAL

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### DAY 4: SAN BLAS ISLAND

Journey to the San Blas Islands off the northern coast of Panama. Visit the remote indigenous Kuna Yala tribe and village. Explore their crafts, music, and their colorful traditional "mola" dress. Volunteer at their local school as you interact with Kuna kids. Beach time and snorkeling in the clear waters off the islands. Spend the night there.

### DAY 5: SAN BLAS ISLAND/ PANAMA CITY

Take a boat to the Kuna Yala community island for a morning of service. Head back to the mainland by boat. Arrive in time for dinner at a local Panamanian restaurant.

### DAY 6: PANAMA CITY/ CHITRE

Drive southwest to the culturally-rich city of Chitré. Visit a local farmers' market and take a brief walking tour of the main plaza and cathedral. Meet authentic "Pollera" dress makers. Evening folkloric dance show and dinner.

### DAY 7: CHITRE

Spend the morning volunteering at a local rural school. After lunch, visit Panamanian artisans. Watch pottery being created, sample fresh-made bread, and learn how *Diablicos* masks and *tamboritos* drums are made.

### DAY 8: ADIOS PANAMA

Enjoy one last walk through the city streets! Head to Casco Antiguo for a tour of the Presidential Palace and some last minute shopping the airport. ¡Hasta luego Panamá!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Balboa tour highlights plus...
- Visit the Kuna Yala indigenous tribe in the San Blas Islands
- Service-learning project and lodging at remote Kuna Yala village
- Volunteer in a rural school in Chitré
- Sample fresh bread
- Learn about Diablicos masks
- See how tamboritos drums are made



STARTING AT:  
**\$2,575**

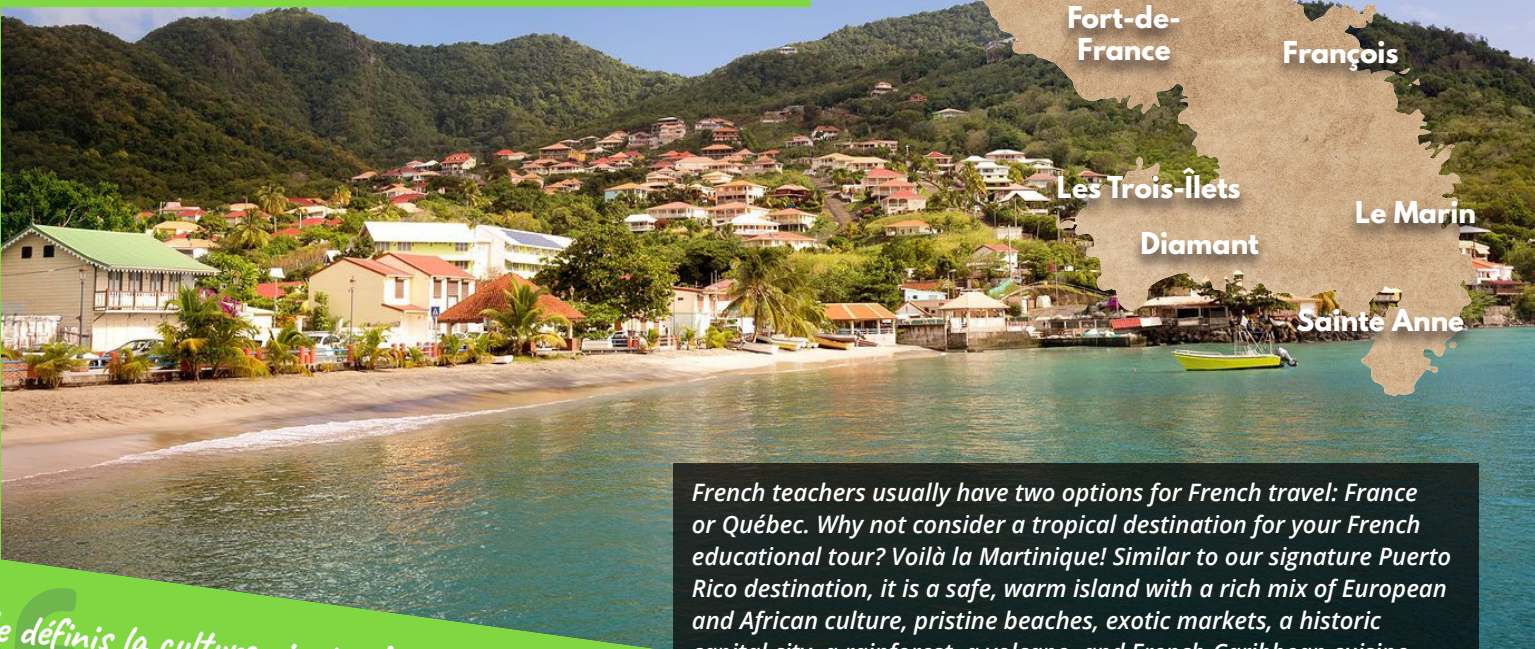
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Panama



# FRENCH MARTINIQUE



French teachers usually have two options for French travel: France or Québec. Why not consider a tropical destination for your French educational tour? Voilà la Martinique! Similar to our signature Puerto Rico destination, it is a safe, warm island with a rich mix of European and African culture, pristine beaches, exotic markets, a historic capital city, a rainforest, a volcano, and French-Caribbean cuisine. English is rarely heard on the island which makes it an ideal place for students to practice their French. As is our custom, expect to interact with locals at schools, at Martiniquais neighborhoods, at the market, at pétanque courts, and everywhere.

*Je définis la culture ainsi : c'est tout ce que les hommes ont imaginé pour façonner le monde, pour s'accommoder du monde et pour le rendre digne de l'homme. - Aimé Césaire*

## Why MARTINIQUE?

1

### Safe French Destination

Martinique is a friendly French island known for its safety and highly educated *Martiniquais*. It has terrific roads, great medical care, and safe food/water standards.

2

### European Travel in the Caribbean

Visit France, full of authentic French culture and cuisine, just a few hours away from the east coast.

3

### Sunny & Warm French Travel

Practice French in warm Caribbean climate 12-months a year!

4

### Natural Diversity

Experience white, yellow, and/or black sandy beaches, a famous volcano, small natural reserve islands, rainforest waterfalls and rivers, and plenty of mountain hikes.

5

### Medical Care

Expect European standards of medical care easily accessible in every town and city we visit.

6

### Unique Culture and Diversity

Martinique is a fusion of Indigenous Caribs, African, Créole, and European culture within a 50-by-22 mile range.





# CRÉOLE TOUR: 5 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Scavenger hunt at colorful farmers' market
- Creole cooking class
- Coastal hike through Savane des Pétrifications
- Unique Afro-Caribbean percussion & dance workshop
- "Chez l'Habitant" dinner with local neighbors "en français"
- Professional dance lessons
- Eco-tourism and environmental service at local organic farm



STARTING AT:  
\$2,345

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Explore a **sample**  
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### DAY 1: HOME / MARTINIQUE

Enjoy a driving tour of the capital on your way to the hotel to check in. Authentic welcome creole cooking class and dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 2: FORT DE FRANCE

Start your day with a walking tour of the capital city. Then visit a colorful farmers' market and interact with the locals. Tour the beautiful *Bibliothèque Schoelcher* and *la Cathédrale*. Enjoy a homemade dinner at the home of a rural family in a friendly neighborhood tradition called "Chez l'Habitant."

### DAY 3: LES TROIS-ÎLETS / LE DIAMANT / SAINTE-ANNE

Stop at unforgettable *Cap 110- Memorial de L'Anse Cafard* and learn about the meaning behind the sculptures. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the beach before embarking on a coastal hike through beautiful *Savane des Pétrifications*. Spend the rest of your afternoon relaxing at Salines Beach.

### DAY 4: FORT-DE-FRANCE / GROS MORNE

Visit a rural organic farm in the central mountainous region of the island. Learn farming techniques and help the community through a sustainable service-learning project. Meet local farmers and learn about their farming techniques. Enjoy a homemade lunch made with produce grown on the farm. Partake of an unforgettable, fun, and energetic cultural Afro-Caribbean percussion and dance workshop.

### DAY 5: MARTINIQUE / HOME

Learn about the island's yole and gommier passion as well as Martinique's relationship with France. Find out more about Aimé Césaire as you head to the airport named after him.

# GOMMIER TOUR: 7 days

### DAY 1: HOME / MARTINIQUE

Enjoy a driving tour of the capital on your way to the hotel to check in. Authentic welcome creole cooking class and dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 2: FORT DE FRANCE

Start your day with a walking tour of the capital city. Then visit a colorful farmers' market and interact with the locals. Tour the beautiful *Bibliothèque Schoelcher* and *la Cathédrale*. Enjoy a homemade dinner at the home of a rural family in a friendly neighborhood tradition called "Chez l'Habitant."

### DAY 3: LES TROIS-ÎLETS / LE DIAMANT / SAINTE-ANNE

Stop at unforgettable *Cap 110- Memorial de L'Anse Cafard* and learn about the meaning behind the sculptures. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the beach before embarking on a coastal hike through beautiful *Savane des Pétrifications*. Spend the rest of your afternoon relaxing at Salines Beach.

### DAY 4: FORT-DE-FRANCE / GROS MORNE

Begin the day touring the unique *Musée de la Banane*. Try all kinds of snacks and condiments made out of bananas. In the afternoon, visit a rural organic farm as you learn farming techniques and help the community through an agro-service-learning project. Partake of an unforgettable, fun, and energetic cultural Afro-Caribbean percussion and dance workshop. Enjoy a homemade dinner made with produce grown on the farm.

### DAY 5: LES TROIS-ÎLETS

Spend the morning at Anse Dufour beach and enjoy a picnic lunch. Visit *La Savane des Esclaves* museum. Finish the day off with a walking tour of the main Trois-Îlets district.

### DAY 6: LES TROIS-ÎLETS

Visit Le Jardin de Balata, one of the Caribbean's most well-kept natural gardens. Then travel to the northwest as you visit the former capital city of Saint-Pierre. Learn about Montagne Pelée and its deadly 1902 volcano. Spend the afternoon hiking Les Gorges de la Falaise Rainforest. Enjoy a creole dinner near the hotel.

### DAY 7: LES TROIS-ÎLETS

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ➤ Créole tour highlights plus...

- Guided rainforest eco-tour & waterfalls
- Walking tour of former capital city of Saint-Pierre
- Explore the unique Banana Museum
- Experience Mt. Pelée volcano and its history from afar
- Tour an informative slave museum
- Visit famous Jardin de Balata



STARTING AT:  
\$2,570

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# FRENCH QUEBEC

Quebec City and Montreal are two of the most vibrant and diverse cities in North America. Given Quebec's proximity to the US, this region is our most affordable French destination. Experience the fun of speaking "joul French," of interacting with city and rural locals "Vámonos-style," and of immersing students in the rich history and culture of French Canada.

## "C'EST LE FUN": 7 days

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided Walking tour of Montreal & Quebec City
- Cooking class with local folks and Sugar Shack experience
- Guided tour of Château Frontenac and Plains of Abraham
- Interactive Circus School workshop
- Guided Tour of Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal
- Experience dog sledding and an ice hotel (Jan. to Mar. only)
- Ice Skating in the Old Port (Mid-December to Mid-March)

STARTING AT:  
**\$2,145**

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#### DAY 1: MONTREAL

Fly or take a coach bus to Montreal as you admire the spectacular interior of Notre-Dame Basilica. Take a walking tour of Vieux-Montréal and explore Place Jacques-Cartier and St-Paul Street. Authentic crêpe dinner in town.

#### DAY 2: MONTREAL

Interact with locals "en français" by serving at a food pantry. Collect non-perishable food and goods for people in need. Spend some time at the Jean-Talon Market, enjoy the colors, aromas, and sounds of Montreal's biggest market. Discover the impressive McGill University campus. Take in the view of the city from the Kondiaronk Belvedere Lookout on Mount Royal.

#### DAY 3: MONTREAL/ QUEBEC CITY

Board your motorcoach and continue on to la ville de Québec. Guided walking tour of Vieux Québec; Share the secrets of Old Quebec as you journey through St-Louis and St-Jean Streets. Partake in The Soldiers of the Martello Tower at the Plains of Abraham Museum and Park. Learn about daily life of soldiers of the 1812 Battle in Québec.

#### DAY 4: QUEBEC CITY

Breakfast at Quebec's official Parliament. With quiz sheet in hand and your own digital camera, set off in teams on a photo scavenger hunt through Vieux Québec. In the company of a period costumed guide, visit the iconic Château Frontenac. Learn about historical events and famous people that shaped the hotel's identity. Visit Morrin Centre, the city's first prison. Discover a hidden, dark and almost unknown part of the city's history by exploring the buildings' past. Enjoy an authentic savory crêpe for dinner.

#### DAY 5: QUEBEC CITY

Tour and walk over the suspended bridge at Parc de la Chute Montmorency. Enjoy a guided tour of the Ste-Anne de Beaupré Basilica. Stop at an authentic Atelier to listen to Québécois folk tales and follow the story on a carved wooden mural depicting the events. Learn about Huron-Wendat history and customs at the Wendake Museum. Listen to myths and legends as told by a local storyteller! Live the Québécois tradition of "sugaring off" at a local sugar shack!

#### DAY 6: QUEBEC CITY

Visit the Musée de la Civilisation and its many educational exhibits. Wander through the enchanting Quartier Petit Champlain, the oldest shopping district in North America. Discover the Marché du Vieux Port, Quebec City's local market. Be immersed in modern circus techniques at the École de Cirque de Québec.

#### DAY 7: QUEBEC CITY / HOME

Say a fond *au revoir* to your Tour Director as you return home.



# SAN ANTONIO

*You've heard of the Álamo, but few have considered the many cultural, educational, and Spanish immersion opportunities in San Antonio. Experience a vibrant Mexican heritage tour in the heart of Texas. The city's history, unique attractions, and friendly people will make this one of your preferred US student group destinations.*

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## ÁLAMO TOUR: 7 days

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Volunteer at the U.S. border crossing with a local organization in Laredo, TX
- › Do the RiverWalk, "en español!"
- › Mexican "Tamales 101" cooking class with local "abuelitas"
- › Take authentic Mexican dance lessons
- › Serve at Refugee And Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services
- › Explore Texas' most visited cave park
- › Interact with Native Americans through storytelling, song, and dance
- › Visit an authentic west coast "rancho;" learn about Tex-Mex "vaqueros"

#### DAY 1:

Visit the Mexican district of San Antonio. Interact with locals as you learn about Tejano culture. Take Mexican-rich "Folklorico" dance lessons. Walk through the historic district on your way to an authentic Mexican welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2:

Learn about sanctuary cities and immigration as you serve at Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. Then head to the Spanish Missions for an interactive indigenous Mission tour.

#### DAY 3:

Distribute packed lunches and backpacks for refugee families traveling by bus at the U.S. border crossing with a local organization in Laredo, Texas. Interact with refugee children through reading, activities, storytelling, etc.

#### DAY 4:

Learn about the city's Spanish and Mexican background as you take a walking tour of historic downtown San Antonio. Visit the Álamo, the city's soul and Texas' most visited landmark. In the afternoon visit the Instituto Cultural Mexicano. Meet local Mexican "abuelitas" for an authentic "tamalada" cooking class. Make your own "tamal."

#### DAY 5:

Visit a "rancho" in Bandera, Texas. Spend the day engaging in optional activities such as horseback riding, lasso lessons, feeding cattle, hayride, and roasting marshmallows over a campfire.

#### DAY 6:

Discover Texas' most visited caverns on a private tour. Order lunch in Spanish. Tour La Villita and San Fernando Cathedral. Take a boat tour of San Antonio's Riverwalk. Chat with locals about Tejano culture and language. Spend a little time shopping and savor an "agua fresca." Finish your day by experiencing San Antonio's Saga at the main plaza.

#### DAY 7:

Take a walking tour of San Antonio's El Mercado. Visit an authentic Mexican frutería. Break down into groups and participate in a scavenger hunt in the city's "mercado" before heading home.

STARTING AT:  
**\$2,125**



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San Antonio





# CUBA

*This once forbidden country had been closed to Americans for over 50 years. Before the doors opened, Vámonos was already licensed by the U.S. government to run "people to people" tours to Cuba. No other destination allows you to travel back into time as Cuba does. With its fascinating culture, 1950's flavor, undiscovered nature, and warm people, the island is an unforgettable and ideal destination for all.*



## CUBA IS TIME TRAVEL

REST ASSURED your tour is safe and approved as  
US Government as a people to people tour

**FUSION OF CULTURES • LAND OF CONTRASTS • PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**





# MI TIERRA TOUR: 5 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Old Havana walking tour
- Enjoy the island's best *arroz con frijoles negros*
- Interact with locals at cultural *El Malecón*
- Authentic cooking class
- Visit a tobacco farm
- Meet local farmers and poets in Matanzas



STARTING AT:  
**\$2,745**

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### DAY 1: HAVANA

Enjoy an authentic welcome lunch at a historic rice and black beans restaurant. Walk through the fascinating streets of Old Havana on a guided walking tour. Immerse yourself in the culture of a city left practically untouched for over 50 years. Find out city's legends as you meet locals on a guided walk.

### DAY 2: HAVANA

Visit Havana's most artistic barrio. Interact with community leaders and artists who rejuvenated this once debris-filled neighborhood. Participate in an art service-project and a dance workshop. Tour Havana's Malecón and ask locals about Cuba's culture and traditions. In the evening, explore Cuban cuisine as you cook with a local chef.

### DAY 3: VINALES

Drive west to Pinar del Río province and visit a unique "guarapera" (sugar cane juice stand). Tour a karst-filled cave as you interact with farmers on a *sustainable tobacco farm*. Interact with locals as you tour an old village and marvel at the region's *mogotes* (bizarre-shaped green hills dating from the Jurassic period).

### DAY 4: MATANZAS

Explore Cuban arts in "the Athens of Cuba." Meet a local poet and a storyteller at a publishing house that still copies books by hand. After a walking tour of Matanzas, learn about Cuban crops and farming at a friendly organic farm. Sample honey straight from a bee-filled hive (these bees don't sting!). Finish off the day in sunny Varadero as you learn about tourism development and foreign investment.

### DAY 5: HAVANA

Chat with locals as you learn about the use of horses and antique cars for transportation. After a farewell breakfast, reminisce about all your people to people interactions with Cubans as you head home.

# CLÁSICO TOUR: 7 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 5-day Mi Tierra Tour highlights, plus....
- An extra day in Cienfuegos, "the Pearl of the South"
- Cienfuegos guided city tour plus graphic art workshop
- Explore historic Trinidad, a Unesco World Heritage site



STARTING AT:  
**\$2,985**

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### DAY 4: MATANZAS

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### DAY 5: CIENFUEGOS

Experience Cuba's "Pearl of the South" on a guided walking tour. Learn about José Martí's legacy and influence in all aspects of Cuba's culture, art, and politics. Participate in a local graphic art workshop. Next, head to Guanaroca Lagoon and learn about the efforts to preserve this flamingo-filled ecosystem on a short boat tour.

### DAY 6: TRINIDAD

Tour this 19th century colonial city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through cobblestone streets and meet residents and shop owners. After lunch, return to Cienfuegos. End the day on a sunset farewell dinner overlooking Cienfuegos' bay.

### DAY 7: HAVANA & HOME

Chat with locals as you learn about the use of horses and antique cars for transportation. After a farewell breakfast, reminisce about all your people to people interactions with Cubans as you head home.

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Cuba





# MIAMI

*Miami, Latin America's capital within the United States, is an ideal continental US student travel destination given its Spanish influence and strong Latino culture. Come and explore serious Cuban food, captivatin*



## CHORIPÁN TOUR: 7 days

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Eat where locals eat (from "frijoles negros," to "chicharritas" and beyond)
- ▶ Watch out for wildlife in and around the Everglades
- ▶ Visit a Miccosukee Native American village; learn how they handle alligators
- ▶ Immerse yourself in Miami's Little Havana - Dominoes anyone?
- ▶ Serve and help exotic creatures at an animal rescue mission
- ▶ Explore a local Latino market & cafetería - try a "batido de guanábana"
- ▶ Stroll through South Beach and participate in an urban arts and mural city tour
- ▶ Embark on a thrilling airboat tour to see alligators in the wild
- ▶ Walk through Wynwood Walls for a world class graffiti tour
- ▶ Environmental service and beach time at the Key Biscayne National Park
- ▶ Dine at the world's most famous Cuban restaurant

### DAY 1:

Embark your journey on a cultural community tour. Visit [Little Havana](#) and check out serious *dominó* players at Calle 8. Learn to dance salsa at a local dance academy before enjoying an authentic Cuban dinner at the world's most famous Cuban restaurant. By the end of the day and with so much Spanish, you'll forget you are in the U.S.

### DAY 2:

Explore the Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park and learn about the region's flora and fauna. The visit includes a guided coastal and dune clean-up service project. After a lunch picnic, spend some time relaxing at the beach. Visit the world famous [Wynwood Walls](#) for a world class graffiti mural tour.

### DAY 3:

Tour the Everglades with the indigenous Miccosukee people - visit their Indian Village and learn about traditional arts and handcrafts. Experience a death-defying demonstration in a pit full of live alligators. Take an airboat ride where you'll visit an Indian camp and attempt to spot alligators and wildlife out in the open. Spend the rest of the day serving at an amazing animal rescue mission full of exotic animals.

### DAY 4:

Head for Key Largo and sail on a glass bottom boat for a snorkeling tour over coral reefs. After lunch, visit Palacio de Jugos and participate in a scavenger hunt for fruits, vegetables, and meat products.

### DAY 5:

Serve the Miami downtown community at a soup kitchen and/or at a homeless shelter. Interview local Latino volunteers. After lunch, depart for famous Miami Beach. Enjoy a guided tour of South Beach as you visit the Art Deco.

### DAY 6:

Begin the day with a guided college visit of University of Miami. Enjoy the afternoon at a local park with the option of biking! Learn how to cook a traditional Peruvian or Cuban meal at an authentic restaurant!

### DAY 7:

Spend the last morning chatting with locals about the Cuba/US relationship. Enjoy downtown Miami and shopping at Bayside before heading to the airport.





# ECUADOR & GALÁPAGOS

Galápagos Islands

BALTRA ISLAND  
SANTA CRUZ  
ISABELA

Ecuador

OTAVALO  
QUITO

GUAYAQUIL

Ecuador is one of the most fascinating destinations in South America. Its lively markets, cosmopolitan Quito, idyllic Andes mountains, and indigenous cultures are unique. To top it all off, Ecuador's Galápagos introduce you to the land of Darwin, and to indescribable natural beauty. Enjoy Ecuador through the lens of Vamonos' cultural immersion and unique itineraries.

## ECUADOR & GALÁPAGOS TOUR: 9 days

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Galápagos National Park tour
- Sierra Negra Volcano and Wall of Tears
- Giant Tortoise Breeding Center
- Darwin Research Center tour
- Quito city walking tour & farmers' market visit
- Tour Teleférico to Volcán Pichincha near Quito
- Wildlife sightseeing and snorkeling

#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE DAY

Depart from your respective airport on an overnight flight to Quito. Get ready for an amazing journey through Ecuador!

#### DAY 2: QUITO

Arrive in Quito and meet your tour director. Visit Pululahua Volcano, one of the only two inhabited volcanic calderas in the world. Tour the equatorial monument at zero degrees latitude. Proceed to a guided tour of Quito. Welcome dinner with Ecuadorians.

#### DAY 3: QUITO & GALAPAGOS

Fly to Baltra Island. From there, navigate to Santa Cruz Island. Explore highlands and different zone vegetations. Meet the island's most famous reptile, giant Galápagos tortoises, as well as other wildlife. Explore networks of lava tube and visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about its conservation efforts.

#### DAY 4: GALAPAGOS

Hike through dry coastal forest and beach to Tortuga Bay. Enjoy a guided tour with some birdwatching. After lunch, take a speedboat journey to Isabela Island, the largest island in the Galápagos. Enjoy a free afternoon of supervised beach time before an authentic dinner in town.

#### DAY 5: GALAPAGOS

Depart for the highlands and arrive at Sierra Negra, one of the largest volcano craters in the world. Enjoy a guided hike/walk around the crater rim. Optional snorkeling afternoon excursion at Concha de la Perla. Enjoy free time to explore sea creatures and some beach time near the hotel.

#### DAY 6: GALAPAGOS

Depart for Tintorerías Island. Guided walk/hike through the island where you will look out for Galápagos Penguins, the smallest penguin species. Enjoy a large colony of marine iguanas, sharks, sea lions, crabs, and blue-footed boobies while snorkeling or swimming. After lunch, explore Los Humedales, a series of coastal pools, lagoons, and mangroves full of plant and animal life. Afternoon mountain biking tour through coastal region. End the day by visiting the Wall of Tears, an old penal colony.

#### DAY 7: GALAPAGOS

Return by boat to Puerto Ayora in Santa Cruz. Explore Isla Santa Cruz while shopping at picturesque port village. Transfer to Baltra Island for our flight back to Quito.

#### DAY 8: GALAPAGOS

Take the famous Teleférico gondola up to Volcán Pichincha. Catch a bird's eye of the city and the Avenue of the Volcanoes. After lunch, visit a local orphanage or school. Interact with and serve students and kids of many ages. End the day with a farewell dinner celebration and games.

#### DAY 9: GALAPAGOS, QUITO, HOME

Discuss with locals Ecuador's relationship with the US and their unique traditions and culture. After a farewell breakfast, reminisce about all your people to people experiences as you head home.

STARTING AT:  
\$4,225



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# SPAIN



Barcelona

*Vibrant "España" offers unavoidable gems such as royal palaces, famous mosques, outstanding cathedrals, world-class museums, and exquisite cuisine. Our cultural touch adds unique experiences such as school visits, scavenger hunts at markets, and conversations with locals. Explore the birthplace of one the world's most spoken languages: "Castellano."*

**¡QUÉ**  
**VIVA.....**  
**ESPAÑA!**

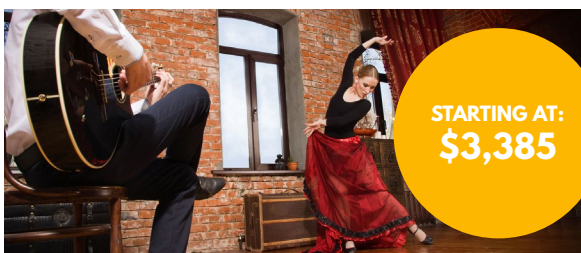




# FLAMENCO TOUR: 8 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided city tour of Madrid with Palace, Prado, Reina Sofía visits
- Visit the South's big three: Sevilla Granada, Córdoba
- Enjoy walking tours of Segovia and Toledo
- Cooking class with local chef and flamenco show/workshop
- Local school and farmers' market visits



For a complete list of prices refer to our pricing brochure accompanying this catalog.

### DAY 1: DEPARTURE DAY

Depart from your respective airport on an overnight flight to Madrid. Get ready for a fabulous journey through "España!"

### DAY 2: MADRID

Arrive in Madrid and meet your tour manager and director. Visit a local chocolatería and coffee shop as you attempt to push back some jetlag. Enjoy an relaxed walking tour of old city with stops such as Parque del Retiro, Museo Reina Sofía, Puerta del Sol, and more. Get ready for serious "tapas!"

### DAY 3: MADRID & SEGOVIA

Head to Segovia for an authentic meal with visits to the first century famous Aqueduct. Explore the prestigious and distinctive El Alcázar. Visit Museo del Prado as you continue your Madrid visit.

### DAY 4: TOLEDO & CORDOBA

Visit the royal land of Toledo. Enjoy the gothic cathedral, El Greco's wonders, and Toledo's remarkable Spanish and Jewish history. From there, head to Córdoba where you'll learn how to make "tortilla española" at our authentic cooking class. Explore Spain's most famous Mosque as you take a guided walking tour of this fascinating city.

### DAY 5: CORDOBA & SEVILLA

Discover more of the south as you visit sunny Sevilla. Guided city tour includes visits to the cathedral, Judería, Giralda and Santa Cruz. Interact with locals as you visit a farmers' market.

### DAY 6: SEVILLA & GRANADA

Discover El Real Alcázar. After a refreshing lunch, head to the city of Granada. Visit unique Alhambra and Generalife. Enjoy an unforgettable Flamenco dinner show and workshop where you'll learn key steps such as *cante*, *toque*, *jaleo*, and *palmas*.

### DAY 7: GRANADA & MADRID

Head to the capital for your last tour day. Optional visits include Real Madrid's soccer stadium, a guided stroll through La Gran Vía and Plaza Mayor, and much more. Enjoy a farewell night stroll around his fascinating city.

### DAY 8: MADRID & HOME

Interact with locals as you discuss the country's soccer passion and famous siesta culture. After a farewell breakfast, reminisce about all your people to people experiences as you head home.

# BARCELONA & MADRID TOUR: 9 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided city tour of Barcelona with Rambla, old city, Sagrada Familia visits
- Guided city tour of Madrid with Palace, Prado, Reina Sofía visits
- Enjoy walking tours of Toledo and Segovia
- Cooking class with local chef and flamenco show/workshop
- School and farmers' market visits



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### DAY 3: MADRID

Visit Museo del Prado as you continue to tour Madrid. Head to Toledo for an authentic meal as you visit this once royal land. Marvel at their gothic cathedral, El Greco's wonders, and remarkable Spanish and Jewish history.

### DAY 4: MADRID & SEGOVIA

Head to Segovia for an authentic "paella" as you visit their Aqueduct and prestigious El Alcázar. Enjoy an unforgettable Flamenco dinner show and workshop where you'll learn key steps such as *cante*, *toque*, *jaleo*, and *palmas*.

### DAY 5: MADRID & BARCELONA

Explore Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, and El Palacio Real. Depart the land of Real Madrid by train as you journey to Barcelona, home of soccer's world famous El Barça club. Enjoy an authentic meal accompanied by "churros" to end the day.

### DAY 6: BARCELONA

Guided city tour includes Parc Montjuïc, City Hall, the Cathedral, and Gaudí's Sagrada Familia. Explore lively Las Ramblas boulevard as you interact with locals at one of Spain's most picturesque and lively markets.

### DAY 7: BARCELONA

Tour Parc Güell, the Spanish Village, Puerto Olímpico and the Gothic Quarter. Optional tour of the Picasso Museum. Learn more about the region's main language, "Catalán," while interacting with students at a local school.

### DAY 8: BARCELONA

Enjoy stunning views of the Pyrenees as we climb to the sacred mountain of Montserrat. While there, visit the stunning Basílica and the Black Madonna. In the afternoon, visit the Museum of City History or Mount Tibidabo, for spectacular views of the Mediterranean coast.

### DAY 9: BARCELONA & HOME

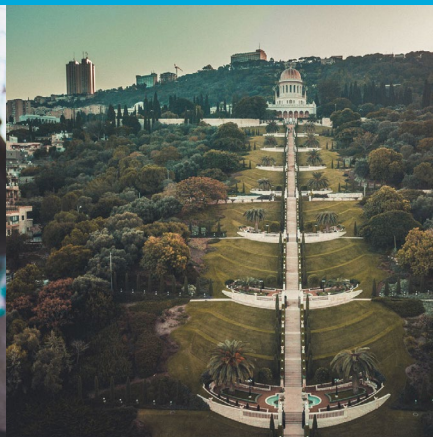
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# ISRAEL

*The tiny State of Israel is a unique and exciting destination for student and performing groups. No place on earth is as packed with history, geographical diversity, and cultural treasures as is Israel. Jerusalem is the holy city of the world's three largest monotheistic religions. Come and experience with us Jewish, Arab, Bedouin, and many other cultures as we travel through time and meet this friendly and safe destination.*

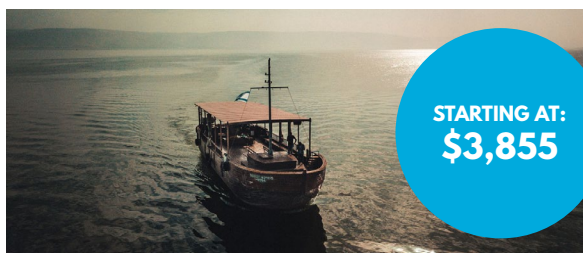




# CLASSIC TOUR: 9 days

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Jerusalem and the most sacred sites for Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths.
- Explore Tel Aviv's fast-paced city, its beach life, and its unique Ancient Jaffa atmosphere.
- Visit Yad Vashem, the renowned remembrance site for Jewish victims of the Holocaust.
- Discover local foods at the markets as you interact with locals and learn about their cultural background.
- Enjoy floating in the Dead Sea at the lowest point on earth.
- Meet locals from very diverse backgrounds: Jews, Arabs, ultra-orthodox Jews, Bedouins, Druze, etc.
- Experience a Sabbath evening with a local host family.
- Visit Archeological sites such as impressive Massada and join an archeological dig.
- Meet young Israelis and volunteer at a service-learning community.
- Raft on the Jordan River and ride a boat that resembles Jesus' boat on the Sea of Galilee.
- See World Heritage sites such as the Bahai Gardens in Haifa and the White City in Tel Aviv.



STARTING AT:  
**\$3,855**

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Explore a sample  
itinerary (We customize everything!)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Classic tour highlights, plus....
- Raft tour on the clear waters of the Jordan River
- Get your adrenaline going – drive an ATV between apple orchards and raspberry bushes.
- Discuss the Israel, Lebanon, and Syria conflict with locals.
- See World Heritage sites such as the Bahai Gardens in Haifa and the White City in Tel Aviv.



STARTING AT:  
**\$4,125**

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### DAY 1: Home

Depart the U.S. for Israel.

### DAY 2: JERUSALEM

Begin the day with a bus and a walking tour of Jerusalem. Read passages from the Old and New Testament and Quran. Enjoy an authentic falafel picnic lunch with a panoramic view of the Dead Sea. Participate in a traditional tree planting ceremony. Welcome event at Mount Scopus. Tour Jerusalem's Old City.

### DAY 3: JERUSALEM

Visit the Jewish Temple Mount in the morning. See the impressive El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, one of the holiest sites for Muslims. Then, walk the 500 year old ramparts of the Old City Wall. Tour the Jewish Quarter and see the ancient stones of the Western Wall. Drive by the Israeli Parliament and visit Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Experience a Light and Sound show after dinner.

### DAY 4: JERUSALEM

Explore a 2700 year old water tunnel built by King Hezekiah. Follow an ancient water canal to see the huge stones plundered by the Romans in 70 A.D. Have lunch at Machane Yehuda as you learn the names of different foods and order in Hebrew! Return to the Western Wall to see how the Sabbath is welcomed in prayer, song, and dance. Experience a traditional Sabbath dinner with a host family.

### DAY 5: JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM

Go through the "Via Dolorosa" and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where it is believed that Jesus was crucified and buried. Explore the Arab Bazaar in small groups. Drive to Bethlehem and tour the Church of the Nativity. Interact with Local Palestinians who live there and make nativity figurines out of old olive wood. Meet local young people gathered at the Jerusalem Triangle at the end of the Sabbath

### DAY 6: JERUSALEM / EIN GEDI

Drive to the Dead Sea and enjoy a beautiful view of the Judean desert. Visit Ein Gedi desert oasis with David's waterfalls. Cool yourself in the natural pools. Climb by foot or by cable car to see the amazing Masada Fortress as you learn why this particular site is a symbol of Jewish heroism. Relax as you float in the Dead Sea. Drive to a Bedouin tent and experience a short camel ride. Spend the night and dine with Bedouins.

### DAY 7: EIN GEDI / BEIT GUVRIN / SEA OF GALILEE

Join a "dig for a day" at a real archaeological site in northern Israel. Have lunch and chat about local culture, sports, and arts with Arab and Jewish youth. Take an evening boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy the ride while learning Israeli dances.

### DAY 8: HAIFA / TEL AVIV

Visit an Israeli high school and meet Arab and Jewish students. Join in a service-learning project as you work with mentally or physically handicapped young people. Tour the "Taglit" Innovation Center in Tel Aviv. Learn about Israel's greatest inventions in modern technology. Visit a startup company that develops innovative drones. Free time at Tel Aviv's beach and last minute shopping time.

### DAY 9: TEL AVIV

Walk through Old Jaffa as you check out the small artists' shops and studios and feel the Middle Eastern atmosphere. Participate in a scavenger hunt at Rothschild Chic Avenue and learn why Tel Aviv was proclaimed a Unesco World Heritage site and give the title "White City." Farewell meal in ancient Jaffa. Depart for airport.

# HOLY LAND TOUR: 11 days

### DAY 1: Home

Depart the U.S. for Israel.

### DAY 2: JERUSALEM

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### DAY 3: JERUSALEM

Visit the Jewish Temple Mount in the morning. See the impressive El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, one of the holiest sites for Muslims. Then, walk the 500 year old ramparts of the Old City Wall. Tour the Jewish Quarter and see the ancient stones of the Western Wall. Drive by the Israeli Parliament and visit Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Experience a Light and Sound show after dinner.

### DAY 4: JERUSALEM

Explore a 2700 year old water tunnel built by King Hezekiah. Follow an ancient water canal to see the huge stones plundered by the Romans in 70 A.D. Have lunch at Machane Yehuda as you learn the names of different foods and order in Hebrew! Return to the Western Wall to see how the Sabbath is welcomed in prayer, song, and dance. Experience a traditional Sabbath dinner with a host family.

### DAY 5: JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM

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### DAY 6: JERUSALEM / EIN GEDI

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### DAY 7: EIN GEDI / BEIT GUVRIN / SEA OF GALILEE

Join a "dig for a day" at a real archaeological site in northern Israel. Have lunch and chat about local culture, sports, and arts with Arab and Jewish youth. Take an evening boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy the ride while learning Israeli dances.

### DAY 8: EIN GEDI / BEIT GUVRIN / SEA OF GALILEE

Drive up to the Golan Heights and take an exciting trip on ATV between apple orchards and raspberry bushes. See an amazing view of Mount Hermon, not far from the border of Syria. Go up to the top of Mt. Bental, once an Israeli army bunker. Learn about the political situation between Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. Raft down the beautiful clear water of the Jordan River.

### DAY 9: EIN GEDI / BEIT GUVRIN / SEA OF GALILEE

Hike the Cliffs of Arbel for a breathtaking view. See where Jesus performed some of his miracles. Visit a Kibbutz and learn about this way of living. Drive to Mt. Carmel and experience a traditional Druze meal. Learn more about the Druze community from locals. On your way to Haifa, visit the Bahai Gardens, the World Center of the Bahai denomination. Participate in a cultural drumming session and workshop.

### DAY 10: HAIFA / TEL AVIV

Visit an Israeli high school and meet Arab and Jewish students. Join in a service-learning project as you work with mentally physically handicapped young people. Tour the "Taglit" Innovation Center in Tel Aviv. Learn about Israel's greatest invention in modern technology. Visit a startup company that develops innovative drones. Free time at Tel Aviv's beach and last minute shopping time.

### DAY 11: TEL AVIV

Walk through Old Jaffa as you check out the small artists' shops and studios and feel the Middle Eastern atmosphere. Participate in a scavenger hunt at Rothschild Chic Avenue and learn why Tel Aviv was proclaimed a Unesco World Heritage site and give the title "White City." Farewell meal in ancient Jaffa. Depart for airport.





# ITALY

*Italy's northeastern region is full of cultural and nature-filled opportunities that few ever experience. Come with us and explore historic trails, little quaint villages, authentic culinary events, and yes, magical Venezia. We'll hike with locals, stay in real Italian "casoni" and friendly mountain "rifugi," and eat Italian food from scratch such as pizza and pasta.*

## ITALY AL NATURALE TOUR: 11 days

**Andiamo in Italia!**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Guided city tour of Venice and its world class Piazza, streets, and museums.
- ▶ Enjoy walking and hiking tours through historical WW1 and WW2 trails.
- ▶ Cooking class with local chef and Asiago cheese factory
- ▶ Local school and farmers' market visits
- ▶ Art fresco demonstration and class with local artists
- ▶ Wildlife and birdwatching on a canoe tour through famous lagoon
- ▶ Venice city tour from a local perspective

STARTING AT:  
**\$3,355**

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#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE DAY**

Depart from your respective airport on an overnight flight to Venice, Italy. Get ready for an unconventional tour of "Italia!"

#### **DAY 2: VENICE / ALTOPIANO DI ASIAGO**

Arrive to Venice, Italy. Head to the mountains of Asiago. After an authentic lunch, enjoy a walking tour of the historic town of Asiago. Learn about the famous "Asiago cheese" and the Veneto region as you interact with locals. End the day with a welcome pasta dinner.

#### **DAY 3: ASIAGO MOUNTAINS**

Start the morning with a mountain bike journey to a "caseificio" or an Asiago cheese factory. Learn about the production of this world famous cheese as you taste different cheese from the region. After a picnic lunch, embark on a mountain orientation hiking tour to a typical farmers house, also known as a "refugio." Walk through important WW1 and WW2 trails, learn about famous battles, peace talks, and important graveyards along the way. Learn traditional Asiago mountain tales on a night walking tour after dinner.

#### **DAY 4: ASIAGO**

Begin the day at a local culinary arts school. Learn the secrets of making pizza from absolute scratch the Italian way. After lunch in an "osteria," visit a local family "frantoio" and "apicultrice" to learn about making olive oil and honey. As our morning's pizza dough gets ready over time, return to our pizza lesson to finish cooking it for dinner. End the day enjoying authentic Italian team-building games.

#### **DAY 5: LUVIGLIANO - VENICE**

Visit a large and authentic Mediterranean Italian Villa. While there, divide in small as you tour the villa and learn the villa's history and traditions. Compete in an interactive scavenger hunt in pairs throughout the villa. After lunch, participate in a unique "arte dell'affresco" workshop. Learn how make your own fresco using traditional techniques used by famous Italian painters. Transfer in the afternoon to the outskirts of Venice. Discover an authentic old-style Italian Casoni where we'll spend the night after a BBQ dinner.

#### **DAY 6: VENICE**

Embark on a kayaking trip of a beautiful lagoon as you learn how to navigate through Valle Averte and Milleampi. This tour includes a wildlife nature tour. Lunch will be served at our typical "casoni". After lunch, visit the Valle Averte's WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and enjoy some bird watching at this natural reserve. Relax in the afternoon at the local beach in the area (weather-permitting). End the day by baking your own bread before dinner near our casoni.

#### **DAY 7: VENICE**

Spend the day visiting magical Venice with a local resident. Learn about the city's history as well as its day to day life from a local perspective. Tour includes stops at Basilica and Piazza di San Marco, museums, and church. After lunch at a "trattoria," visit a Murano glass factory. Converse with local residents about the city's past, present, and future. Transfer to the medieval town of Verona for dinner and hotel.

#### **DAY 8: VERONA**

Guided walking tour of Verona and its colorful farmers' market and ancient streets. Visit a local school and interact with students through varied educational and fun activities. After lunch, tour the legendary home of Romeo and Juliet and a famous first century Roman Amphitheater, the third largest one in the world. Farewell Italian pasta dinner and cooking class at a local family home near Verona.

#### **DAY 9: VERONA - VENICE - HOME**

Interact with locals as you discuss the country's soccer passion. After a farewell breakfast, reminisce about all your people to people experiences as you head home.



# SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Vamonos Tours® Inc. & Vamonos Puerto Rico Inc.

## Reservation / Enrollment:

When you send your enrollment form and deposit for one of our tours, you are officially registered to travel with Vamonos Tours Inc. and Vamonos Puerto Rico Inc. (hereby called Vamonos). In order to travel with us, travelers and at least one parent/legal guardian for minors must sign the online Enrollment & Medical Form.

## Price Guarantee

All prices are quoted in U.S. currency unless stated otherwise. Tour price is calculated using rates and tariffs at the time of booking. Once the tour and tour size have been confirmed and all signatures and enrollment form have been submitted, the tour price and land portion are guaranteed. Vamonos reserves the right to adjust the tour price and apply surcharges in the event of:

1. Additional cost increase of transportation due to fuel surcharge and/or any domestic or international departure or arrival taxes, security charges, or any other type of airline, airport, government, and other charges
2. Tour modification and/or group size changes  
If additional travelers are added to the group, the final tour price will not be reduced after the final deposit deadline.

## Flights: Airlines and Airports

All Vamonos flights are on scheduled airline services based on group net fares. Travelers are subject to the terms and conditions of the airline (s), which shall constitute a unique contract between the passenger and the airline. Flight cancellations, delays, and schedule changes are the sole responsibility of the airline. Any domestic/international departure or arrival taxes, fuel surcharge, or any other types of charges imposed by the airlines, airports, government, etc. (excluding baggage and meal fees) are included in the tour price.

Flight arrangements and itinerary are offered once enrollment deposits for the group have been made upon deadline.

Any excess charges or changes to these beyond our control will be passed on to each passenger, applied to your final payment and paid in full before departure. Lost ticket replacement can take up to a year and processing fees will apply. If you would like to depart from a different airport and/or at a different date than your group (this option is seldom available), you will be responsible to pay any applicable airport and land transportation fees until you meet the group. An administrative fee will also apply for arranging alternative return dates from the same gateway cities.

Travelers that are purchasing a *Land Only* option with Vamonos are responsible for their own flights in their entirety. Land Only travelers are also responsible to be at the airport arrival gate when the group flight arrives at the destination. This is imperative!

Group flight bookings made with Vamonos are

subject to change in their carrier, schedule and/or flight numbers. Each Tour Group Leader is informed of these changes as soon as Vamonos is notified by the airline carrier. Changes often come as a result of airline adjustments. The final flight schedule will be posted to the secured Group Page approximately one month prior to departure. Vamonos will not be held responsible for coordinating any Land Only travelers' flights with the group flights nor will they be responsible for any group flight changes that may offset the Land Only travelers desire to coordinate with the group flights.

## Room assignments

Tour quotes are based on three to four student travelers per room and two adults per room. Most hotel rooms have two beds and some rollaway beds are available depending on the hotel. Double room or private single room accommodations are available upon request at an additional fee per night and should be requested on the enrollment form.

## Liability Waivers

Travelers participating in ziplining or snorkeling activities are required to have a signed waiver. Group Leader is responsible for distributing and collecting these forms. Due to safety regulations, zipline vendors have a weight limit (250 lbs. men / 210 lbs. women) on the ziplines. The zipline provider has the right to refuse anyone that does not meet their requirements. No refund will be given for anyone refused.

## Payments

We accept personal checks, money orders, and credit card payments through our online payment webpage. Your payment is not complete until Vamonos receives it. The enrollment deposit is expected at the time of booking in order to guarantee the reservation. Reservations are guaranteed on a first come first serve basis. The balance of payment must be made no later than one week prior to departure in order to avoid full tour and ticket termination (no refund will be issued). A reservation made after the final payment deadline is payable in full at the time of booking.

A *non-sufficient fund fee* of a minimum of \$25 up to \$50 will be charged to the participant if any payment is denied by the participant's bank such as but not limited to bounced checks.

## Payment Schedule:

Amount Due:	Due Date:
\$400 Enrollment Fee	Upon enrollment.
\$500 Payment	120 days prior to departure* * Failure to make the first two deposits on time will separate you from the group reservation; you will then be responsible for your own flight arrangements
Tour Balance	60 days prior to departure* * A \$45 LATE fee will be added to your balance if final payment is not paid by deadline.

## Cancellation and Refunds

Cancellation refunds and charges below take into consideration the costs Vamonos incurs long before

the group departs. Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Vamonos, either by mail or e-mail (info@vamonostours.com) by the Traveler or Parent/Guardian. The date we receive such written notice will be the official cancellation date. If we do not receive an official cancellation notice in writing after several attempts to reach the parent/guardian of an unpaid (or not fully paid) traveler, we reserve the right to cancel said traveler from the trip with the written permission of the trip's group leader.

For each cancelled participant, the rate charged to the remaining travelers may increase according to the price list.

In the event of cancellation, any insurance premium will not be refundable.

## The following Cancellation Refunds apply to groups of 10 or more:

- 90 days or more prior to departure: \$250 retained from deposit; remainder will be refunded
- Between 89 to 30 days prior to departure: \$470 retained from deposit; remainder will be refunded
- Within 29 days prior to departure: No refund will be issued

## The following Cancellation Refunds apply to groups of less than 10:

- 30 days or more prior to departure: \$575 retained from deposit; remainder will be refunded
- Within 29 days prior to departure: No refund will be issued

## Cancellation with Replacement:

A participant who cancels his/her trip but finds a person to replace him/her must notify us by writing at the time of cancellation notice. He/She must include the substitute participant's name, reservation, and all other information. The enrollment deposit and any insurance premium will not be refundable. Replacement charges may apply according to airline surcharges and/or insurance premium.

## The following Cancellation-Replacement Refunds apply once the replacement has fully paid:

- 90 days or more prior to departure: \$50 retained from deposit; remainder will be refunded
- Between 89 to 30 days prior to departure: \$225 retained from deposit; remainder will be refunded
- Within 29 days prior to departure: No refund will be issued

## Refund

No refund will be made for any unused travel services or any portion thereof, nor is the price or value of unused travel services exchangeable for alternative services.

## Cancellation made by Vamonos



In the event that the tour must be canceled or abbreviated due to force majeure circumstances within 30 days of scheduled departure or at any time thereafter, our cancellation charges stated previously will be assessed. Vamonos reserves the right to cancel the tour in such an event.

#### **Cancellation for Insufficient Bookings**

In the event that insufficient interest in the tour is the case for the cancellation, our refund policy will be as follows: the initial deposit will be reimbursed provided that the tour is cancelled in writing by the institution and/or group leader (not by an individual traveler) within the first two months of the enrollment process. We shall not be liable for any claims, demands, losses or damages of any kind whatsoever you may have by reason of cancellation of the tour beyond our control.

#### **Modifications made by traveler**

Any modification prior to or while on tour, especially but not limited to the flight itinerary or rooming assignments, will result in a surcharge to be paid if services are modified or increased. A name change is not a modification but a participant substitution.

#### **Passport and Non-U.S. Citizens**

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for obtaining all visas, entry documents, health requirements and any documents required by laws, regulations, orders and/or requirements of the United States. All non-U.S. citizens traveling with Vamonos must have a valid and updated passport and must consult with appropriate consulates to determine if any visas are needed. No refunds will be made if improper documentation results in denied boarding or entry. All U.S. and non-U.S. citizens travelling to Cuba and other destinations are responsible for obtaining an appropriate passport that's more than six months away from expiration prior to the trip.

#### **General Liability**

Your trip is arranged by Vamonos Tours, Inc. DBA Vamonos Tours and Vamonos Puerto Rico. It has made the travel arrangements as agent for the transportation carriers & other suppliers (SUPS) of services connected with the tour, all of which are independent contractors. Vamonos in no way owns or operates the vehicles or facilities to be used during the trip, and does not guarantee performance by, or assume responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of SUPS, their employees, agents, etc.

All bookings are accepted subject to the conditions imposed by SUPS & Vamonos, including, but not limited to, the airlines, ground transportation, boats, hotels, restaurants, insurance & other companies, firms or persons concerned with the trip. Airline and/or weather conditions may cause delays, group separation, additional tour days, modification or cancellation of services. Vamonos cannot accept responsibilities in such cases. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible. Vamonos will make no refund in the event of their delay, cancellations, overbooking, strike, force majeure or for elements of the trip not used by customer. If there is a difference between Vamonos' conditions and those published by a SUP, the conditions of SUP shall apply.

Price quoted is per person based on quad occupancy. Vamonos reserves the right to cancel a trip, change the itinerary or adjust rates whenever in its sole judgment conditions warrant, or if Vamonos deems it necessary for your safety, comfort, or

convenience. Vamonos reserves the right to correct an error in the advertised price prior to your departure.

Trips outside of the USA require a valid U.S. passport or other acceptable forms of citizenship proof. You are responsible for, and release Vamonos from passport, visa, vaccination requirements, and/or safety conditions in travel destinations.

Vamonos strongly recommends you purchase appropriate travel / medical / baggage / cancellation insurance for the trip, which is available through Vamonos. For medical information, call Public Health at 301-443-2403, and for travel advisories US State Dept. at 202- 647-5225, [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

A contract is made when your enrollment form and payment are accepted by Vamonos in its home office in Delaware and any disputes shall be governed by Delaware law & are subject to exclusive jurisdiction and venue in New Castle County, Delaware. In calculating the cost of your trip, Vamonos has relied on your consent to these terms and in the absence of this release, the trip cost would have been higher. For questions, contact Vamonos at: 888-366-6121.

Participants shall be responsible for additional costs that extend beyond the completion of their itinerary and paid tour price. The tour leaders and/or group chaperones may make reasonable changes in the dates, destinations, and/or itinerary for the mutual benefit and safety of group participants. In such event, they shall not be liable for any delay, loss or damage resulting there from.

#### **Photo/Video Waiver**

I understand and consent that Vamonos may record and/or include pictures, videos, and/or comments of the student / adult traveler in any future marketing materials including but not limited to the company's official website. I understand that my name or my child's name will never be included on Vamonos' marketing and/or business materials without my permission.

#### **Traveler's Discipline Agreement**

As a participant in a Vamonos tour:

\*I agree to abide by all rules, policies, and standards of behavior established by Vamonos, their personnel during my tour, my school, and the group leader and to follow the specific instructions of the tour leaders, teachers, and parent chaperones at all times.

\* I understand and agree with Vamonos' Student Traveler Expectations and the following:

- No student traveler/minor is allowed to have visitors of the opposite sex in his/her room.
- No student traveler/minor is allowed to drive or rent any motor vehicle or hitchhike in any way.

\* I further understand that the use of alcohol (for minors and/or for students on tour) and unlawful substances on this trip are strictly forbidden.

\* I understand and agree that the safety and welfare of the group is of the utmost importance.

\*I understand that I am expected to participate in all group and individual activities.

\*I am fully aware of all the safety and behavior policies discussed for this trip.

\*I agree to act in a responsible, ethical, and positive manner and to make a valuable contribution to this experience.

\* I understand that by enrolling in this tour I've chosen to travel with the group leader/teacher from my institution (when applicable), and I understand that the designation of this person is not the responsibility of Vamonos. For school groups: I understand that an adult group leader from my school must accompany me on tour. If for some reason the teacher/group leader is unable to attend, Vamonos will ask him/her to appoint another adult group leader to replace him/her.

\*If I cancel at this point, I will be responsible for paying any and all cancellation penalties such as any standard cancellation.

\* I understand that it is my responsibility to secure and bring necessary travel documents (valid photo I.D., passport). Failure to do so does not constitute grounds for a refund.

\* I understand that I am responsible and will be required to pay for any and all phone calls, personal incidental expenses that I incur at hotels, and any damage I cause to buses, hotel rooms, Vamonos' equipment, restaurants and other locations while on tour.

\* I understand that this is an educational tour designed mostly for students, as reflected in the educational content, itinerary, pace, accommodations, and other aspects of the tour.

\* As a traveler in this tour, I relinquish any claim that I or any family relative may have against the tour organizers, Vamonos, teachers, chaperones, and school, both on my behalf and in my capacity as legal representative, while I and/or my child is a participant in this trip, during both supervised and unsupervised activities. Failure to follow these and all guidelines may result in Vamonos terminating me from the tour immediately thus waiving my rights to any refund.

#### **Consequences and Traveler's Withdrawal**

In the event of any infraction of the rules and/or policies or consistent misbehavior after the trip's commencement, the group leader (s), teachers, guides, and chaperones reserve the right of final decision and may, if necessary, depending on the severity of infraction:

1. Revoke my free time and/or assign me to a different hotel room.
2. Place a call to my parents in order to explain the current situation.
3. Send me home at my own or parents' expense as a result of any action(s) deemed detrimental to my well being and/or to the safety of the trip or its participants.





# ASSURANCE & SAFETY

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

## SAFETY STANDARDS

The safety of our travelers is paramount to us...

**24/7 Tour Leader:** Our tour leader is with you from the time you arrive to the airport until you enter the TSA airport line on the last day.

**Additional Second Guide:** In addition to the group's main tour leader, you will also have either an assistant tour director and/or a tour manager on most of our tours.

**Secondary Safety Vehicle:** Tour groups of 10+ travelers are escorted by a secondary emergency vehicle in most destinations. This is in addition to the bus transportation.

**CPR/First Aid:** Our tour directors and managers are certified in CPR / First Aid.

**Background Checks:** Our staff is required to submit clean criminal background checks in order to work with us.

**Best Coach Service:** We hire the most responsible private charter coach transportation companies.

**Student Safety Education:** We educate our travelers on how to travel safely through various handouts. We also have a discipline waiver form.

**Itinerary & Safety:** We purposely create itineraries that keep our travelers as safe, as busy, and as culturally-immersed as possible.

**Night Security:** We offer optional night security for your groups so that you can rest while the group is well-supervised at night.

**Optional Travel Insurance (Trip cancellation/interruption, medical insurance):** Travelers have the option of adding travel insurance coverage at an additional fee.

## YOU'RE COVERED

BENEFITS OF TRAVELING WITH US... MEET OUR AFFILIATES





# TESTIMONIALS

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**I cannot speak more highly of the professionalism and dedication of the Vámonos Tours team! They made every effort to accommodate all of my needs and requests in Cuba. It was a life-changing and transformative experience for all involved! The service opportunities were diverse and meaningful, the tours were full of opportunities for authentic engagement with the local communities, the schedule was completely balanced with age-appropriate down time, thrilling experiences and spaces for mindful reflection.”**

*- M. Ruiz-Melendez, teacher, The Westtown School, Pennsylvania*

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**Every detail of the trip was thought of and prepared for in advance. The staff was excellent. They were knowledgeable, kind, flexible, and very relational with the students. We loved the balance of historical info, cultural experience, Spanish immersion, science enrichment, and beautiful sights. I could not have imagined the trip going any better than it did!”**

*- S. Smith, teacher, Patriot Prep Academy, Ohio*

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**The buzz at the high school is all about the trip - one of the great parts is that the students are going back to their history and science teachers and sharing what they learned! I'm so pleased because I feel that in one intense week they got so much! It was a pleasure to work with you and be a part of Vámonos Tours.  
Hasta la próxima.”**

*- N. Lepore, teacher, Medford High School, Massachusetts*

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**Once again your team has done an outstanding job during our visit to Puerto Rico. You manage to go above and beyond in all the activities we did. The students absolutely loved the experience and even though they learned a lot and felt immersed they also felt very relaxed and that they were able to enjoy the activities without feeling rushed from one place to another. That is a huge plus! I have other students already asking if I am doing this trip every year because they want to plan for it.”**

*- R. Almodovar, teacher, Randolph High School, Alabama*

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**I could go on and on about how much we enjoyed this experience. It will definitely not be the last tour we take with your company. I will tell every Spanish teacher I know about your company. Thank you for representing my island and my people in such a positive manner!”**

*- A. LaBoy, native Puerto Rican, teacher, Southeast Whitfield HS, Georgia*





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I have traveled on over 60 international tours and probably as many domestic tours. I have **NEVER** encountered better service, dedication, attitudes, and general quality from a group of guides.”

- K. Meidl, Badger State Choir

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