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# Ascend

Learning Beyond Borders





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Presenting ASCEND by Lushescapes — a refined offering specifically designed for forward-thinking schools like yours.

ASCEND focuses on three key pillars that elevate educational travel:



## Applied Skills

Hands-on learning experiences that build real-world competencies.



## Nurtured Development

Holistic growth that inspires confidence, leadership, and personal transformation.

## Cultural Exploration

Immersive journeys that foster global awareness and understanding.



# Message from our Founder

What began as a vision to redefine student travel has grown into a movement—one rooted in purpose, impact, and transformation. At ASCEND, we believe in the power of travel to transform, educate, and inspire. Our passion for creating meaningful journeys stems from a deep commitment to providing students with extraordinary experiences that enrich their minds and souls. Each trip is an opportunity to expand horizons, foster personal growth, and spark curiosity in ways that go far beyond the classroom.

Every journey we create is designed with intention. Our programs are built not only to show students the world, but to help them discover their place in it—with confidence, curiosity, and compassion. Whether they're trekking through ancient cities, engaging in hands-on service projects, or learning from local communities, our students return home changed—more aware, more inspired, and more empowered.

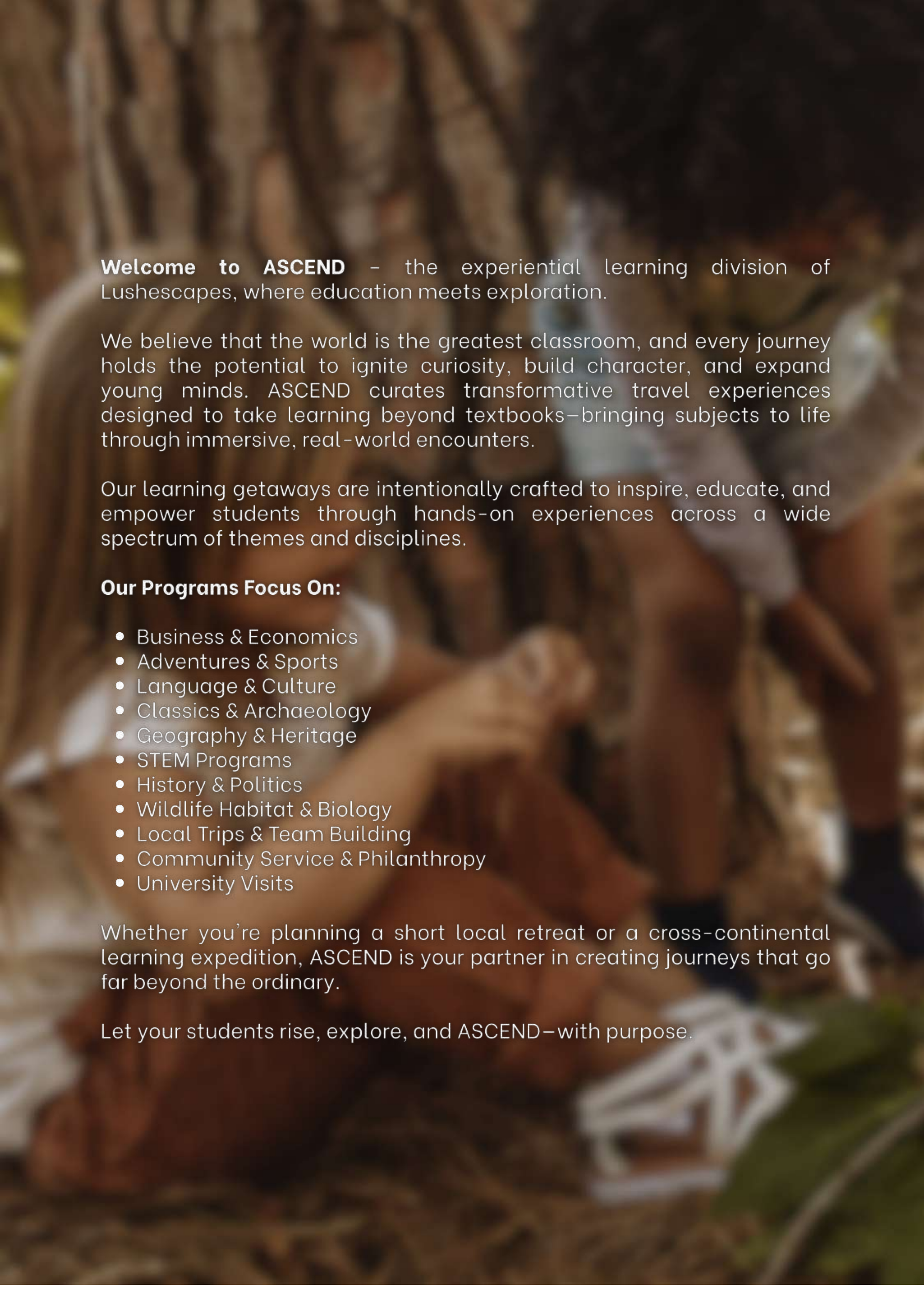
Through ASCEND, we have set out to not only elevate the travel experience but also cultivate a sense of purpose in every student we serve. Our focus on safety, education, and adventure ensures that each trip is an impactful step toward shaping future leaders who are grounded, open-minded, and ready to make a difference.

We invite you to explore the world of ASCEND—where every experience is designed to inspire, challenge, and elevate the next generation of leaders.



*Abhishek Dadlani*





**Welcome to ASCEND** – the experiential learning division of Lushescapes, where education meets exploration.

We believe that the world is the greatest classroom, and every journey holds the potential to ignite curiosity, build character, and expand young minds. ASCEND curates transformative travel experiences designed to take learning beyond textbooks—bringing subjects to life through immersive, real-world encounters.

Our learning getaways are intentionally crafted to inspire, educate, and empower students through hands-on experiences across a wide spectrum of themes and disciplines.

**Our Programs Focus On:**

- Business & Economics
- Adventures & Sports
- Language & Culture
- Classics & Archaeology
- Geography & Heritage
- STEM Programs
- History & Politics
- Wildlife Habitat & Biology
- Local Trips & Team Building
- Community Service & Philanthropy
- University Visits

Whether you're planning a short local retreat or a cross-continental learning expedition, ASCEND is your partner in creating journeys that go far beyond the ordinary.

Let your students rise, explore, and ASCEND—with purpose.





Where learning meets  
adventure





Starting Price: USD 2,315

Subject: Community Service and Culture

Travel Duration: 5 Days & 4 nights

Cities: Kathmandu & Pokhara

Best time to travel: October to May



# NEPAL

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit The Kathmandu Valley
- Visit of Bhaktapur Durbar Square
- Visit Nyatapola Temple and the Golden Gate
- Visit the Vocational Academy for Sculpting
- Visit Kathmandu Durbar Square including Kumari Ghar
- Walking experience through the Bazaar of Ason and Indrachwok
- Visit Phedi Patan
- Hike to Janajagriti School in Shivalaya Village
- Full-day activities at Janajagriti School
- Walk through Khopashi bazar
- Visit Snowyambhunath
- Visit Patan Durbar Square
- Free time for shopping around Thamel



# CAMBODIA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

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| • Excursion to Chhong Kneas              | • Explore Jungle Complex                       |
| • Visit Sap Lake                         | • Join Sambor Prei Kuk Community               |
| • Explore Phnom Bakheng Hill             | • Visit Wat Phnom                              |
| • Visit Anjali House                     | • Visit Royal Palace                           |
| • Visit Ta Keo                           | • Visit Silver Pagoda                          |
| • Explore Angkor                         | • Visit National Museum                        |
| • Visit Terrace of the Elephants         | • Samber Journey through the Kmer Rouge Era    |
| • Explore the Terrace of the Lepper King | • Stop in Tuol Sleng                           |
| • Visit Angkor Wat                       | • Short drive to Cheung Ek                     |
| • Visit New Hope Center School           | • Journey of Creative Discovery at the Art Bar |
| • Visit Old Market                       |  |
| • Visit Temples in Kampong Thom          |  |

Starting Price: USD 3,545

Subject: Comunity Service & Culture

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

Cities: Siam Reap, Phnom Penh

Best time to travel: November - March







Starting Price: USD 3,450

**Subject:** History, Community Service & Culture

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**Cities:** Hanoi, Lan Ha Bay, Saigon

**Best time to travel:** October - April

# VIETNAM

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Hanoi Half- Day Tour with Old Quarter Cycle Ride
- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum
- One Pillar Pagoda
- Ho Chi Minh's House
- Cycle Tour at Old Quarter
- Explore Hanoi Street Life
- Empowering Visits: Hold the Future NGO Experience
- Insight to Veteran's Experience
- Ba Vi Serene Escape & Culture
- Halong Bay Cruise
- Explore Trinh Nu Cave
- Kayak in the Tranquil Trinh Nu Area
- Experience Squid Fishing
- Cu Chi Tunnels Tour Led by a VC Veteran



# THAILAND

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit Ao Nang Beach
- Visit and Team Building at Spirit Mountain
- Forrest Project and Hands-on Work at Spirit Mountain
- Visit Koh Klang and meet Klong Prasong Community
- Forest Project Introduction by Local Committee
- Traditional Tie Dye and Women's Group Activities
- Ecotourism Clam Harvesting and Local Ecological Knowledge
- Thai Language & Culture Session
- Visit Sri Mala Elephant Garden
- Mindful Forest Bath and Waterfall Swim
- Farewell Dinner Spirit Mountain



Starting Price: USD 4,450

**Subject:** Biology & Conservation

**Travel Duration:** 8 Days & 7 nights

**City:** Krabi

**Best time to travel:** All the time



Starting Price: USD 4,430

Subject: Culture, STEM & History

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

Cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an

Best time to travel: All the time



# CHINA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- The Forbidden City
- The Palace Museum
- Peking Opera Fun
- Mutianyu Great Wall
- KungFu Class
- Zhajiangmian Cooking Class
- Summer Palace
- Beijing Hutong Tour
- Tea Ceremony
- Beijing to Xi'an by Speed Train
- Cycling tour on the Xi'an Ancient City Wall
- Muslim Quarter Scavenger Hunt
- Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor
- Terracotta Warriors
- Grand Tang Dynasty Everbright City
- Shanghai Tower
- Nanjing Road
- Shanghai Disneyland
- Yu Garden
- Former French Concession
- Shopping Time



# MADAGASCAR

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit to Montagne d'Ambre
- Visit to Amber National Parc
- Visit Tsingy Rouge
- Hike in Ankarana
- Visit to Tsingy du Nord
- Transfer to Ankify
- Boat to Nosy Be
- Visit to Ambilobe
- Visit plantation of sugar cane
- Visit to Sugar factory
- Visit Cocoa Plantations
- Cruise to Nosy Komba
- Wildlife observation
- Snorkeling

Starting Price: USD 3,900

Subject: Biology & Conservation

Travel Duration: 5 Days & 4 nights

Cities: Antananarivo

Best time to travel: October - March







# SOUTH AFRICA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Cape Town Private City Tour
- Cheetah Encounter at Cheetah Outreach
- Philanthropic Educational Excursion with Uthando
- Immerse in Diverse Community Project
- Engage with Local Leaders and Residents
- Cape Peninsula Tour
- Cruise to Seal Island at Duiker Island
- Drive Along Chapman's Peak Drive
- Visit the Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach
- Explore Cape Point Nature Reserve



# SRI LANKA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- City Tour of Kandy
- Hiking at Corbet Gap
- Witness the Cultural Show at Kandy
- Village Experience at Heel Oya
- Traditional Village Lunch
- Lessons of Traditional Agricultural Methods
- Dambana Vedda Tribe Village and Experience
- Unique Experiences with the Vedda Tribe
- Visit to Dambulla Cave Temple
- Visit Ceylon Tea Museum
- Jeep Safari at Minneriya National Park
- Climbing Lion Rock Fortress
- City Tour of Colombo



**Starting Price: USD 2,655**

**Subject:** Community Service, Culture & Adventures

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**Cities:** Kandy, Colombo, Knuckles

**Best time to travel:** December - March, July - September



Starting Price: USD 3,690

Subject: Conservation & Community Service

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

Cities: Nairobi, Narok, Masai Mara

Best time to travel: June - February



# KENYA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit to Ole Ntutu Ariz Zone Primary - Olololung'a
- Tree Planting Project
- Picnic Lunch
- Journey to Masai Mara
- Early Morning and Afternoon Game Drive
- Full Day Game Viewing
- Visit Girrafe Centre & Karen Blixen Museum



# TANZANIA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Sightseeing drive around Tanzania
- Visit Amani Kids
- Visit Materuni Falls
- Safari to Ngorongoro Crater
- Visit Acacia Farm
- Visit Lake Eyasi
- Visit Hadzabe Tribe

Starting Price: USD 3,900

Subject: Conservation & Community Service

Travel Duration: 6 Days & 5 nights

City: Kilimanjaro

Best time to travel: June - October, January - February





Starting Price: USD 4,499

**Subject:** STEM & Culture

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**City:** Seoul, Busan

**Best time to travel:** April - June, September - November

# SOUTH KOREA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

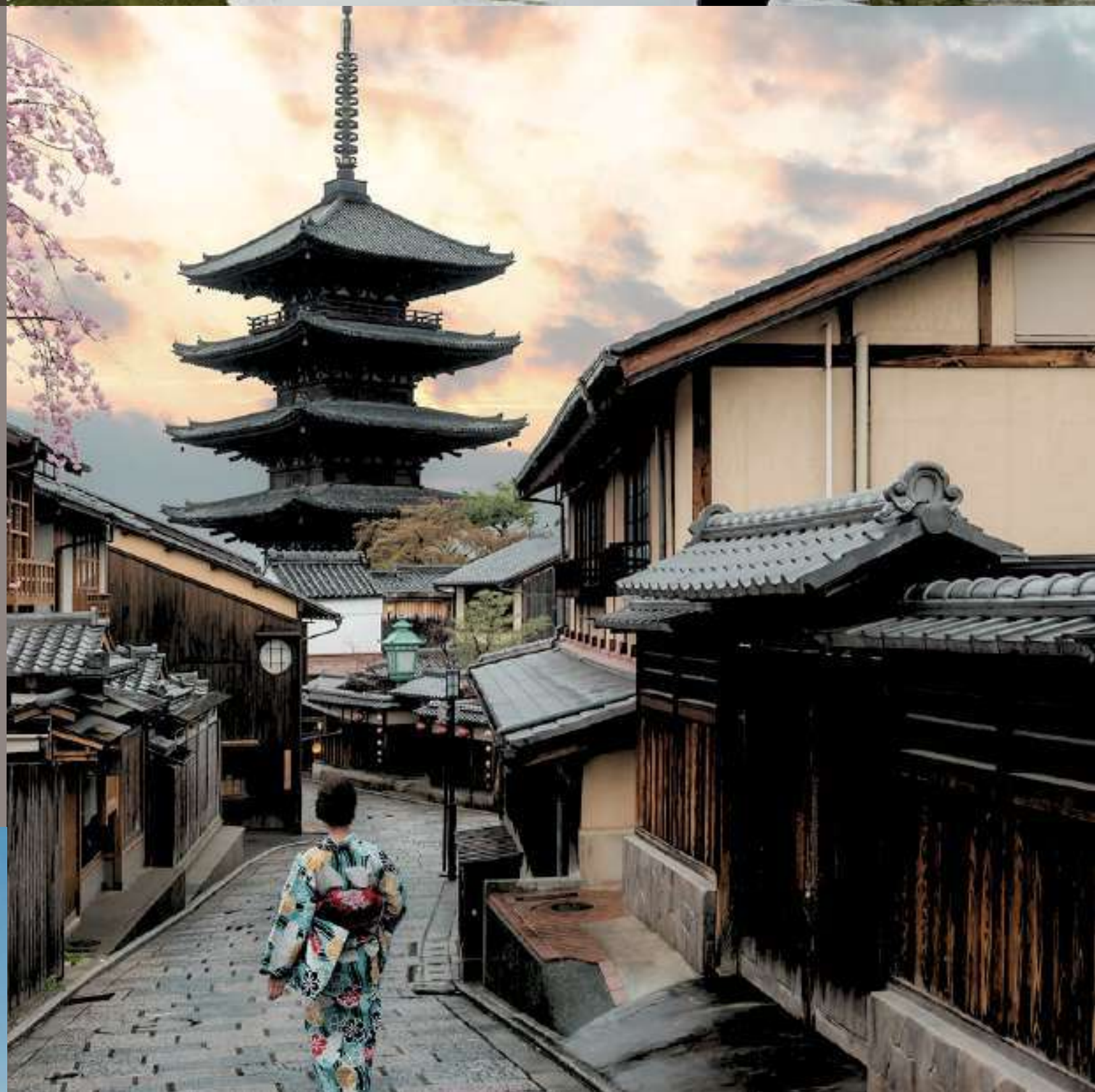
- Taekwondo class
- National Folklore Museum
- HIKR ground
- Namdaemun Market
- Gamcheon Cultural Village
- BIFF Square
- Gukje Market
- Haedong Yonggungsa Temple
- Hyundai Motors Ulsan Plant
- Ulsan Science Museum
- Authentic K-pop Dance Class in Hongdae
- Free Time at Hongdae Street
- DMZ Tour
- Korea Cooking Class
- Culinary Delights
- Lotte World Theme Park
- Coex Starfield Library
- Gangnam Street
- Royal Guard Changing Ceremony
- Gyeongbok Palace with Hanbok Experience
- Bukchon Hanok Village
- N Seoul Tower and Namsan Cable Car
- Shopping at Myeongdong



# JAPAN

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit Asakusa Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Street
- Experience Calligraphy
- TeamLab Experience
- Visit Panasonic Center
- Mt Fuji Visitor Center and 5th Station
- Lake Ashi Pirate Ship Cruise
- Owakudani Valley Exploration
- Visit Tokyo Tower
- Visit Shinjuku
- Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine
- Experience Scramble Crossing
- Tokyo Disneyland Exploration
- Bullet Train Experience
- Tea and Kimono Ceremony Experience
- Visit Kiyomizu Dera
- Visit Kyoto International Manga Museum
- Visit Osaka Castle
- Visit Shinsaibashisuji



Starting Price: USD 5,290

**Subject:** STEM, Art & Culture

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**Cities:** Tokyo, Kyoto

**Best time to travel:** March - May, September - November





Starting Price: USD 4,490

Subject: Language & Culture

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

City: Lyon, Paris

Best time to travel: April - June, September - October



# FRANCE

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Panoramic City Tour
- Visit Old Town of Lyon and Croix-Rousse Traboules
- Funicular to Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière
- Visit - Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière
- Shopping Tour in La Part-Dieu
- Visit Musée des Confluences
- Boat Cruise on the Saône (1 hour)
- Visit of Pérouges and Anse - Medieval Village
- Visit Chocolate Museum of Lyon - Sève
- Full Day Tour to Vichy - French Language Workshop
- Full Day Tour to Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval



# ITALY

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Guided 3 Hours Roma Barocca Tour
- Guided Tour of Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica
- Guided Tour of St. Peter's Basilica
- Cooking Classes in Rome
- Tour of Underground City and Catacombs
- Guided Tour of Ancient Rome
- 3 Hours Guided Tour of Accademia and Uffizi Gallery with Sabrina
- Visit to Boboli Gardens and Ponte Vecchio with Guide
- Tronchetto to Venice
- Guided Tour of Venice with Elena
- Gondola Ride
- Private Boat from Tronchetto to Murano
- Glass Demonstration in Murano
- Mask Decoration on Zattere



Starting Price: USD 4,855

Subject: Language & Culture

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

Cities: Rome, Venice, Murano

Best time to travel: April - June, September - October





Starting Price: USD 4,950

**Subject:** Biology & Culture

**Travel Duration:** 6 Days & 5 nights

**City:** Rovaniemi, Helsinki

**Best time to travel:** December - March

# FINLAND

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Arctic Animals Experience
- Aurora Hunting Photo Tour
- Guided Tour of Arktikum Museum
- Snowshoe Fun
- Aurora Evening with Marshmallow Grilling
- Visit to Wildlife Park Ranua
- Aurora Hunting
- Ice Fishing Experience
- Visit to Santa Claus Village
- Guided Tour at Snow Hotel
- Sleigh Ride



# AUSTRIA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Swimming at the Tauern Spa
- Daily 4hrs Ski Sessions
- Quad Biking
- Alpine Coaster
- Snow Tubing
- Visit to Zell Am See
- Visit to Salzburg
- Visit to Salt Mines



Starting Price: USD 5,475

**Subject:**

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**Cities:** Salzburg, Kaprun, Zell Am See

**Best time to travel:** December - March





Starting Price: USD 5,479

Subject: Geography and Conservation

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

Cities: Reykjavik, Borgarnes, Grundarfjörður, Hella, Höfn

Best time to travel: April - June, September - October



# ICELAND

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Viking City Tour
- FlyOver Iceland
- Visit Borgarfjörður Saga Valley
- Grundarfjörður and Vatnshellir Cave Tour
- Visit Þingvellir National Park and Gullfoss
- Visit Lava and Volcano Exhibition and Skógafoss
- Visit Jökulsárlón and Diamond Beach
- Glacier Lagoon Amphibian Boat Tour



# UK UNIVERSITY VISIT

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit the Tower of London
- Ride the London Eye
- Sightseeing Bus Tour
- Visit Oxford Playhouse for University Tour
- River Cruise to the London Eye
- Visit Warwick University
- Coach to Imperial College London
- Visit LSE Tour
- Visit Richmond American University
- Visit Bournemouth University
- Visit South Hampton University
- Visit UCL UNI

Starting Price: USD 4,890

Subject: Academic trip

Travel Duration: 7 Days & 6 nights

Cities: London, Southampton

Best time to travel: March - June, September - October







## USA UNIVERSITY VIST

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit The Skywalk Observatory
- Visit Harvard University
- Visit Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Visit Boston Tea Party
- Visit Northeastern University
- Visit Boston University & Museum of Science
- Visit Suffolk University Surface
- Visit Fordham University
- Visit Metropolitan College
- Visit Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Visit NYU (New York University)
- Broadway Show
- Orientation Tour of New York



## BRAZIL

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit Pepino Beach
- Drive through Flamengo Park and Copacabana Beach
- Cable Car to the Top of Sugar Loaf
- Visit Corcovado and Christ the Redeemer
- Jeep Tour for the Rainforest
- Tour into Rocinha Favela
- Visit and Carnival Workshop in Academicos da Grande Rio
- Visit Maracanã Stadium
- Nature Hike
- Monkey Forest Visit
- Visit to the Native's House
- Fishing Tour
- Canoeing Adventure
- Waters Tour
- Sao Paulo Half-Day City Tour
- Visit to Liberdade Neighborhood
- Exploration of Modern São Paulo
- Visit to Ibirapuera Park



## Starting Price: USD 5,115

**Subject:** Culture, Conservation & Language

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**Cities:** Rio de Janeiro, Manaus, Sao Paulo

**Best time to travel:** September - November, March - May



# Starting Price: USD 2,745

**Subject:** Culture & Conservation  
**Travel Duration:** 5 Days & 4 nights  
**Cities:** Muscat, Jabal Akhdar, Nizwa  
**Best time to travel:** October- March



## OMAN

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Muscat Half Day City Tour
- Royal Opera House Drive- past
- Visit Bait Al Zubair Museum
- Photo stops at Al Alam Palace and Forts
- Stroll through Muttrah Souq
- Snorkeling Day Trip to Daymaniyat Islands
- Scenice drive through Jabal Akhdar
- Visit the village of Birkat al Mauz
- Explore the Date Plantations and Al Jebel Al Akhdar
- Visit Villages of Saiq and Wadi Bani Habib
- Visit Nizwa Fort and the Traditional Souq
- Drive to Wahiba Sands
- Enjoy Sand Dune ride
- Visit a Bedouin Camp for Omani Coffee and Dates
- Engage with local community
- Sunset watching and overnight camp in wahiba sands
- Visit Wadi Bani Khalid
- Visit the Dhow Building Shipyard
- Visit Wadu Shab
- Optional stop at the limestone sinkhole in Bumah



## UAE

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Activity Sessions (Students divided into 3 groups):
- High Ropes / Archery / Axe Throwing
- Rock Climbing / Abseiling
- Wadi Rock Scramble
- Astronavigation & Campfire



# Starting Price: USD 499

**Subject:** Team Building & Adventure  
**Travel Duration:** 2 Days & 1 night  
**Cities:** Jabel Jais, Ras Al-Khaimah  
**Best time to travel:** October - April







Starting Price: USD 2,300

**Subject:** Religious & History

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

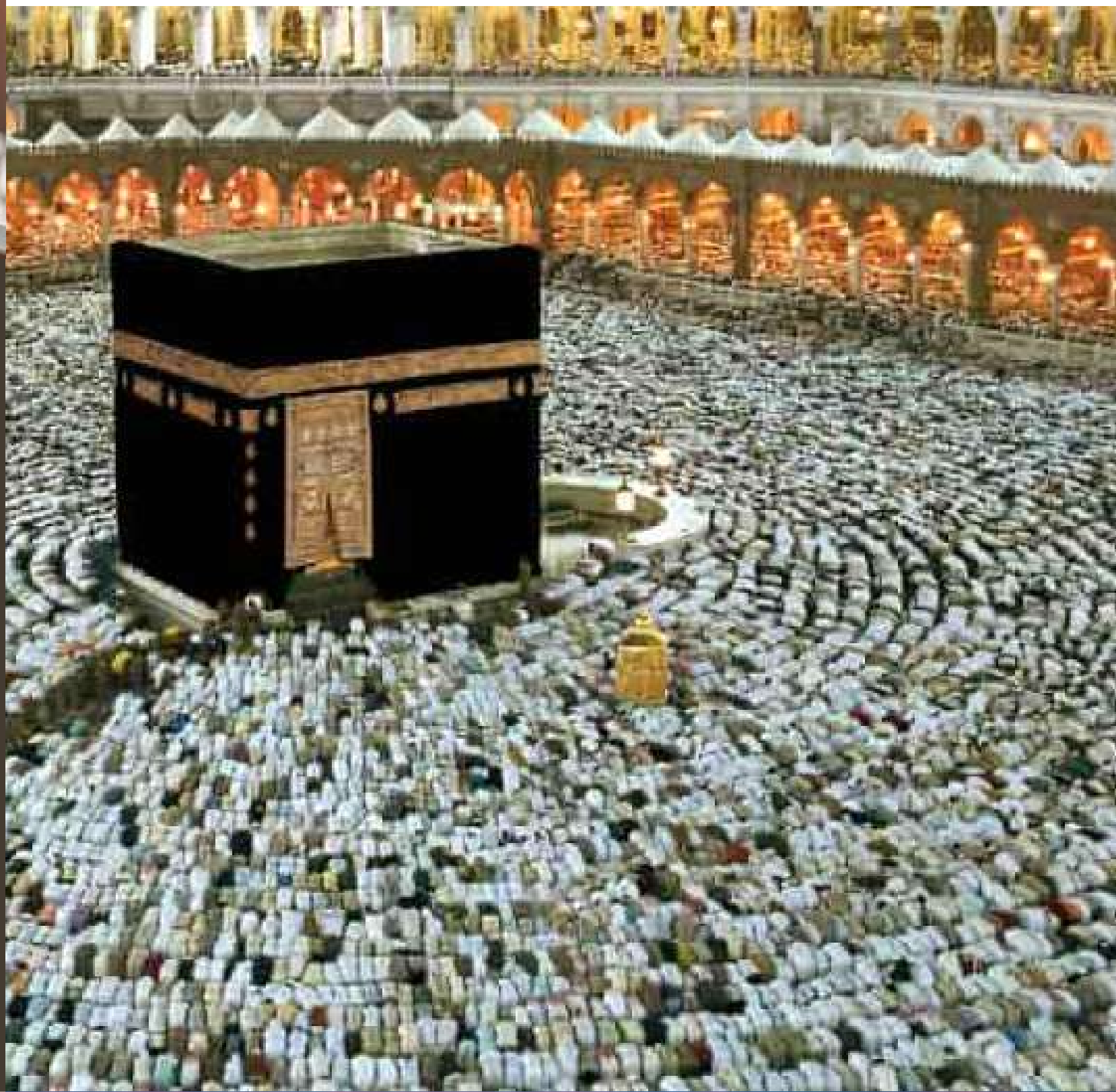
**Cities:** Jeddah, Makkah, Madinah

**Best time to travel:** November - February

# SAUDI ARABIA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Visit to Al Masjid Al Haram
- Umrah at Al Masjid Al Haram
- City Tour of Makkah
- City Tour via Panoramic Bus
- Visit to Al Masjid Al Nabawi
- Jannatul Baqi
- Uhud Battle Site
- King Fahd Glorious Quran Printing Complex



# SPAIN

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP:

- Historical Madrid Private Walking Tour
- Alhambra Private guided tour
- Alcazaba and Malaga's historical centre Private guided tour
- Monumental Seville Private walking tour
- Paella Cooking Experience
- Bull ring guided visit
- Flamenco Show
- Visit Isla Mágica (Theme Park)
- Santiago Bernabeu private guided tour



Starting Price: USD 4,490

**Subject:** Language, Academic, History & Culture

**Travel Duration:** 7 Days & 6 nights

**Cities:** Madrid, Granada, Malaga, Seville

**Best time to travel:** March - June, September - November



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