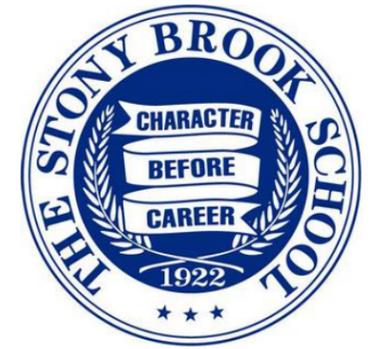




## Educational Tours



## WHAT TO EXPECT ON TOUR

Students will celebrate local cultures, gain global perspective, explore some of the world's most fascinating sites, and build life skills through:

### Experiential learning

Hands-on activities and guided exploration deepen students' knowledge of the world and themselves.

### Local insight

Expert local guides and Tour Directors share cultural and historical knowledge and provide global perspective.

### Cultural activities

Students gain a greater understanding and appreciation for various cultures as they experience the language, cuisine, and people.

### Credit opportunities

Every tour comes with the chance to connect to the classroom before, during, and after tour—like our personalized learning guide, and high school and college credit options.

## Jenny Stortz

Educational Travel Program Coordinator  
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## Educational Tours



GLOBAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR 7TH-12TH GRADERS

# THE STONY BROOK SCHOOL Educational Travel Program 2023-2028

# WHAT STONY BROOK SAYS...



**Joshua Crane,  
Head of School**

*Educational travel experiences are a staple of a Stony Brook School education. The opportunity to see first hand the places, people and cultures we study in our classrooms enhances student learning significantly. Our trips also enhance student bonding through meaningful experiences together in far away locations. We are grateful for the opportunity to offer such a rich learning experience that has lifetime impact through our partnership with Jenny Stortz and EF Tours.*



Dear Stony Brook School Community,  
  
In a world where the boundaries between cultures and countries are becoming a thing of the past, it is imperative that we educate students in a manner that will allow them to compete and collaborate globally. Our mission of learning outside the classroom takes on new meaning in this context. To that end, we have partnered with Education First (EF Tours) to provide travel opportunities designed to develop global competencies and, in turn, global citizens that venture beyond the borders of our community!

Student travel aligns with the instructional goals of strengthening our students' abilities to investigate the world, recognize perspectives, communicate ideas and take action. Whether your child has taken part in our programs or not, this opportunity is open to all who have a passion for developing those necessary skills for life beyond the classroom. As a teacher and community member, I have seen firsthand the positive and formational impact of educational travel on a student's disposition, attitude and passion for learning.

We encourage you to explore this brochure and learn about the exciting opportunities this partnership presents for the Stony Brook School community.

Your Partner in Education,  
**Jenny Stortz**  
Group Leader & Educational Travel Coordinator

# 2023 - EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

## EUROPE (February Break)

**European Carousel**  
*Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, England*

**Tour Length: 15 Days**

Traverse borders and cultures to connect the dots of history on an unforgettable cross-cultural experience. Compare the canals in Amsterdam to those in Venice. Consider the Alps from the perspective of Munich, Innsbruck, and Lucerne. Contrast the haute couture of Paris' Champs-Élysées with the razzle and dazzle of London's Piccadilly Circus. Language, culture, cuisine—experience it all

HISTORY DEPARTMENT OFFERING OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12

## UNITED STATES (April Mini-Course)

**Washington, D.C. & Williamsburg**  
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**Tour Length: 5 Days**

Trace the course of American history from its earliest settlers to today's political leaders. Discover the majesty of the nation's capital at the White House and the U.S. Supreme Court. Then step back in time at Colonial Williamsburg, where the spirit of America was born.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT OFFERING OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12

## CANADA (May)

**Montreal & Quebec**  
*Montréal, Québec City*

**Tour Length: 6 Days**

Journey to la belle province and experience French culture firsthand—without crossing the Atlantic—in remarkable Québec. You'll stroll down Rue Petit-Champlain and visit Le Château Frontenac during your adventure. Then, cap off your trip with a stop at a traditional sugar shack.

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



**Chad Perney,**  
**Director of Residential Life**  
**& Chaperone**

*Traveling the world has opened my eyes to new experiences, cultures and ways of thought. Learning about a place on a screen or in a book is great. Seeing the same place with your own two eyes is life changing. The SBS Travel Program provides our students with an immersive learning experience that causes them to reflect on their worldview and the information they are studying in class. It is a joy seeing them look upon history, art, and culture through new and enlightened eyes. Jenny Stortz, our program Coordinator, is experienced, energetic, and most importantly FUN! The students will have an amazing experience traveling the world with Mrs. Stortz and this immersive yet challenging program. I have led many trips internationally, my most recent travels with Mrs. Stortz and EF are among the highest on my list and fondest memories. EF provides the group with a 24/7 tour guy and experienced local guides at each location all the while balancing free time for students to explore and make memories that will last a lifetime. I cannot say enough about this program and its amazing leader!*

## PREPARING STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

### Partnering with Education First

For over 50 years, we've worked tirelessly to fulfill our global mission: Opening the World Through Education. We're passionate about helping educators like you prepare students for the future by teaching them more about themselves, the world, and their place in the world. That dedication has helped grow our family- owned business into the world leader in international education, with more than one million students experiencing our programs every year.

[Learn more at \*\*eftours.com\*\*.](https://www.ef-tours.com)

### Personalized Learning and Credit

EF's Personalized Learning Guide helps students put a more personal lens on their tour by tapping into their own interests and passions. It's free on every tour, and students can earn high school credit for post-tour projects.

Through EF's partnership with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), students can earn credit by signing up for PDHU 399: Interculturalism & Global Exploration. In this course, students will explore their destination, challenge their own assumptions, and discover connections between people, places, and cultures. The course culminates with a final project that allows students to demonstrate a greater awareness of their global community. Students can prepare for college and earn 3 transferable credits; available only to EF travelers.

## 2024 - EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

### EUROPE (February Break)

#### **Berlin, Prague, Krakow, Budapest & Vienna**

*Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria*

#### **Tour Length: 12 Days**

Travel through the Iron Curtain and World War II to Gothic cathedrals and ancient cities that are now more vibrant than ever. Berlin mixes historical significance, rich culture and an exciting cosmopolitan energy. Prague, which escaped the bombs of World War II, woos you with old-world charm. And in Krakow and Budapest, two of Europe's most underrated cities, architectural gems await around every corner.

MATH DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



### ASIA (May)

#### **Japan: Land of the Rising Sun**

*Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka*

#### **Tour Length: 9 Days**

Japan has had many identities through the centuries; its story is a fascinating one. Tokyo is the modern-day center of pop culture and business, while Kyoto remains the most traditional of the big cities. The country has unsurpassed natural beauty—see it from the window of the high-speed shinkansen train and in the majestic lakes and mountains of Hakone National Park.

STEM, SCIENCE & ART DEPARTMENTS OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



Are you interested in learning more?

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Salome King,  
Student '24

*I am so grateful for the opportunity I had to travel to Italy over Spring Break. Often, I look through the photos, and still can't believe that I got the chance to visit such beautiful places. I really enjoyed learning more of the history, and seeing for myself the important historical buildings. The timing of it worked out really well too, as we had been learning about the Roman Empire in Humanities all year, and it was really special to be able to then go and visit all the places we had talked about. My favorite place was Pompeii. It was unfortunately raining heavily the day we went, but I think that helped me to visualize and understand what really happened. It was surreal to be able to walk along the ancient streets, see the tracks of the carriages in the stone, see ancient paintings and graffiti on the wall, see the rooms where people actually once slept, and also see the cast of a pregnant woman who died there. In addition to all the beautiful places, it was a great time to eat amazing food, and become closer with people who I hadn't really talked to before the trip.*

## SBS Past Adventures...



## 2025 - EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

### SOUTH AMERICA (February Break)

#### Peru: Land of the Inca

Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cuzco

#### Tour Length: 9 Days

Peru is an awe-inspiring portal to the world of the Inca, one of the world's great ancient civilizations. Spellbinding sites like Machu Picchu, informative exhibits at Larco Museum, and monuments like Sacsayhuaman bring it all into focus. The Peruvian culture of today is no less compelling—get a glimpse at one of its colorful markets.

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



### EUROPE (May)

#### Italy, Greece & Isles

Italy & Greece

#### Tour Length: 12 Days

It's no myth—Italy and Greece are home to some of the world's most impressive archaeological sites, stunning scenery, and long-standing cultural traditions. During this tour, you'll see the landmarks and landscapes of these Mediterranean countries firsthand. Explore the area's ancient ruins, from the Colosseum and Pompeii to the Acropolis and Delphi, and wander through charming seaside towns along the Mediterranean coast.

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**David Hickey,**  
**AP European History Teacher**  
**& Chaperone**

*Having the opportunity to travel with my Stony Brook teachers only solidified my love for history as a future study and gave me the confidence to spend a college semester abroad.*

**Kim Sparacio,**  
**Parent Julianna '23**

*The priceless opportunity to have our daughter be able to travel abroad with SBS faculty gives us as parents peace of mind, and our daughter experiences she will remember for a lifetime.*



## Safety & Security

Your students' safety is our number one priority. We would never send a traveler to a location we believe to be unsafe—and with our extensive global presence, our best-in-the-industry experience, and our close working relationships with U.S. and international authorities, that's a statement we can back up with real insight. Whether it's a worldwide pandemic or a sprained ankle, a missed flight or confusing medical paperwork, we make sure every situation is taken care of.

### Worldwide Presence

EF's global presence is truly unmatched. We have staff on the ground 365 days a year in over 50 countries. And we don't just work in those countries—we call them home. EF team members live in nearly every one of our tour destinations, meaning we have the local knowledge to help keep our groups safe. That presence allows us to be there to support you on the ground wherever and whenever you need us.

### 24/7 Support

In the event that anything on tour goes wrong, EF staff is always available to help. Your Tour Director is your group's constant companion and first point of contact in an emergency. Additionally, our fully trained support teams are on hand 24/7 to walk teachers through any issues and provide the resources necessary to get things back on track. Our Safety and Incident Response Team—comprised of industry experts, healthcare experts, and even former FBI personnel—is ready to spring into action 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And when they aren't directly helping EF travelers, they're actively innovating on and shaping the new worldwide standards for cleanliness and safety.

## 2026 - EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

### EUROPE (February Break)

#### Scotland & Ireland

Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh

#### Tour Length: 8 Days

These lands were once home to ancient Celtic and Gaelic tribes; today their histories blend comfortably into the modern day. Step into the Middle Ages on Edinburgh's Royal Mile and under the towering spire of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. In Belfast, old conflicts have given way to an influx of restored 19th-century architecture and a thriving arts scene.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



### ASIA (May)

#### CHINA

Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Dujiangyan, Shanghai

#### Tour Length: 12 Days

Step into a world where old meets new and people meet pandas. This experiential voyage spans the best of China, from the hustle and bustle of Beijing to the tranquility of tai chi. Marvel at the Great Wall from a special vantage point, and stand in awe of the Terracotta Army in Xi'an—a sea of stone soldiers protecting their emperor in the afterlife. Ready for things to get fluffy? Head to a panda research center in Chengdu to learn about its adorable occupants.

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# Budgeting

## Automatic Payment Plan

Our recommended payment plan offers the ability to break the tour fee into smaller installments. With most tours planned well in advance, travelers can enroll for only \$95, then pay over a long period of time—often up to 18 months or two years—with final payment due 30 days before departure. Families make payments directly to EF, with no payments going through the school.

## Manual Payment Plan

If automatic payments do not work for you, you have the option to make manual payments. If you select this plan, you will receive invoices and make payments in less frequent installments. Travelers can enroll for \$95. Then, \$500 is due 30 days after enrollment and 90 days after enrollment. The remaining balance is due 110 days prior to departure.

# Fundraising & Scholarship

## Donation pages

Each student has access to their own unique and customizable donation page. The easy-to-share page makes it simple for friends and family to contribute a little something that is automatically applied to the balance of the tour, with no fees whatsoever.

## Global Citizen Scholarship Fund

EF Educational Tours provides \$100,000 worth of scholarships to students across the country every year. Any student is able to apply for the Global Citizen Scholarship, which is awarded on both a merit and need basis.



# 2027 - EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

## EUROPE (February Break)

### England

*London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford*

### Tour Length: 9 Days

The lights dim and the voices hush. The curtain rises and you're swept away by the performance on stage. London's theater scene has something for every audience. Tragedies, comedies and musicals. Long-running favorites and groundbreaking debuts. You'll explore theater's roots at Shakespeare's Globe and learn about its present and future during backstage tours and lectures. And of course, London is a show in its own right.

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



## AUSTRALIA (May)

### Journey Down Under

*New Zealand, Australia*

### Tour Length: 12 Days

From afar, New Zealand and Australia may seem similar. An up-close look reveals distinct cultures and personalities. Both descend from the same British colonial family tree, so you may struggle to tell the accents apart in the streets of Auckland and Sydney. But as you dig deeper in the Māori culture in Rotorua and Aboriginal roots along the Great Barrier Reef in Cairns, each country's individual identity becomes clear.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12



# EF Accreditation

EF is an accredited institution We echo your commitment to education. Our travel-based learning approach is designed to blend classroom and experiential learning. This allows us to meet the same rigorous standards as schools like yours, ensuring students gain valuable experiences that transform the way they look at the world.



# Educational Impact

Our tours help prepare students for the future by teaching them more about the world, themselves, and the impact they can have on the world. Combining the power of experiential learning with the thrill of global travel, our tours help students:

- Expand their knowledge of the world around them
- Grow more confident and independent
- Understand new people, places, and cultures
- Discover more about themselves

# Earn College Credit

EF makes it easy for students to turn their tour experience into high school credit, college credit, or to get a head start on their college essays—all while making their travel experience even more engaging.

Students in grades 6 - 12 can earn .5 elective high school credit by successfully completing the final project as part of EF's Personalized Learning Guide. Tuition is free.

Students in grades 9 - 12 can earn 3.0 undergraduate credits, along with the confidence that comes with taking a college course, by completing a series of assignments and a final research project with our partner, Southern New Hampshire University—all for just \$215.

Educators traveling on student tours may earn up to 45 free hours toward relicensure OR 3 or 6 graduate level credits (\$285/\$450) through Southern New Hampshire University.



# 2028 - EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

## EUROPE (February Break)

### Germany

Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Wittenberg

### Tour Length: 8 Days

Journey along the Trail of the Reformation and explore some of Germany's oldest cities and witness the rich history featuring kings and emperors and myths and legends. Tour the towering historic Worms Cathedral and observe a fine example of High Romanesque. Experience Heidelberg's world-famous castle as well as Germany's oldest university. Take a stroll around the old walled city of Rothenburg and explore the windy cobbled streets along to Herrngasse. In Nuremberg examine the ruins at Altstadt, view the Justice Palace, Marktplatz, Kaiserburg, Burgraves' Castle, and St. Lawrence's Church. Arrive in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the capital of the Reformation. Explore the Augustinian Monastery, where Martin Luther lived as a monk and read his first Mass. End this unique tour of Germany in Frankfurt, a cosmopolitan and bustling city on the Main River featuring a mixture of soaring skyscrapers, half-timbered houses and a wealth of museums.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT OFFERING  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 7-12

## ASIA (May)

### South Korea

### All School Offering

More info to come!

