

# Tips on Travel With Educational Tours

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Educational tours make it easy for students and teachers to travel, especially abroad. These tours safely transport travelers to destinations and allow them to experience major attractions along with local and cultural life. Generally, the price of an educational tour includes airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner, a tour director, tours and entrance fees. Although having these things taken care of is a huge relief, there are some tips everybody should know before taking an educational tour.

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## Flights

Students and teachers should arrive three hours early to check in and ensure that everybody in the group is accounted for. Most educational tours arrange overnight flights. Travelers should try to get some sleep on the flight since activities will be planned as soon as the plane lands in the morning. Drink plenty of water on the plane to remain hydrated and get up and move so you don't get stiff. If you wear contact lenses, remove them; you will be able to sleep better, and your eyes won't dry out.

## Food

Breakfast and dinner tend to be provided by educational tours. Lunch is not. A budget should be arranged for eating out at lunch, and always have the correct currency with you since some places will not accept credit cards. Ask your tour director about great local places to eat. Although meals are paid for, beverages are not; water generally is provided. Depending on the country, bottled water should be consumed rather than table or tap water.

## Hotels

Students generally will be sharing rooms, and beds in foreign countries tend to be smaller than those in the United States. If special arrangements are necessary, they need to be made in advance. Go to bed early; educational tours are long and tiring, and you'll be doing a lot of traveling and walking during the day.

## Touring the Destination

Generally, transportation will be provided between destinations, but during your down time, you should consider using public transportation. Most foreign countries have some form of public transportation such as bus or train. Taxis will be expensive, especially if you are traveling farther than a few miles, and should be avoided. Research your destination before you go. Figure out where the tour will be going and what else you would like to explore. Ask the tour director or your faculty chaperon for recommendations.

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- [National Educational Travel Council](#)

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