

# IMMERSE YOUR STUDENTS IN EDUCATION & CHILD CARE ABROAD



## DESTINATIONS WITH EDUCATION & CHILD CARE STUDENTS IN MIND

**Cuba:** What a time in history to visit Cuba! Students will visit after-school programs for children and adolescents and preschool programs offered by the Catholic Church. There are also visits to social service agencies providing resources for children with disabilities and their families. If you wish to take your group across the island to Santiago, your students will visit places rarely seen by tourists.

**Mexico City:** De LaSalle University in Mexico City is the host organization for this journey. Students will visit Catholic primary and secondary schools and an orphanage. They also do service by providing activities and English practice at a residential grade school for children from families experiencing economic hardship. There are also some short workshops for using Spanish in the classroom. While some areas of Mexico have been plagued with crime, for many years Mexico City has enjoyed a crime rate lower than most U.S. major cities.

**Merida, Mexico:** Marista University is the host organization for this journey. Students can learn about the richness of Mayan culture, both in history and today. Students will do service by providing enrichment activities for children living in an impoverished Mayan neighborhood. The Chichen Itza Ruins and the beach town of Progreso are part of this journey. Merida is a "level 1" with the US State Department, its safest ranking.

**Uganda:** Journeys are to the capital of Kampala and to the south central area near Masaka. These are economically and politically stable areas with low crime. Students will spend a good amount of time in Catholic primary and secondary schools volunteering as teacher aids. They will also see orphanages and vocational training programs for adolescents. Students will understand the difficult history of Uganda's civil wars of the 1960s and 70s by visiting sites of Idi Amin, and they will explore the diversity of Uganda by visiting a Hindu temple and a mosque as well as the Catholic shrine to the Ugandan martyrs of the era of European exploration. Your group will also do a short safari at Lake Mburo National Park to see the amazing animals of Uganda in their natural habitat.

**Memphis:** In addition to visiting the National Civil Rights Museum, students provide service to children being treated at St. Jude's Hospital.

**Have a destination in mind not listed here? We take special requests!**

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## SAINT CHRISTOPHER JOURNEYS

### EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL FOCUSING ON JUSTICE THROUGH A CATHOLIC LENS



**Would you like to take a group of college students on a journey either for academic credit or as a service experience, and you're not sure where to start?** *Saint Christopher Journeys* can take care of everything for you—collecting travel documents and fees, arranging transportation and accommodations, providing materials to build a syllabus for your class, helping you organize pre-journey and post-journey meetings, providing materials for prayer and reflection, and more. All you need to do is recruit ten students. If your school will cover your costs, your students pay less, and group size can be less than ten.

**How is Saint Christopher Journeys different from other study abroad companies?** The purpose of Saint Christopher Journeys is: *Educational Travel Focusing on Justice through a Catholic Lens*. On a Saint Christopher Journey, you will visit museums and shrines, just like you would with another organization. You will *also* visit faith-based schools, orphanages, refugee shelters, hospitals, and other social services doing justice in their communities. In addition, your group will be provided with resources for reflection and social analysis informed by *Catholic Social Teaching*. On your journey, your students will do some direct service with those in need. In short, on a Saint Christopher Journey, **you go deeper**.

**What if not all my students are Catholic...and I'm not Catholic?** The agencies with which we work for site visits are all faith-based, and we can include Protestant, Jewish, and Muslim sites if you like. Also, we provide materials for reflection, but it is up to you which you use and how you use them.

Estimated fees based on minimum ten paying students. A customized budget is made for each group, and number of students can vary.	Student fee if leader fee is free with 10 students	Student fee if leader fee paid by college	Leader fee to college
Mexico City, 1 week	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$1,950
Mexico City, 2-week	\$4,000	\$3,650	\$2,925
Merida, 1-week, homestay & at-home meals	\$2,550	\$2,325	\$1,825
Merida, 2-week, homestay & at-home meals	\$3,400	\$3,100	\$2,500
Merida, 1-week, hotel and restaurant meals	\$2,650	\$2,400	\$1,875
Merida, 2-week, hotel and restaurant meals	\$3,675	\$3,350	\$2,675
Rest of Mexico, 1-week (price can greatly vary)	\$3,575	\$3,250	\$2,550
Rest of Mexico, 2-week (price can greatly vary)	\$5,400	\$4,875	\$3,925
Havana, 1-week, hostel/rustic B&B	\$2,425	\$2,250	\$1,650
Havana, 2-week, hostel/rustic B&B	\$3,600	\$3,300	\$2,500
Havana, 1-week, boutique hotel/upscale B&B	\$2,700	\$2,575	\$1,900
Havana, 2-week, boutique hotel/upscale B&B	\$4,175	\$3,950	\$2,900
Cuba cross-island 1-week extension	\$1,625	\$1,425	\$1,175
Uganda, 12-day plus travel days	\$4,900	\$4,450	\$3,600
Uganda, 19-day plus travel days	\$6,150	\$5,575	\$4,575
Tolton/Black Lives Matter, 3-day (no transport)	\$500	\$450	\$350
Tolton/Black Lives Matter, 1-week (no transport)	\$1,000	\$900	\$700
Chicago, 3-day (no transportation included)	\$350	\$300	\$250
Chicago, 1-week (no transportation included)	\$775	\$700	\$550
Memphis, 3-day, (no transportation provided)	\$375	\$325	\$250
Memphis, 1-week (no transportation provided)	\$700	\$650	\$500
Louisville, 3-day, (no transportation provided)	\$400	\$375	\$300
Louisville, 1-week (no transportation provided)	\$800	\$750	\$600
Over the Rainbow, 3-day (no transportation)	\$200	\$175	\$125
Over the Rainbow, 1-week (no transportation)	\$350	\$300	\$250

If your university or sponsoring institution pays for the cost of the group leader, the fee for your student participants decreases significantly, and the minimum number of students reduces from ten to five. The fee for that group leader is also reduced because overhead and charity are not charged on the leader's fee.

Fees include airfare from Midwest and Eastern U.S. airports, ground transportation, health/travel insurance, shared-room housing, meals, and museums. There can be some slight variations in cost (up or down) based on particulars of dates and accommodations. The price is finalized before your organization enters into a plan with *Saint Christopher Journeys*. Keep in mind that if your students are earning credit, they might be able to include the cost of travel in their financial aid package.

**Want to purchase your own flights? Already have a group travel insurance policy through your school? We can adjust to fit your needs and your budget!**

**10% of the student fees are donated to local charities in the communities visited.**

Saint Christopher Journeys are restricted to adults 18 and older who are legally self-responsible. Journeys do involve walking on unpaved paths, using stairs, long rides and flights, limited menus, and not always with air conditioning. You need to keep these things in mind before choosing to make a journey.

**How does a student journey differ from an adult journey?** The student journeys are a bit longer, and they may involve some direct service. Accommodations are more basic, but still safe and comfortable. For faculty/staff or alumni/ae groups, take a look at the adult group journeys. They might be a better fit.