# IMMERSE YOUR STUDENTS IN LIVING HISTORY



#### **DESTINATIONS WITH SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENTS IN MIND**

**Cuba:** What a time in history to visit Cuba! Your students can learn about the changing economy through entrepreneurship classes offered by the Catholic Church. Santeria, a syncretic hybrid of West African religion with Catholic images, can be explored through visits to shrines and with an expert lecture. If you wish to take your group across the island to the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, your students will visit places rarely seen by tourists.

Mexico: Working with four Catholic universities, we offer journeys to Mexico City and to Merida. Local experts provide lectures on the history of the Catholic Church in Mexico. There are opportunities to explore the rich cultures of indigenous communities, in history and today. Visits to migrant shelters and orphanages provide service learning opportunities. The US State Dept rates Mexico City on the same level as London for safety, and gives Merida the highest safety rating. Tuscany, Italy: The host organization is the University of Detroit Mercy's Pagnotta Campus in the medieval hilltop city of Volterra. Groups also visit Florence,

Siena, and Pisa. Rome and Assisi can be added. Italy is a perfect location to study the history of Western thought and culture.

**Oxford, England:** Working with Worcester College of Oxford University, students will learn about the history of the United Kingdom, and current Europe.

**Kenya:** The host organization is the Brothers of Saint Charles Lwanga. Students will have first-hand experience with the poor by volunteering as teacher aids in Catholic secondary schools outside Nairobi. Your group will also do a short safari to see the amazing animals of Kenya in their natural habitat.

From Tolton to Black Lives Matter: Fr. Augustus Tolton was born a slave near the town of Hannibal, Missouri (home to Mark Twain). He became the first Black-identified Catholic priest in the United States. Students will visit the site of his Baptism and his tomb. In addition, students will learn about the history of slavery by visiting the Lincoln home and museum, Mark Twain's home, and the site of the Dred Scott trial. They will also visit the site of Michael Brown's death in Ferguson, which launched the Black Lives Matter Movement, and they will meet with those struggling for justice today.

**Memphis:** The featured activity of this destination is the National Civil Rights Museum on the site of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination. It is also home to one of the most famous Catholic social service sites, St. Jude's Hospital, all in the cradle of Rock and Soul.

**Louisville:** The Muhammad Ali Center is one resource in learning about racial justice. Like many places, Catholic institutions in Louisville have had to come to terms with their history of slave ownership. Visiting with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, there is the opportunity to understand a history of both slave holding and work for racial justice.

**Over the Rainbow:** Want your students to get up-close and personal with their hamburgers? Forty years ago, the meat industry began attracting immigrants to Garden City, Kansas. The result is a Western city where more than thirty languages are spoken, with African and Asian markets, and where diversity is celebrated. The area has long been a crossroad. The first Mass was celebrated there in 1541, and the Arkansas River that runs through town was once an international boarder.

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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	Student fee if	Student fee if	Leader
students. A customized budget is made for	leader fee is free	leader fee paid	fee to
each group, and number of students can vary.	with 10 students	by college	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
Havana, 1-week	\$2,425	\$2,250	\$1,650
Havana, 2-week	\$3,600	\$3,300	\$2,500
Cuba cross-island 1-week extension	\$1,625	\$1,425	\$1,175
Kenya, 12-day plus travel days	\$4,250	\$3,800	\$3,800
Kenya, 19-day plus travel days	\$5,650	\$5,000	\$5,200
Tuscany, 1-week	\$4,000	\$3,600	\$3,200
Tuscany, 2-week	\$5,400	\$4,800	\$4,200
Oxford, 1-week	\$3,900	\$3,550	\$3,050
Oxford, 2-week	\$5,850	\$5,300	\$4,550
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
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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 cities visited. (5% for Italy and UK)

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.