

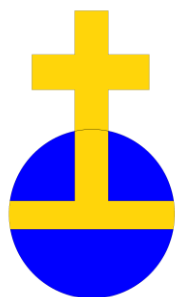
# COLLEGE STUDENT JOURNEYS



# GO DEEPER

## 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
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

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.

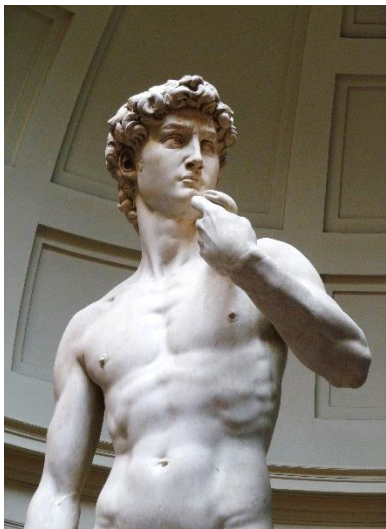
Fees include airfare from Midwest and Eastern U.S. airports, ground transportation, health/travel insurance, shared-room housing, meals, and museums. There can be some slight variations in cost (up or down) based on particulars of dates and accommodations. The price is finalized before your organization 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.



**Customized Journeys:** Have a particular theme you want to explore or a special site you want to visit? We can accommodate you! Have another destination in mind? We take special requests!

**Merida, Mexico:** Located in the State of Yucatan, Merida is a small city with a rich Mayan culture and history. Participants will visit the famous Chichen-Itza Ruins, and there is ample opportunity to provide service in contemporary Mayan communities. The beach is only a 20-minute drive away. We work with two Catholic universities in Merida: Marista University and Anahuac Mayab University. Yucatan State is “Level 1” for caution with the US State Department, its safest level, and Merida is regarded by the travel industry as one of the safest cities in North America.

**Mexico City:** We work with two Catholic universities in Mexico City, LaSalle University and IberoAmericana University. Participants will learn about Mexican history and culture through lectures and museums, including a visit to the Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe. For site visits, there are ample social services to choose from, including schools, clinics, and children’s shelters. The US State Department has consistently listed Mexico City as “Level 2” for caution, which is the same for London, Paris, and Madrid.

**Rest of Mexico:** Want to take a group to Oaxaca? or Guadalajara? or Veracruz? We can work with you on that! Costs vary greatly by location.

**Havana:** Partnerships in Havana are with a variety of Catholic orders which provide educational and healthcare services for children and adults. There is also time to enjoy amazing Afro-Cuban music and art. Cuba travel is regulated, and we only provide services for travel that is legal.

**Cuba Cross-Island Extension:** The most important shrine in Cuba is to the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, on the far eastern side of the island. In making this journey to and from Santiago, groups will visit locations rarely seen by tourists, including many historical sites off the beaten path.

**Kenya:** The host organization is the Brothers of Saint Charles Lwanga, a Catholic order working with schools, health care, and other social services. Travelers will stay near Nairobi and volunteer in the brothers’ schools. Healthcare groups can shadow at Catholic hospitals Groups will enjoy an overnight safari to Amboseli National Park to see the amazing wildlife.

**Tuscany:** Working with the University of Detroit Mercy’s Pagnotta Campus in the medieval hilltop city of Volterra, this is an amazing opportunity to study art, history, architecture, and Italian culture. The journey includes two days in Florence, and day trips to Pisa and Siena. There is also the opportunity to add day trips to Rome and Assisi.

**Oxford:** Working directly with Worcester College of Oxford University, this offers an excellent opportunity to go deeper into the writings of JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis, and St John Henry Newman, from either a literary or theological perspective. Day trips to London and Birmingham included.

**Father Tolton Tours and the origins of Black Lives Matter:** Father 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. There is currently a cause for his canonization as a saint in the Catholic Church. Travelers will learn about the history of slavery through visits to sites associated with the Underground Railroad, Lincoln, Twain, and Dred Scott. They will also explore current issues in St. Louis and Ferguson, birthplace of the “Black Lives Matter” movement.

**Memphis:** It was here that Martin Luther King was assassinated on a balcony of the Lorraine Hotel. That site is now the home of the National Civil Rights Museum, dedicated to continuing King’s dream of justice and equality. Memphis is also home to the world most famous Saint Jude’s Hospital. Travelers will have time to explore one of the most culturally gifted cities in the United States, home to Rock-and-Roll and Soul.

**Louisville:** The Muhammad Ali Center is one resource in learning about racial justice, and the Thomas Merton Center provides a Catholic perspective on 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.

**If you don’t mind some long drives, two of St Louis, Memphis, or Louisville can be combined into a 1-week journey.**

**Chicago:** The founders of America’s third largest city were Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a Haitian man of African descent, and Kitiyawa, his Potawatomi wife. The city has been a magnet for immigrants and a rainbow of cultural diversity ever since. It holds one of the largest Mexican populations in the world. Travelers will explore the rich cultures and learn about the many social services that make up Chicago’s present day.

**Over the Rainbow:** If you would like to visit a city where more than thirty languages are spoken in the high school, a city that sits on the former border with Mexico, a city with African and Asian markets—then come to Garden City, Kansas! Located not far from Dodge City and the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, visitors will also enjoy the beauty and history of the Great Plains, and they will get up close with a bison herd.

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