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We arrange tailor made educational school trips!

We are proud to be a local tour operator offering local holidaymakers a great choice of holidays at great value for money prices. During our twenty one years in business we have worked to offer you the best holiday experience and in recent years we are proud to have been voted Northern Ireland's Best Coach Tour Operator for five consecutive years in addition to Northern Ireland's Best Short Break Operator in 2014 and 2015.

Our award winning team work only with well-established transport and accommodation suppliers, offering carefully planned itineraries and excellent value for money without compromising on quality or flexibility.

We have a great relationship with schools throughout Northern Ireland, providing annual educational and ski trips to a wide range of destinations. We have selected just some of our most popular tours to give you an idea on what we can offer, but your choice is endless. We can organise themed workshops at some of the big attractions which can be based around your curriculum and we know evening activities are a must to keep your pupils busy so have full packed itineraries to suit your needs.

TAILOR MADE TOURS

Tours featured in this brochure are just a guideline on what we can offer. Any itinerary can be tailor-made to suit your requirements and we are not limited to these destinations and attractions. We have arranged trips to the UK, Europe, USA and South Africa for schools and welcome all enquiries.

DEDICATED LOCAL TEAM

Our dedicated group travel department offers you years of experience, along with expertise in organising group travel, ensuring all your groups' needs are met. We will guide you through each step of the booking process and help with all queries. We pride ourselves on our exceptional standard of customer service, as well as our ability to exercise attention to detail, which through experience, we know is vital to ensure your group has the most rewarding experience.

WHY BOOK WITH US

- Dedicated locally based travel organisers
- Free Teacher Places
- Tailor-made itineraries
- Choice of board basis
- Quick turnaround
- Financial Protection
- Primary & Secondary schools covered.



BUT DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

School group travelled to Krakow in February 2017

"Andrea, so far the smoothest run trip I have done in Krakow! Will make this a bi annual event using yourselves! Many thanks for all your work in organising."

Neal Forbes
Asfield Boys High School



24HR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

From departure to your return, we provide 24 hour Emergency Assistance to all our group leaders and groups. Be fully supported with added peace of mind.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

This is available on request - just ask our team for a quote.

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100% FINANCIAL PROTECTION

It is important that you feel confident that your money is safe. We offer all our customers 100% financial protection, and in the unlikely event that Travel Solutions ceases to trade, arrangements will be made for you to continue with your holiday, or receive a prompt and full refund of any monies paid.

For holidays by air, you are protected with our ATOL issued by the UK Government - this is a legal requirement for all Tour Operators selling holidays by air. As part of consumer financial protection, the CAA charge a £2.50 per person levy. This is already included in your holiday price so that you don't need to worry.

In addition, an ATOL Certificate will be issued at the time of booking to confirm the financial protection in place. For holidays that don't include a flight, Travel Solutions complies with the Package Holiday Act 1992 and operates a Client Trust Account which is administered by an independent Trustee.

ICELAND

THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE

Iceland, the geographer's and geologist's ultimate playground, offers a unique school trip for pupils. It is a country offering amazing scenery with stunning waterfalls, volcanic craters, hot springs and geysers. Why not include a tour in search of the Northern Lights which takes you to see a spectacular natural phenomenon which happens during the winter months.*

*As this tour is weather dependent, sightings cannot be guaranteed.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Travel to Iceland from Belfast/Dublin. Travel to your accommodation by coach.

DAY TWO

Visit the Blue Lagoon, Geothermal Spa. Visit to Strokkur Geysir and Gullfoss Waterfall.

DAY THREE

Visit to the South Shore of the Island, with morning visit to the village of Vik, with afternoon views of glaciers, Black Sand Coastline, and impressive basalt rock formations.

DAY FOUR

City Tour of Reykjavik, and afternoon at leisure. Evening Northern Lights Tour (depending on time of year).

DAY FIVE

Return flight home.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Luxury coach Laugardalslaug**
Heated year-round outdoor pool complex featuring hot tubs, a botanical garden & a small zoo.
- **Árbæjarlaug Swimming Pool**
A large, modern pool with outdoor pool, water slide and three "hot spots", steam bath and sauna.
- **Whale Watching**
Iceland is the perfect location for whale watching
- **Glacier Walk**
On Sólheimajökull the glacier an outlet glacier of Myrdalsjökull glacier which is the fourth largest glacier in Iceland
- **Lave Tube Walks**
Much of Iceland is covered by huge lava fields as a consequence of numerous volcanic eruptions through the years.

KRAKOW



A BEAUTIFUL & HISTORIC CITY

Krakow is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe with a rich cultural history. A trip to Krakow is most valuable in helping history students to begin to understand the full inhumanity and damage of the Holocaust with visits to concentration camps, the Jewish Quarter and museums.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Travel to Krakow from Belfast/Dublin. Travel to your accommodation by coach. Afternoon city tour of Krakow.

DAY TWO

Visit Galicja Museum. Meet with Concentration Camp Survivor or Relative. Afternoon visit to Wieliczka Salt mine.

DAY THREE

Morning visit Schindler Museum. Afternoon visit to Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

DAY FOUR

Return flight home.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Wawel Castle**
A castle residency built at the behest of King Casimir III the Great
- **Main Square**
It dates back to the 13th century, and one of the largest medieval town squares in Europe
- **St Mary's Church**
A large 14th-century church especially famed for its magnificent wooden altarpiece
- **Aqua Park Krakow**
Poland's largest water park with slides, children's games, fountains & padding pool, plus a sauna area.

ROME

A BEAUTIFUL & HISTORIC CITY

Once the centre of the world's greatest Empire, a visit to Rome is an enriching experience for students of all ages. With over 3,000 years of history, culture and architecture, the Eternal City offers a wonderful opportunity to discover some of these ancient sites steeped with intrigue and drama.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Depart Dublin for Rome and transfer to your accommodation.

DAY TWO

Today the group will enjoy guided tour of Rome visiting the Colosseum, the most visited monument in Italy, the Roman Forum, ancient Rome's showpiece centre and Palatine Hill where according to the legend, Romulus founded Rome.

DAY THREE

Full day visit to the Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Vatican Gardens, St Peter's Square and the impressive Basilica with its tombs, statues and monuments.

DAY FOUR

Guided tour of Rome, with visits to Trevi Fountain, the largest and most famous Baroque fountain in Rome,

the Pantheon - the most preserved and influential building of ancient Rome, Piazza Navona square, one of the largest and most beautiful piazza squares in Rome and the Spanish Steps, taking in the steps, the fountain, the famous Caffè Greco and Via Condotti one of Rome's most elegant shopping streets.

DAY FIVE

Check out and visit the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus, the greatest and most important of Rome and make journey homewards.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Gladiator Training School**
Classes are organized and led by members of the Gruppo Storico Romano who specialize in Roman life's re-enactment and Gladiatorial combats.
- **Day trip to Pompeii**
Discover these world famous ruins, and experience a city frozen in time

BERLIN



A BEAUTIFUL & HISTORIC CITY

Berlin has been at the centre of many key events of modern European History, WWII, The Cold War, the Fall of Communism and the reunification of Germany. It is a city that is modern Germany, but where the streets still bear the marks of history.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Depart Belfast/Dublin to Berlin and enjoy a guided city tour enroute to your accommodation.

DAY TWO

Visits to the Story of Berlin, an interactive museum with a multimedia show about Berlin's history & a tour through a nuclear bunker, a visit to the Reichstag building, the seat of the German Parliament then onto Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie Museum and the Berlin Wall.

DAY THREE

Visits to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, located just north of Berlin and one of the most notorious death camps of the Nazi regime and to Berlin Zoo, the oldest and internationally most well-known zoo in Germany.

DAY FOUR

Return flight home.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Berlin River Cruise**
Enjoy seeing some of Berlins top sights as you cruise
- **Tropical Islands Water Park**
Located 70km from Berlin
- **German Museum of Technology**
A museum of science and technology, and exhibits a large collection of historical technical artefacts
- **The Science Centre**
An interactive exhibition on the topic of "Discover what moves us" including rotating special exhibitions
- **Olympic Stadium**
Built for the 1936 Summer Olympics
- **Neue Synagogue**
The Neue Synagoge was built 1859-1866 as the main synagogue of the Berlin Jewish community
- **Holocaust Memorial**
The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
- **Jewish Museum**
One of the largest Jewish Museums in Europe

BATTLEFIELD WWI

HISTORIC

A trip to the WWI Battlefields will give students an educational opportunity to really comprehend the events of 1914-1918. This educational tour will take you to some of the world's most famous battle grounds, memorials and cemeteries in the Somme and Flanders including the Ulster Tower.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Fly to London from Belfast. Coaching from London and travel to Calais. Onwards to your accommodation.

DAY TWO

Tour the Somme Area including Ulster Tower and Thiepval Wood. Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial.

DAY THREE

Tour Flanders Area including Irish Peace Tower. Passchendaele Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery.

DAY FOUR

Return travel home.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Vimy Ridge**
The Battle of Vimy Ridge
- **Flanders Field Museum**
Located in the famous Cloth Hall in the centre of Ypres (Ieper).
- **Menin Gate Service**
Every night at 8.00pm (20:00 hours) a moving ceremony takes place under the Menin Gate
- **Essex Farm Cemetery**
The famous poem 'In Flanders Fields', was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae at Essex Farm. And Buried here is John Condon, an Irish soldier, long believed to be the youngest Allied soldier killed during the First World War, at the age of 14 years.
- **Disneyland Paris**
Take a day out of Battlefield touring, and discover the thrills of the two parks at Disneyland Paris.

PARIS & DISNEYLAND



FUN FILLED ADVENTURE

Paris is a cosmopolitan city with many world-renowned landmarks and monuments dotted all around the city, and famous museums which are home to some of the world's greatest masterpieces. Language student can immerse themselves in French culture. And why not end the trip with a fun visit to Disneyland® Paris, packed full of rides, shows, attractions and educational workshops.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Fly to Paris from Belfast/Dublin. Travel to accommodation.

DAY TWO

Tour of Paris including Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, and the Louvre Museum.

DAY THREE

Full day visit to Disneyland Park/ Walt Disney Studios

DAY FOUR

Return travel home.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Stade de France**
Discover the behind-the-scenes of France's biggest sporting and music venue.
- **River Seine Cruise**
Day or evening cruise and see top Paris attractions.
- **The Palace of Versailles, Château de Versailles**
A Royal Château in Versailles in the Île-de-France region of France.
- **Tour Maine-Montparnasse**
A 210-metre office skyscraper located in the Montparnasse area of Paris, France.
- **Notre-Dame de Paris**
Also known as Notre-Dame Cathedral, is a medieval Catholic cathedral on the Île de la Cité in Paris.

BARCELONA



VIBRANT CITY

Barcelona is a popular destination for student travel and group tours, offering a wealth of cultural and educational experiences. From the modernist architecture of Gaudi and surreal art on show at the Museu Picasso, to the bustling atmosphere of Las Ramblas and illustrious heritage of the Camp Nou, Barcelona has a lot to offer.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Depart Belfast/Dublin for Barcelona and enjoy a guided city tour enroute to your accommodation.

DAY TWO

Visit to the Sagrada Familia, enjoy a walk along the Ramblas followed by a visit to Barcelona Zoo.

DAY THREE

Visits to the Nou Camp stadium, home of FC Barcelona and the Barcelona Olympic Museum & Stadium, or to RCD Espanyol.

DAY FOUR

Full day visit to PortAventura World, the leisure complex featuring the PortAventura and Ferrariland theme parks and the Costa Caribe Aquatic Park.

DAY FIVE

Check out and visit the Dali Museum or the Picasso Museum and make journey homewards.

OTHER EXCURSIONS

- **Park Güell**
One of the most impressive public parks in the world designed by Gaudi
- **Poble Espanyol**
An open-air architectural museum in Barcelona
- **The Magic Fountain of Montjuïc**
A spectacular display of colour, light and water acrobatics with musical accompaniment
- **Port Vell**
Waterfront harbour commencing at the end of La Rambla
- **Montjuïc**
A prominent hill overlooking Barcelona harbour
- **Aquarium Barcelona**
Located in Port Vell and boasting one of the most impressive collections of Mediterranean sealife in the world

SCHOOL SKIING TRIPS



BULGARIA & ROMANIA

SKIING IN THE BALKANS

Balkan ski is Ireland's only tour operator offering school ski holidays to Bulgaria and Romania. Our knowledge of the ski resorts ensure we offer the best holiday experience at the most affordable prices. Our chosen resorts offer a great choice of runs to suit all ski abilities, with modern lifts, snow making machines and some of the best instructors in Europe. Each resort has its own unique character, with a choice of winter activities and prices in resort so cheap you will be amazed.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights Belfast & Dublin (Romania flights only from Dublin)
- Airport taxes & Security charges
- 7 nights accommodation 3* hotel
- Breakfast and Dinner
- 1 piece of checked in luggage (20kgs)
- Full Ski Rental & lift pass
- Ski School (6 x 4 hour lessons)
- Services of a Travel Solutions Representative

RESORT ACTIVITIES*

- Bowling
 - Bum boarding
 - Ringos
 - Swimming
- *will vary in each resort

RESORTS ON OFFER

- **Bulgaria**
Pamporovo/Borovets & Bankso
- **Romania**
Poiana Brasov

JAY PEAK, VERMONT



FAR FROM ORDINARY

Jay Peak Resort, tucked against the border of the USA and Canada, gets over 9 metres of snow a year. There are trails for every type of skier. The legendary Jay Peak ski school ensures the daily 5 hour lessons combine fun and progress for all students.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Belfast or Dublin
- Airport taxes & security charges
- 5 nights accommodation
- Breakfast & Dinner
- 1 piece of checked in luggage (20kgs)
- Full Ski Rental & lift pass
- Ski School (25 hours of lessons)
- Services of a local based representative
- Evening Activity on 4 nights including Water Park

SEEFELD, AUSTRIA



SMOOTH SKIING

“Smooth” is the best word to describe skiing at Seefeld. With almost 40km of slopes there’s plenty of skiing to be had in a day. The village centre is care-free and has plenty of shops and an ice skating rink that makes the whole scene feel like your pars of a Christmas postcard.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Dublin
- Airport taxes & security charges
- 6 nights accommodation
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- 1 piece of checked in luggage (20kgs)
- Full Ski Rental & lift pass
- Ski School (5 x 5 hour lessons)
- Services of a local based representative
- In house evening activities including a movie night, Disco, Quiz and a swim night

CIVETTA, ITALY



FAIRY-TALE LANDSCAPE

A trip to Civetta offers something for every ability of skier. There are 90 kilometres of wide, pleasant pistes, exciting tree lined runs and plenty of adventure. Students will find an English-speaking ski school to help them acquire the skills necessary to conquer this stunning mountain.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Dublin
- Airport taxes & security charges
- 6 nights accommodation
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- 1 piece of checked in luggage (20kgs)
- Full Ski Rental & lift pass
- Ski School (5 x 5 hour lessons)
- Services of a local based representative
- Supervised Night skiing, Disco, Quiz, Game night and Ice skating on selected dates

SIERRA NEVADA, SPAIN



SUN & SKI PARADISE

If you are looking for a guarantee of snow and sunshine then you should probably head to the place often referred to as the Sunniest Ski Resort in Europe. The Resort sits almost entirely above the treeline, so its easy to get around on wide slopes that climb to 3300 metres. The Spanish tradition of siesta is still a large part of local life, so you and your student might just be the only ones on the slopes in the middle of the afternoon.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Belfast or Dublin
- Airport taxes & security charges
- 6 nights accommodation
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- 1 piece of checked in luggage (20kgs)
- Full Ski Rental & lift pass
- Ski School (5 x 5 hour lessons)
- Services of a local based representative
- 2 nights activities in snow activity centre

PRIMARY SCHOOLS



MEMORIES TO TREASURE

We also offer a huge range of trips to suit primary schools. We can tailor make this trips to suit your curriculum and provide valuable opportunities for learning through first-hand experience. Let us take the hassle out of school travel. Please note any tours can be tailored for primary or secondary schools.

EDINBURGH & GLASGOW

Visits can include:

- Edinburgh Castle
- Edinburgh Butterfly & Insect World
- Edinburgh Dungeons
- Dynamic Earth
- Deep Sea World
- Royal Yacht Britannia
- Glasgow Science Centre
- Blair Drummond Safari Park
- M&D's Theme Park
- Culzean Castle

YORK

Visits can include:

- Jorvik & Dig
- National Coal Mining Museum
- York Dungeon
- Flamingo Land Theme Park
- York chocolate Story
- Yorkshire Air Museum
- York Minster
- York Castle Museum
- Eureka Children's Museum

STOKE ON TRENT/MANCHESTER

Visits can include:

- Alton Towers
- Drayton Manor
- Old Trafford museum & stadium
- Etihad Stadium
- The Lowry
- Museum of Science
- Cadbury World
- West Midland Safari Park

LONDON

Visits can include:

- West End Shows
- Science Museum
- Natural History Museum
- Harry Potter Studios
- Madame Tussauds
- London Eye
- Tower of London
- Windsor Castle
- Thorpe Park
- Chessington World of Adventures
- KidZania
- Legoland Windsor
- Shrek's Adventure



SPORTING TRIPS



WE CAN OFFER SPORTING TRIPS FOR FOOTBALL, RUGBY, NETBALL ... ANYTHING!

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