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If you could go anywhere with your students, where would you go? What sights would you like them to see with their own eyes? What activities would you like them to participate in?

You may be set on a particular destination, especially if your goals for the trip include practice of a foreign language or visit to a particular historical site. In this case, this guide will help you identify more sites and on-tour activities to round out your itinerary in a particular country.

Or you may have set educational goals that could be met in a variety of places. In this case, you're more likely to be considering several destinations. This guide will help you choose the destination(s) that are the best match for your students.

Peruse the country profiles, note the iconic places that draw people to visit and the only-there experiences that will have a big impact on your students. If your wanderlust is not already ignited, reading the following pages will do just that!

At Prométour, we know that the difference between an educational adventure and a vacation—or, at worst, an overpriced bus excursion—lies in meeting your educational goals in meaningful ways. Students remember what they do, they remember what they learn when it was learned with context. When they play an active role in their learning process, they come away from it with knowledge that matters and memories that last a lifetime.

So take a few minutes and enjoy a bit of armchair travel. And then give us a call so we can make it real for you and your students!

FRANCE

ITALY

SPAIN

ENGLAND

QUEBEC

COSTA RICA

CHINA



France

Did you know?

The Château de Versailles is a great place for a science lesson! With Louis XIV's support of the sciences, the castle housed such projects as the Marly machine, the first fire-resistant building, animal dissection in the court's menagerie and botanical studies in the vast gardens.

Focus on Art

Gazing upon the iconic Mona Lisa at the Louvre is something your students will be able to check off their bucket list. Have fun debating its details on your way back to your hotel (How did the painting leave Italy and become part of François I's collection? Is she wearing a mourning veil?).



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

Louvre
Musée d'Orsay



TOP HISTORICAL SITES

Château de Versailles, Historical Quarter of Cannes, Castles of the Loire Valley, Château du Clos Lucé (inventions of Leonardo da Vinci), Mont-Saint-Michel, Bayeux Tapestry, D-Day beaches in Normandy



ICONIC MONUMENTS

Eiffel Tower
Arc de Triomphe
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Cathédrale Notre-Dame-de-Paris



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Browsing the stalls of the bouquinistes, Montmartre, Opéra Garnier (Phantom of the Opera), Introduction to the Music of the Renaissance workshop in Loches, Visit to a French parfumerie



ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Walking up the Champs-Élysées, Seine River Cruise, Excursion to the Principality of Monaco, Chenonceau's labyrinth (designed by Catherine de Médicis), Eating crêpes

Only with Prométour

Climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower
Learn the art of French bread making
Tour the gardens of Versailles on a bicycle
Homestays, school visits, language classes and exchange programs are available!



Italy

Did you know?

Italy's location between the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas made it a crossroads for trade routes and the exchange of cultures and knowledge. Fertile territory for the Renaissance, Italy is said to have more masterpieces per square mile than any other country in the world.

Focus on Art

Some artists are appreciated during their lifetime. Michelangelo, painter of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, was nicknamed Il Divino ("the divine"). He is also the first Western artist to have his autobiography published while he was still alive.



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

Vatican Museum
Uffizi Gallery
Galleria dell'Accademia



ICONIC MONUMENTS

Trevi Fountain
Pantheon, Saint Peter's Basilica
Sistine Chapel, Florence's Duomo
Baptistery's Gates of Paradise,
Orsanmichele
Doge's Palace
Church of Santa Maria Assunta
Santa Croce Basilica
Milan's Duomo
Castello Sforzesco
Balcony of Juliet's House in Verona



TOP HISTORICAL SITES

Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine, Temple of Romulus, Temple of Divus Julius, Il Campo in Siena, San Gimignano, Pompeii, Catacombs of St. Callixtus, Ostia Antica



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Walking along the cobblestones streets of Trastevere, Studying the lacework in Burano, Glassblowing demonstration in Murano, Museo dell'Opera, Teatro alla Scala



ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Gondola ride in Venice, Ferrying across the Bay of Naples to the island of Capri, Chairlift to the top of Monte Solaro, Walking along Via Appia Antica (the most famous road of ancient Rome), Dinner at a traditional trattoria

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Learn how Parmesan cheese is made in Parma
Attend a private mass at the Vatican
Climb to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa

Spain

Did you know?

By the 10th century, Córdoba, the heart of Moorish territory in Spain, was the most advanced city in Europe and had streetlights and running water.

Focus on Art

The Church of Santo Tomé houses the El Greco masterpiece, The Burial of the Count of Orgaz. Legend has it that when the Count was buried in 1312, the heavens opened and Jesus, the Virgin Mary and several other saints and angels appeared to the amazement of funeral goers.



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

Museo del Prado
Museo Reina Sofía
Picasso Museum
Guggenheim Museum



ICONIC MONUMENTS

Palacio Real
Cervantes Monument
Santa María de Toledo Cathedral
Alfonso XII Monument
Sagrada Família
Christopher Columbus Monument
La Pedrera
1868 clock at Barcelona's Academy of Sciences



TOP HISTORICAL SITES

Alcázar, El Escorial, Montjuic, Barri Gòtic, Tomb of Christopher Columbus, Alhambra, Córdoba, Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Visiting a traditional sword forgery, Strolling down Las Ramblas, Browsing the market stalls of the Boqueria, Learning to make tapas and paella with a local chef, Traditional flamenco show and lessons, Visit to an olive oil factory



ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Riding to the top of Montjuic by cable car, Picnic in Park Güell, River Guadalquivir cruise, Walking through Old Madrid



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Learn to play castanuelas, enjoy a paella dinner on the beach, tour historical Malaga by bicycle!

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England

Did you know?

Oxford University once had a rule forbidding students from bringing a bow and arrow to class.

Focus on Art

For his haunting painting Ophelia (at the Tate), artist John Everett Millais drew inspiration from his real-life muse, Elizabeth Siddal, who had to pose in a bath of water off and on for over four months.



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

British Museum
Science Museum
Natural History Museum
Design Museum
National Maritime Museum
Victoria and Albert Museum
Tate Gallery



ICONIC PLACES

Hyde Park | Piccadilly Circus
Tower Bridge | Big Ben
Saint Paul's Cathedral | Globe Theatre
Buckingham Palace | Windsor Castle
Bath | Warwick Castle
Westminster Abbey | Christ Church
Royal Observatory



TOP HISTORICAL SITES

Tower of London, Trafalgar Square, Houses of Parliament, Stonehenge, Shakespeare's Birthplace, York Minster, Richard III House, York Cathedral, Bath



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Eating authentic fish and chips, Jack the Ripper walking tour, Oxford, Top Withens, Theatre performance at the West End Theatre, Beatles Museum in Liverpool



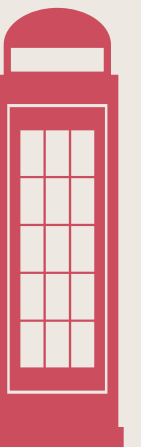
ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Watching the buskers at Covent Garden, Thames River Cruise, Changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, Ghost tour of Chester



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Take tea at Kensington Palace
Punting on the River Cam
Take a Harry Potter-themed tour



Quebec

Did you know?

The Montmorency Falls are 30 meters higher than Niagara Falls!

Focus on Art

Montreal's Museum of Fine Art houses a breathtaking collection of Quebec and Canadian art, including some fine examples of Inuit art.



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
Pointe à Callière
Musée national des Beaux-Arts du Québec
Musée de la Civilisation



ICONIC MONUMENTS

Château Frontenac
Ice Hotel
Notre Dame Basilica
Biodome
Olympic Stadium & its Leaning Tower
Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica



TOP HISTORICAL SITES

Plains of Abraham, Quartier Petit Champlain, Vieux Montréal, Morin Centre, Residence of the Governor General



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Meeting your pen pals at a French Canadian school,
Visiting a Sugar Shack, Montreal's "Underground City",
Visiting a Wendake-Huron village



ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Dog sledding, Ice skating in the Place d'Youville, the
Largest winter Carnaval in the world, the Largest sledding
park in North America (Valcartier)

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Make your own TV show at Radio Canada
Go to circus school
Practice the sport of curling
Carnaval Disco Night

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Costa Rica

Did you know?

Costa Rica aims to be the first country in the world to offset all its carbon dioxide emissions, achieving carbon neutrality by 2021.

Focus on Art

When you travel to Costa Rica with Prométour, you can participate in an artisanal class and even create your own inspired masterpiece with your students. Or try your hand at painting traditional Costa Rican masks with an indigenous community!



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

National Museum
INBioparque, Tirimbina Rainforest Center
Museo del Oro



ICONIC PLACES

Plaza de la Cultura
Mount Arenal
La Paz Waterfall
Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio
La Fortuna Waterfall
Metropolitan Cathedral
Arenal Hanging Bridges
Monteverde Sky Tram ride
Poas Volcano



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at a Women and Children's shelter, Costa Rican school visit and donation of supplies, Reforestation project in the Tirimbina Biological Reserve



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Plaza de Democracia market, Costa Rican dance class, Sarchi village craft shops, Cooking classes, Behind-the-scenes tour of a coffee plantation, Playing soccer with local students



ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Relaxing at the Baldi Hot Springs after a full day of touring, Hike through the rainforest, Monteverde zipline canopy tour of the Cloud Forest, Monteverde nocturnal rainforest tour, Tortuguero sea turtle nesting sites, Crocodile safari tour on the Tárcoles River

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Explore the coastline on horseback
Go whitewater rafting
Visit the Puma Rescue Centre

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China

Did you know?

Numerous temples were built along the Great Wall for the worship of the war god, Guandi.

Focus on Art

The Dashanzi 798 Modern Art Zone in Beijing is a neighborhood of Communist-era warehouses that have since been converted into sprawling streets of trendy hangouts for art lovers, including galleries, boutiques, restaurants and coffee shops.



WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

Shikumen Open House Museum



ICONIC MONUMENTS

Imperial Palace
Great Wall
Summer Palace
Mao's Mausoleum
Monument to the People's Heroes
Elephant Trunk Hill
Giant Wild Goose Pagoda
2008 Summer Olympic Games site



TOP HISTORICAL SITES

Temple of Heaven Park, Tiananmen Square, Lugou Bridge, Xi'an city wall, Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, Xintiandi, Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Lingyin Temple



CULTURAL MOMENTS

Tasting exotic specialties at a local market, Planting rice at the Yangshuo rice terraces, Guided tour of a silk factory, Yonghe Temple (Buddhist temple), Traditional Chinese tea ceremony, Attending classes at a local school, Chinese acrobatic show, Great Mosque of Xi'an and exploring the Muslim Quarter, Visiting the International Settlement, School of Waifs orphanage



ONLY-HERE EXPERIENCES

Tai-Chi in a Beijing park, Dragon boat ride on Kunming Lake, Rickshaw ride through Old Beijing's Hutongs, Bicycle ride around the Xi'an city wall, Reed Flute Cave, Li River Cruise, Visiting a tea plantation

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Take a traditional calligraphy lesson
Making dumplings with a local family
See "The Legend of Kung Fu" show

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