



AROUND THE WORLD WITH ST. FRANCIS

Expanding Minds. Broadening Horizons.

"Education is not a two-by-four: it should not be limited to the two covers of a book and the four walls of a classroom." —John Dewey

The St. Francis Travel Program offers middle schoolers the opportunity to broaden their horizons, expand their minds, and embrace what it means to be global citizens through carefully curated learning adventures. These trips expose students to new cultures, languages, and ideas, while reinforcing classroom learning and encouraging individual growth. Trips are available to current fifth–eighth graders and range from five days to two weeks in length. Details follow, and additional information is available at trip-specific parent meetings (dates listed below). We look forward to wonderful travels in summer 2018!

COSTA RICA {CURRENT GRADE 7 STUDENTS}

Monteverde, Arenal Volcano, Flamingo Beach

Spanish language immersion and Costa Rican culture! For two weeks, students live with host families and take four hours of conversational Spanish class each day. They also zip through the trees, salsa dance, surf, learn to cook, visit a local sugar cane farm, tackle a service project at a local school, and much more.

ICELAND {CURRENT GRADE 6–8 STUDENTS}

Reykjavik, Hvalsöllum

In the land of fire and ice, you'll explore the Golden Circle, hike on the Sólheimajökull glacier, visit Viking World, and enjoy a swim in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa! Students will learn Iceland's unique geological features, from volcanoes to glaciers to tectonic plate activity, to discovering how alternative energy sources and Icelandic techniques are used for capturing geothermal steam for heat and power. [American Council for International Studies educational tour services]

UNITED STATES {CURRENT GRADE 5 STUDENTS}

Washington DC & Williamsburg, VA

Four action-packed days in the nation's capital, plus a day in Colonial Williamsburg, VA! As students visit our capital's stunning monuments and vistas, they learn how Washington's historic sites reflect the events and people who have shaped our nation. [Adventure Student Travel educational tour services.]

	Who's Eligible	Parent Meeting	Application/Registration Due	Program Fee Due	Travel Deposit Due
UNITED STATES June 3–7, 2018	Current fifth graders	November 9, 9:00 a.m. Hogan Board Room	Registration: November 16	N/A	November 16
ICELAND July 2–7, 2018	Current sixth–eighth graders	September 20, 10:00 a.m. Hogan Board Room	Registration: September 16	September 16	October 1 Online to ACIS
COSTA RICA June 3–16, 2018	Current seventh graders	September 20, 9:00 a.m. Hogan Board Room	Application: September 16 (decisions mailed September 30)	N/A	October 14

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