



## Educational Tours



# Upper Arlington School District

2019 Global Education Program

Dear Friends of  
Upper Arlington Schools,

Upper Arlington Schools is one of Ohio's premier public school districts, with an average ACT composite score of 25.9. We offer students the choice of more than 60 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes. Our students have the opportunity to participate in more than 50 student clubs and activities, in addition to 32 varsity sports.

An Upper Arlington education means more than preparing students to perform well on standardized tests. An Upper Arlington education means helping children develop complex thinking and collaboration skills, along with the ability to innovate and be self-directed. To do that, we provide students with strong foundational knowledge in core academic areas, as well as the arts, the classics, and world language. The wealth of extracurricular and cocurricular activities allows students to explore their interests, hone their leadership skills, and experience character-building projects.

We are committed to ensuring that our students leave Upper Arlington High School prepared for college and career in this increasingly global society. The contents of this brochure represent opportunities for our students to apply their classroom experiences to the real world on a global scale. Through collaboration with EF Education First, our students will have the opportunity to travel abroad with their teachers. The option of worldwide travel is one of many steps our district is taking to ensure our students remain on the cutting edge of 21st-century education and the globally competitive marketplace.

Please take a moment to review the opportunities our students have to experience our world.



Sincerely,  
Paul Imhoff  
Superintendent of  
Upper Arlington Schools

# Preparing students for global citizenship

## PARTNERING WITH EF EDUCATION FIRST

In today's increasingly interconnected world, it's important to prepare students to compete in the global economy. To be college and career ready, all students must master today's essential 21st-century skills, which includes global awareness, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

As the World Leader in International Education, EF Education First has worked with educators across the globe for over 50 years to prepare students for global citizenship. Through immersive educational travel opportunities, EF gives students the ultimate combination of knowledge and firsthand experiences to produce globally-minded, career-focused citizens. EF Educational Tours offers hundreds of fully accredited educational itineraries to meaningful destinations around the world. Learn more at [eftours.com](http://eftours.com).

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## A MORE ENGAGING LEARNING EXPERIENCE

You know students learn on a deeper level when what you're teaching connects to their own lives. That's why every tour comes with **weShare**, a personalized learning experience powered by your students' curiosity. Using EF's guided learning model, students use their strengths to investigate an issue or topic that inspires them. They reflect on what they've learned through a post-tour project that gives even more meaning to travel—and can earn them high school credit.

## EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

Students can also earn three college credits with their tour—and gain the confidence of having completed a college-level course—through EF's exclusive partnership with Southern New Hampshire University.

# 2019 international travel opportunities

## Experience Panama

March 2019

High school students

Group Leader: Cynthia Ballheim | cballheim@uaschools.org

**TOUR NUMBER: 2095190SU**

Start by exploring what remains of the first European settlement on the Pacific coast, at Panamá Viejo, then fast-forward to life in Panama today. Meet with a scientist at a tropical research center, travel to lesser-known Chitré to visit a local farm, and try your hand at pre-Columbian painting during a workshop with an artist. Then it's back to the city to marvel at the passage of ships through the locks of the Panama Canal and discover the region's flora and fauna at the lush Metropolitan Natural Park.

*Students have the opportunity to earn college credit on this tour.*

## Language Immersion in Paris

March 2019

High school students

Group Leader: Julia Voegt-Brooking | jvbrooking@uaschools.org

**TOUR NUMBER: 2083652WR**

Each day of your Language Immersion Tour is built around a different theme that ties together daily language classes, cultural activities, and interactions with locals. Accredited classes at our EF International Language Schools provide students with cultural context and relevant vocabulary for each experiential activity. Through it all, your Language Immersion Program Director will be with you, supporting your students' language learning and highlighting each breakthrough moment.

## D-Day: England and France

June 2019

High school students

Group Leader: David Griffin | dgriffin@uaschools.org

**TOUR NUMBER: 2097983NA**

Follow in the footsteps of Allied soldiers during World War II as you travel from London to Paris via the Normandy region. Commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day with ceremonies and special programming, and gain context of this important invasion at Bletchley Park. During this tour, you'll visit World War II sites that will help put this major conflict into perspective.

*Waitlist only*

## Experience Germany

June 2019

Middle school students

Group Leader: Christy Charlton | ccharlton@uaschools.org

**TOUR NUMBER: 2120898KD**

How does the past impact the present in two vibrant cities that fuel Europe's economic engine? See the Cold War through the eyes of those who endured it during a panel discussion, and contemplate one of the darkest periods in human history at Dachau. Gain a deeper understanding of German culture as you explore history and modern life in Berlin and Munich today.

## Journey Down Under

June 2019

High school students

Group Leader: Lynn Reese | lreese@uaschools.org

**TOUR NUMBER: 2083653BE**

From afar, New Zealand and Australia may seem similar. An up-close look reveals distinct cultures and personalities. Both descend from the same British colonial family tree, so you may struggle to tell the accents apart in the streets of Auckland and Sydney. But as you dig deeper in the Maori culture in Rotorua and Aboriginal roots along the Great Barrier Reef in Cairns, each country's individual identity becomes clear.

## Culture and Service in Ecuador

June 2019

Middle school students

Group Leader: Laurie Sutherin | lsutherin@uaschools.org

**TOUR NUMBER: 2086598BB**

Venture into the heart of Ecuador's lush Amazonian rainforest, where you'll find one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. In Otavalo, you'll experience the culture and heritage of the city, visiting the Mercados de los Ponchos—a famous market known for its local beautiful textiles—and learning how traditional crafts and meals are prepared when you visit a local family's home. As you're immersed in the Quito and Otavalo cultures, you'll also put your hands to work: building and restoring local schools and promoting social justice.

**LEARN MORE AND REGISTER**

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# What to expect on tour

Together with your students, you'll celebrate local cultures, gain global perspective, explore some of the world's most fascinating sites, and build life skills through:

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#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Hands-on activities and guided exploration deepen students' knowledge of the world and themselves.

#### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Students gain a greater understanding and appreciation for various cultures as they experience the language, cuisine, and people.

#### LOCAL INSIGHT

Expert local guides and Tour Directors share cultural and historical knowledge and provide global perspective.

#### WESHARE – PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Every tour comes with weShare, our personalized learning experience that engages students before, during, and after tour. And it's available for free.

