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**ABOUT US**

Horizons Group Travel was established in 2001, originally specialising in Basketball Tours and quickly expanding to provide a variety of other sports options including rugby, football, cricket, netball, hockey and cheerleading. Our offerings continued to grow with the addition of our Education department, covering Music, History, STEM, Language, Art, and a range of other specialised tours. Our customers have enjoyed destinations including the USA, Canada, China, Singapore, Vietnam, Europe, UK, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

Our understanding of the unique requirements of group travel and our personalised approach makes us the ideal choice in planning, sourcing and managing the perfect tour for your school or club. Our ever-growing global network allows us to offer exclusive experiences that are inaccessible to others. Our dedicated Tour Coordinators thoroughly consult with teaches and coaches to tailor an itinerary and tour management plan that meets each unique set of requirements. We can assist in providing:

* Customised Itineraries
* Group Payment Plans
* Trusted, Quality Suppliers
* Negotiated Group Discounts on airfares, accommodation, transport and activities
* Tour Leaders

Horizons’ passion and mission remains to provide ‘once in a lifetime’ experiences to all of our valued customers.

• The opportunity to play a series of matches with school and youth teams in the countries you visit

• Enjoy an educational syllabus-based itineraries sightseeing program linked to your school studies

• The opportunity to attend top-level matches in your chosen sport

• Skills development training sessions with international coaches

• A flexible cultural sightseeing program developed by experienced educators

• Visits to world-famous venues, museums and associated sports stores

• Relax and take it easy in different cities during your free time

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**WHY CHOOSE US**

Over the years, Horizons Group Travel has become recognised for the quality of its school and club tours with the greatest testament being the number of repeat school and club clients.

Our job is to make your tour as well-planned as possible. Our expertise is broad ranging with product managers and administrative staff forming our sports and educational team offering:

• Unique itineraries based on years of meeting the specific needs of school groups

• Direct management of your tour - we select the airlines, hotels, coaches, restaurants and tour guides

• Experienced product managers who manage all logistical aspects of the tour

• A passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated admin team supporting each group

• Accommodation in selected three-star hotels, and/or sports training facilities.

• All-inclusive pricing, with air travel, insurance, match entry, most meals and tipping all included

• A team of local expert guides at cultural sites, selected over many years

• Fully documented risk management and hotel details to assist with official approval processes and all-inclusive pricing with no hidden extras

**GETTING STARTED**

You’re ready to start planning your next tour! Here are the next steps...

* Please contact us by phone or email to discuss your tour plans and goals
* We will create a Tour Package customised to your needs
* Collect student/participant interest and deposits.
* We will then work towards providing your once in a lifetime experience, booking flights, accommodation, activities and sightseeing. Providing you with regular updates as your Tour itinerary becomes a reality

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**BASKETBALL TOURS**

Play basketball games California, Texas and North and South Carolina, cheer on the Knicks and the Brooklyn Nets and compete in the Millennium Tournament in New York. Participate in prestigious basketball programs at the University of Miami and Montverde Academy in Florida or compete in the Maui Winter Classic or the Pacific Rim Championships in picture-perfect Hawaii.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

* Play competitive matches against schools and clubs
* Experience the world of American basketball clubs
* Attend NBA games (schedule dependant)
* Compete in prestigious basketball tournaments
* Train with top youth coaches
* Soak in the atmosphere of US basketball culture
* Tour the famous sights of California, Texas and New York
* Play games in China, Europe or New Zealand

**California:** Join the Gold Dust Tournament, Stonebarger, or the LA Beach Bash in sunny California! Watch the LA Clippers and the Lakers compete at their home stadiums, and college teams from UCLA and USC. Our tours offer exciting entertainment options, competitive local opposition, and exposure to NCAA coaches. Visit the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Disneyland and California Adventure Park, Staples Centre, Hollywood, Santa Monica Pier and Venice Beach.

**Texas:** The Lone Star state is home to some of the most competitive players in the US, with three NBA teams – the Dallas Mavericks, the Houston Rockets, and the San Antonio Spurs. Sign up early for the very popular Dallas Mavericks Academy Camp. Compete in the Centerville Varsity Tournament, or the Lufkin Holiday Hoopfest. Visit the Space Centre in Houston, Six Flags Amusement Park, Texas A & M University, and soak in the atmosphere of a Fort Worth rodeo.

**North/South Carolina:** Join the Accelerate Basketball Training Camp, training base of Steph Curry, compete in the David Wright Holiday Classic, the North Carolina Freedom Holiday Classic or the North Carolina Seahawk Classic. Visit Duke University, the University of North Carolina, attend a Charlotte Bobcats game, visit Hilton Head or the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

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**FOOTBALL TOURS**

Experience the world of English Premier League and Spanish La Liga Clubs, play competitive matches against top schools and clubs, train with youth coaches, witness top flight games and see the sights. These tours are a perfect combination of sport and culturally rich experiences.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

• Play 4-6 competitive matches against school teams.

• See the sights of London, Oxford, Barcelona and Madrid.

• Watch three English Premier League or two La Liga games.

• Tour the stadiums, museums and shops at Arsenal, Man Utd, Real Madrid and Barcelona.

• Stay, train and play at a football academy in Valencia.

• Train, play and stay at England’s national football team HQ.

**SAMPLE ENGLAND TOUR**

Tours are possible in January, April, September and December

SAMPLE ITINERARY - **Day 1**: Depart Australia – Flights depart Australia. **Days 2-5**: London – See London’s iconic sights, watch an EPL game, tour Arsenal and Tottenham’s stadiums and shops, train with top junior clubs, play two games against school teams. **Day 6**: Stratford-upon-Avon – Tour Oxford and explore Shakespeare’s birthplace. **Day 7**: St George’s Park – Explore Warwick Castle and train with an academy team at St George’s Park National Football Centre. **Day 8**: Chester – Enjoy a game against a youth team and transfer to the Roman town of Chester. **Days 9-10**: Liverpool – Watch an EPL game, visit the Slavery Museum, the Beatles Museum, tour Anfield stadium and shop and play a school team. **Days 11-13**: Manchester – Watch an EPL game, tour Old Trafford stadium and shop and play two games against school teams**. Days 14-15**: Flight to Australia – Return to Australia.

**SAMPLE SPANISH TOUR**

Tours are possible in January, April, September and December

SAMPLE ITINERARY - **Day 1**: Depart Australia – Flights depart Australia. **Days 2-5**: Madrid – Visit Plaza Mayor, Bernabéu stadium, train at Real Madrid’s and Atlético Madrid’s training grounds, enjoy a match against a school team and watch a La Liga match. **Days 6-8**: Valencia – Tour the city, enjoy a match against a youth team, stay in a football academy, train with the Valencia Football Club’s youth coaches and enjoy two matches against school teams**. Days 9-11**: Barcelona – Visit Las Ramblas, Sagrada Família, the Nou Camp, train with Barcelona’s junior coaches, play a match against a school team and watch a La Liga match. **Days 13-14**: Flight to Australia – Return to Australia.

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**CRICKET TOURS**

The first choice for cricketers is to travel to visit where it all began, England. Gain international match experience, train with leading coaches, attend top-level matches and enjoy sightseeing.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

\* Play 50, 40 and 20-over games against school, club or academy teams.

\* Tour, train and play at iconic Test venues

\* Take in Test or First Class Matches.

**UK**

The obvious choice for passionate young cricketers is to travel to visit where it all began, the United Kingdom.

After landing in London, see icons such as Big Ben and the Tower Bridge. Wander the grounds and use the training facilities at Lords, the ‘home of cricket’, where so many cricketing legends have been before you. In Southampton, visit the Ageas Bowl and have training sessions with country cricket training staff. Drive across the lush green English countryside and connect with local community clubs.

Enjoy the many attractions that London has to offer including some of the world’s premier galleries and museums, west-end shows and Warner Bros Studios.

**Sri Lanka**

For an enriching cultural experience and guaranteed sunshine, travel to this teardrop shaped island nation in the Indian Ocean.

Experience Sri Lanka’s rich colonial heritage and unique mix of races, religions and cultures, attending cultural performances and visiting sacred religious sites. Inland, visit beautiful lush green tea plantations. Get up close to an abundance of wildlife including elephants and turtles, and jump on board an exciting National Park jeep safari!

You will be welcomed by friendly, competitive young athletes keen to prove themselves in what is considered a national sport.

**India**

Arguably home to Australia’s biggest international cricketing rivals, India will offer an eye-opening, invaluable experience for young athletes. Connect with local clubs and players who have experienced a vastly different upbringing, and return home having developed both personally and athletically.

Your team has the chance to attend an Indian Premier League game, watching the Delhi Daredevils on home soil. In Agra, gaze upon the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. Visit the ancient fortified city of Fathepur Sikri and experience the contrasts, commotion, and craziness of Old and New Delhi.

**New Zealand**

Compete against Australia’s favourite rivals and build friendships across the ditch. You have the chance to attend a Super Smash T20 match featuring the Auckland Aces or Wellington Firebirds!

After game time, recover in natural thermal pools, and experience Maori Culture with traditional performances and hangi feasts. Celebrate a successful tour with adventure activities and visit the Lord of the Rings Hobbiton set.

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**RUGBY TOURS**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

Some of the best rugby in the world is played in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and there is no shortage of clubs willing to host your team in London, Bath, Cardiff, Edinburgh and elsewhere. Participate in a Premiership Rugby Academy training clinic with UK’s top players and coaches and visit the town of Rugby, where the earliest form of the sport was accidently invented.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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* Play competitive matches against schools and clubs
* Attend Rugby games in New Zealand in the United Kingdom
* Visit Webb Ellis Museum and the Rugby Hall of Fame in Rugby
* Train with top youth coaches
* Test your skills: tackling, sprinting, jumping, kicking, pushing in a scrum
* Tour Buckingham Palace, Queenstown and the Eiffel Tower
* Play games in Fiji, Tonga and Argentina

**New Zealand**

Home of the internationally dominating All Blacks, Rugby is easily the national sport of New Zealand – 90% of the population watched the 1999 Rugby England World Cup Semi Final at 4am New Zealand time! Growing up with rugby as a part of their culture, Kiwis are proud and passionate athletes and you have the chance to compete against local high school and club teams across the North and South Islands. Visit the New Zealand Rugby Museum in Palmerston North to see rare rugby artefacts and test your skills of tackling, sprinting, jumping, kicking and pushing in a scrum. Enjoy adventure capital Queenstown with activities such as luging, jet boating, bungee jumping and scenic hikes. Experience Maori culture with a traditional performance and hangi feast and relax in the natural hot springs of Rotorua. The Lord of the Rings fans will enjoy a visit to the popular Hobbiton set and you can see glow worms in Waitomo Caves.

**South Africa:** The Springboks Rugby World Cup victory in 1995 catapulted rugby to new heights in South Africa. Play high school and club teams in Johannesburg and Cape Town and tour the Newlands Rugby Stadium. Spot wildlife on a game drive, tour the Apartheid Museum and visit Robben Island to see Nelson Mandela’s former prison cell.

**France:** France has a strong rugby history having misses out on World Cup victories 3 times. Loyal fans play themselves in huge numbers, with Rugby being one of the French’s favourite sports. Join a club such as Racing 92 in Paris for a training clinic and cheer from the sidelines at a Fédérale 1 or Férdérale 2 match. See the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre and tour the Western Front to understand ANZAC history.

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**NETBALL TOURS**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

* Enjoy 5-7 games against netball youth teams
* Tour London, Bath, Manchester and Liverpool in England
* Experience rural life at a working sheep station in New Zealand
* Compete in a Junior Netball Festival in England

**ENGLAND NETBALL TOUR**

Tour England to develop your game and enjoy the unique experiences that only a netball tour can provide. The focus of the tours is to see players improve their netball under high quality coaches as well growing as individuals. Personal development opportunities offered through overseas travel include increased independence, maturity, confidence and self-awareness, as well as a greater global outlook through interaction with other cultures.

**SAMPLE NEW ZEALAND NETBALL TOUR**

**Day 1:** Arrive in Auckland. **Day 2:** Tour Auckland, play a school team and watch a netball match. **Day 3:** Visit Waitomo Caves and play a game against a local school. **Day 4:** Rotorua. Tour the Hamilton gardens and enjoy a Hobbiton movie set tour. **Day 5**: Rotorua. Visit hot geysers and thermal pools, enjoy a traditional hangi dinner and cultural performance. **Day 6:** Napier. Explore the Art Deco town of Napier and play a school team. **Day 7:** Wellington. Visit the Te Papa Museum**. Day 8:** Wellington. Play a school team. **Day 9:** Kaikoura. Travel to Marlborough Sounds and enjoy a scenic train to Kaikoura. **Day 10**: Christchurch. Whale watching tour and play a match against a school team. **Day 11**: Geraldine Farmstay. Tour Christchurch and experience rural life at a farmstay. **Day 12**: Queenstown. Visit pretty Lake Wanaka. **Day 13**: Queenstown. Visit the gold mining tour of Arrowtown, wander and take a jet-boat ride. **Day 14**: Invercargill. Cruise the Milford Sound. **Day 15**: Invercargill. Visit the Southland Museum and play a school team**. Day 16:** Fly back to Australia.

This suggested itinerary can also be tailored to suit your requirements. Some schools choose to do a shorter, 1-week tour of the North Island or, alternatively a 1-week tour of the South Island.

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**CHEERLEADING AND DANCE TOURS**

**Cheerleading**

In 1877, Princeton University organised a supporter cheer at a football game, and Cheerleading was born! Cheerleading remained closely tied to American football games and still enjoys its largest following in the USA. The country hosts various tournaments giving athletes exposure to world-class facilities, adjudication and the chance to compete with teams across the USA.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

* Compete at high level competitions all over the USA
* Opportunity to train with some of the USA's leading gyms and dance studios
* Train with top youth coaches
* Tour the famous sights of USA, Europe and New Zealand
* The chance to visit Disneyworld, Disneyland, Universal Studios and other theme parks
* Accommodation quotes available for AASCF Nationals Tournaments

**California:** Travel to sunny Palm Springs to compete in Duel in the Desert. Enjoy the attractions of Disneyland and Universal Studios, Hollywood Boulevard, Santa Monica Pier and Venice Beach.

**Hawaii:** Compete in the Hawaiian Athletic Championships or the Global Dance and Cheer Games. In your downtime, enjoy Waikiki Beach, hike Diamond Head, visit Pearl Harbour, or take in an evening luau and experience the rich Polynesian culture of the islands.

**Florida:** Home to the Cheerleading Worlds, The Dance Worlds, and The Summit Championships, Florida also provides the chance to enjoy the theme parks of Orlando and beaches of Miami.

**Texas:** Compete in either one of the premier cheer/dance events: the NCA Championships, and the NDA Championships in the dance space. Held in Dallas, you will have the chance to visit Fort Worth and learn more about cowboy culture, as well as visit one of the Six Flag theme parks.

**DANCE TOURS**

Highlights

* The chance to perform at Disneyworld, Disneyland – Anaheim, Paris & Hong Kong, Universal Studios, and many more famous US theme parks.
* Opportunities to perform at sea with Dance Cruises
* Workshops at world renown dance studios

**USA:** One of the most popular dance destinations with the opportunity to perform in Los Angeles, New York or Florida. As well as the opportunity to participate in workshops with renowned studios.

**Europe:** Visit and dance in the European capitals of London and Paris, taking in the sights and culture as well as unique workshops.

**Asia:** Experience the unique culture and dance styles of Asia, with workshops in traditional styles, performance opportunities in Singapore, Hong Kong and Bali.

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**ANCIENT AND MODERN HISTORY TOURS**

Our tours are designed around any of the Ancient and Modern History units and the relevant electives. Students will tour where history transpired and direct experience at sites is invaluable to the way history is taught today, encouraging students to compare and evaluate sources. They will be inspired after visiting the world’s greatest archaeological sites and museums.

**France & Belgium (Western Front & Normandy)**

A trip to the Western Front will allow your students to tread the ground where almost 300,000 ANZACs fought and died during WWII. A Specialist Battlefields Guide will provide detailed information on the many sites over Belgium and northern France where students can reflect upon and commemorate the sacrifices that were made.

In Belgium visit the Flanders region, including the Passchendaele Battlefield, Tynecot Cemetary and Polygon Wood. Participate in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, a daily tradition that has been upheld 1927.

Over the French border in the Somme region, visit sites such as VC Corner at Fromelles, the First Australian Division Memorial at Pozieres, and the Franco-Australian Museum and Australian National Memorial at Villers Bretonneux. Continue to the Normandy coastline and stand on the very beaches where the allied forces conducted the largest sea-born invasion in history. Under the cover of darkness, a surprise attack was made on the occupying German forces on what today is referred to as D-Day. The landings are considered a major turning point most in the pursuit of the allied victory.

**Germany**

An essential destination for WWII students who want to deepen their comprehension of the Nazi Party rise and fall.

Visit the site of the Gestapo headquarters, wander the expansive Nazi Rally grounds and visit the Palace of Justice where the Nuremberg Trials took place. Students will be deeply moved as they walk through Concentration Camps and Nazi Documentation Centres where the persecuted Jews were processed and detained.

Discover the fascinating history of post-WWII Berlin – a city once divided. See the remnants of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, and Brandenburg Gate. Interactive museums The DDR Museum and Story of Berlin Museum will help further understanding of the city’s tumultuous past.

**GREECE AND ITALY**

**Greece**

Ancient History students cannot pass up an opportunity to visit the founding place of western civilization – Athens. Climb the Acropolis and wonder at the architectural marvel at the Parthenon, the most fascinating building surviving classical Greece. The extensive ruins of Agora provide a glimpse into daily life of the Ancient Greeks, as the city’s commercial, political and religious centre. Visit the National Archaeological Museum which holds one of the most extensive archaeological collections in the world. Explore the remains of the world’s first Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Apollo at Delphi and the ancient monasteries of Meteora.

**Italy**

In Rome, experience some of the world’s most significant archaeological discoveries. Visit the Colosseum, Roman Forum, the Pantheon and the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Vatican City. An archaeologist guide will engage your students with stories of the Romans, Gladiators, Emperors and commoners alike. Visit the National Archaeological Museum in Naples, tour Pompeii and Herculaneum, devastated by the volcanic eruption of Mt Vesuvius. View priceless works of art in Florence and visit the unique floating city of Venice.

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**Music Tours**

All our music tours can include festivals, top-quality clinics, and music workshops to improve your performance, development and music appreciation opportunities. Take part in master class workshops, cross cultural exchanges and teaching and learning experiences. A popular musical tour option is a music retreat: mass band and choir workshops combined with smaller, focus-group clinics in a full day of musical activities.

**USA:** Offer your students an exciting and enriching experience in the USA. Choose from a range of festivals and locations such as the Choirs of America Festival in New York City, the Golden Gate International Children’s & Youth Choral Festival in San Francsico, or the Aloha Children’s Choir Festival in Hawaii.

**Singapore**: Stay close to home and participate in the Singapore International Choral Festival. Your choir will have the chance to perform at venues including the spectacular Gardens by the Bay, Universal Studios, the High Commissioners Residence, and Orchard Road.

**France & Belgium**: In France, perform in historic and beautiful venues such at Notre Dame, Jardin du Luxembourg, Square Jean XXIII. Join the Paris International Choir Festival or The Provencal Festival for Youth Choirs in scenic Aix-en-Provence in the south of France. In Belgium, groups can peform at the Menin Gate, Bruges Cathedral and Ypres Market Square.

**Italy:** Compete in the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival, or “Isola Del Sole”, International Choir Competition and Festival in Grado (near Venice). Your choir may have the chance to perform at St Mark’s Basilica in Venice, Garda Amphitheatre or Saint Paul’s within the Walls in Rome.

**Spain:** Experience the sunny Mediterranean when you compete in the Golden Voices of Barcelona International Choral Competition and Festival or the Sea-Sun Festival of Music, Dance and the Arts in Costa Brava. Performance opportunities are available at Barcelona Cathedral or Poble Espanyol.

**Canada:** Canada offers competition opportunities including the Conbrio Choir & Ensemble Festival in Whistler and the Cantando Choral Festival in Sun Peaks Ski Resort.

**United Kingdom**: Head to London International Youth Musical Festival where you may find yourself performing at Westminster, St Paul’s Cathedral, Victoria Embankment and Hyde Park.

**Austria:** Calling all lovers of Classical Music! Walk in the footsteps of 18th and 19th century composers such as Mozart, Strauss, Schubert and Beethoven in beautiful Austria!

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**STEM Tours**

Visit industry leaders such as Boeing and NASA, and meet people working on the frontiers of technology.Use skills of critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork during a simulated space mission at the Chabot Space & Science Centre in San Francisco, tour the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, meet an astronaut and delve into challenging workshops and simulations in Orlando and learn the concepts in physics.

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**USA:** Home to a huge tech and innovation industry, Seattle has the Future of Flight Aviation Centre where you can see Boeing Dreamliner jets being assembled. Tour the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Centre and the Pacific Science Centre, which exhibits health and wellness, engineering, and environmental, earth, physical and living sciences.In San Francisco, visit the California Academy of Sciences and explore the intersection of science, art and human perception at the Exploratorium.

Visit HQ of Apple, Facebook and Google in Silicon Valley. At the Intel Museum, enjoy the interactive exhibits at the Tech Museum of Innovation, and see real moAmon rock collected from Apollo 15 at the NASA Research Centre and tour of the Stanford University campus.

In Washington D.C., explore the Smithsonian Institute, the world’s largest museum, education and research complex. Boasting the National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, the Air and Space Museum, and the Steven F Udvar-Hazy Centre, featuring a Lockheed Blackbird, a Concorde and the Space Shuttle Discovery.

**Singapore:** Singapore offers students a wealth of hands-on educational experiences in technological and scientific innovations.The Singapore Discovery Centre is an ‘edutainment’ attraction featuring fascinating and engaging exhibits that provide visitors with insight into the unique Singaporean way of life and how it is protected. Go beyond the iconic lotus-shaped façade of the Art Science Museum to explore exhibits demonstrating the best of art, science, design, media, architecture and technology through the ages and into the future. Participate in a workshop at the Science Centre, such as Scientist for a day, and enjoy its indoor Butterfly Sanctuary and 3D Dome Movie theatre.Walk through the Singapore Botanic Gardens, board a night safari in the world’s first nocturnal wildlife park, home to over 1000 animals. Enjoy beautiful views over Marina Bay, visit the attractions of Sentosa Island, the Singapore Aquarium and Universal Studios.

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**Language Tours**

Language is naturally a large component of Horizon Group Travel because our tours travel all over the world. Some of the many languages that are often heard on tour are French, Mandarin, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, German and even Indonesian, Hindi, Arabic and Portuguese. Language is important part of the tours because it a major part of the local culture and gives tour member the fullest experience. Your tour itinerary can be customised to suit students’ studies.

**French:** Allow your French students to be captivated by the beautiful city of Paris. More than just croissants and baguettes, students will be welcomed into a Parisian home and are involved in daily family life. Take a series of French classes with qualified educators, before stepping out to explore the city’s attractions.

**Mandarin**: As the official language of our neighbour China, skills in Mandarin are an asset for students pursuing careers in international business or economics. Take a morning Mandarin class in Beijing, then venture out and explore one of the world’s oldest civilisations.

**Spanish**: Students will be welcomed into the home of a local Spanish family where they will be included in daily customs and activities. Attend engaging and challenging language classes to build confidence and skill, before ordering Pinchos and Tapas with your new friends. Begin your Spanish journey in the lively, cosmopolitan capital Madrid.

**Italian**: Italy is a rich haven of culture and history, just waiting to be soaked up by hungry young minds. Immersing students in the Italian lifestyle is an invaluable asset to their studies, aiding in the understanding of tone, expression and body language that is so intimately tied to the Italian language. Italy is home to some of the world’s greatest masterpieces of art, and the birthplace of the ancient Roman civilization.

**Japanese**: Visiting Japan offers an invaluable opportunity for students to develop an understanding of a culture known for its unwritten social rules and customs. When is it appropriate to bow, remove your shoes, or even make eye contact? Students participate in a homestay program, where these cultural cues will become practiced.

**German:** Develop language skills and build new friendships with an immersive homestay program in Germany. Students can test their abilities by conversing with locals and joining in on everyday family activities. Experience the unique pronunciations of native German speakers.

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**Cultural and Service Tours**

Our program is centred around a Cultural Exchange with a Chinese school were students will spend time at a Chinese school, attend classes, learn Mandarin language skills, interact with Chinese students, learn traditional Chinese arts and participate in sporting activities with host schools. In Cambodia, your service project will involve building traditional wooden Khmer-style houses for some of Cambodia’s poorest people.

**China:** The Great Wall Cultural Exchange’s primary goal is to promote international collaboration, intercultural communication, language skills and cultural exchange between Australian and Chinese schools and students. The program is supported by Government Departments and Schools, making it an extremely attractive way for your school to visit China, immersing yourself in a culture that dates back thousands of years and today stands as the most populous country in the World and the second biggest economy behind the USA. Your school exchange will also provide the option of forging longer terms links and relationships between your schools. The Great Wall Cultural Exchange includes visits to the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen and The Temple of Heaven.

**Cambodia**: Your Service project will involve building traditional wooden Khmer-style houses for some of Cambodia’s poorest people. Based in Siam Reap, the homes built are in rural areas surrounding the popular tourist city. In many cases the housing is rudimentary at best and many homes are fragile structures with palm frond walls and dirt floors. Many do not survive the severe rainstorms. In contrast, the houses you will build are solid and designed to last. The houses are 4 metres by 5 metres, with concrete footings, wooden sides and floorboards and a tin roof. They include one enclosed room and one room with open sides. The space underneath the house is often used as a daily living and cooking area. Each house takes 4 days to build and on the fifth day a Khmer house blessing ceremony is held before the family moves into it. In addition to building homes, toilets and wells are additional building projects that are undertaken to improve the lives of selected families. About 80 per cent of the Cambodian population lives in rural areas and UNICEF estimates only 16 per cent of them have access to adequate sanitation. A lack of clean drinking water is one of the most pressing issues facing Cambodians living in rural villages.

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**Business & Economics Tours**

Bring Business Studies and Economics to life, strengthening your students understanding of the subjects with visits to commercial organisations, institutions and workshops. The US offers a number of different destination options from the financial centre of the world in New York, to the political epicentre of Washington DC and the tech haven of Silicon Valley.

**New York:** The financial capital of the world! In addition to visiting iconic sights including the Statute of Liberty, Central Park, Times Square and the 9/11 Museum immerse your students in workshops, tours and visits. Tour Wall Street including a Capital Markets Simulation getting an understanding of the workings of the American Financial Markets.

Continue your exploration with visits to the Federal Reserve, United Nations Museum of American Finance as well as talking in depth educational tours at Macy’s and Madison Square Garden.

**San Francisco:** Home to a huge tech and innovation industry, take a tour of Silicon Valley with stops at Apple, Facebook and Google. Visit the Intel Museum, enjoy the interactive exhibits at the Tech Museum of Innovation, and tour of the Stanford University campus. Visit the Wells Fargo Museum tracking the company’s history from its founding in 1852 servicing the Gold Rush in San Francisco.

**Washington, DC:** Visit the American Capital, which is home to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial arms of government. In addition to visiting some of it’s famous landmarks and monuments including the White House, Washington Monument, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials.

You will have the chance to get an insight into the Political and Economic power that is centred in Washington with visits to the World Bank, Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Centre, Bureau of Engraving & Printing and Smithsonian Institute.

**China:** As we move into theAsian Century provide your students the opportunity to experience China as its economic power and global influence continues to grow.

The Financial District in Shanghai is the most prosperous business center in China. Known as Chinese Wall Street, the Shanghai Financial District gathers more than 600 Chinese and foreign banks and financial institutions. You will also have the opportunity to visit a number of companies and factories including Shanghai Volkswagen Auto, Shanghai Yakult Milk Co., Shanghai Bao Steel Corp. and the Urban Planning Exhibition Centre.

No trip to China is complete without a visit to Beijing to take in the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square,

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**Title: Sport and Educational Tours:**

Horizons Group Travel provide the opportunity for Australian sports and educational groups to experience a once in a lifetime international tour. Offering unique unforgetable experiences ranging from musical performances at the Empire State Building, training with the Golden State Warriors, lunch with an astronaut, playing cricket on Test pitches, walking the battefields of WW1, training at Barcelona FC or building a house in Cambodia.

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