

# Travel with your STEM STUDENTS



Bring the science classroom to life abroad with immersive experiences that both celebrate scientific milestones and encourage the next generation of thinkers.



*Travel.  
Changes.  
Lives.*

We see it every single day. Both kids and educators come back from their trips moved in ways that they never expected.

When teachers think of educational travel, history, art, and language classes probably come to mind first. But science and technology students can gain just as much from traveling internationally as any of the classic subjects!



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With every trip, I revel in the looks of wonder in their eyes as they finally get out of textbooks and into this amazing world we share. That travel changes lives is an understatement; it revolutionizes young lives.”

- **Teacher and ACIS Group Leader Michael C.**

## What Makes ACIS Different From the Rest?

Our teachers love the hotels, cultural connections and food, but what they say really sets us apart is the level of care. With ACIS, it feels like a true partnership.

## Committed to Excellence

ACIS partners with educators to provide exceptional educational journeys. Together we find or design a program that meets your educational goals and exceeds your imagination in every way. You're trusting us with your students and your professional reputation, so our standards are high and our commitment to excellence is relentless. After all, to us travel is more than just our business—it's our passion.



# An ACIS Tour for STEM STUDENTS

- Showcases real-world applications for STEM research
- Provides context to historical scientific discoveries discussed in the classroom
- Includes immersive learning experiences



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I believe that studying/traveling abroad is fundamental to a well-rounded education.

My experience was transformational in and of itself, but also served as a catalyst for the success of my study abroad in college.”

- **Duncan P., ACIS Participant**



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“My students learned so much about clean energy and climate change. Many of them stated that their perspective on the environment completely changed due to this trip.”

- **Katia B., ACIS Group Leader**

# Real world applications for STEM research

Educational travel is designed to open the world up to students and show them that what they learn in the classroom is important. ACIS Tours gives you a backstage pass to some of the world's top science institutions. Whether visiting cutting-edge technology labs in Tokyo or exploring the famous Charles Darwin Research Station in the Galápagos, there are so many incredible opportunities for students to discover the professional application of scientific concepts and see themselves as future contributors to the field.



*The ACIS Difference:*

City sights are never far away. ACIS Groups stay in safe and secure hotels right near central attractions, so you spend less time commuting and more time experiencing.



# Added context for the science history discussed in your classroom

Every ACIS educational tour is accompanied by an ACIS Tour Manager. Experienced, knowledgeable and engaging, your Tour Manager is there to keep your tour on track and provide additional historical insight to your local experts. They work with you to make sure your experience goes smoothly and that you're focusing on what's important to your classroom.



## The ACIS Difference:

Customizing the tour to fit your educational goals.

### FREE STEM CALENDAR

Each month of our calendar features a new topic in STEM, from geothermal energy to animal conservation, and explores its importance on the world stage.



Download free with the QR Code.

# Immersive learning experiences

Part of what separates ACIS from an average tour company is our commitment to immersive educational experiences. Your itinerary includes activities designed to bring science concepts to life and at the same time give students a global perspective.



## Hands-On Workshops

Use the power of geothermal energy to cook meals in the Azores and Iceland; Participate in a sustainable energy challenge at Vauban model district in Germany

## Student Exchanges

Meet students who are studying science at local universities and get to know their perspectives on life and science research



## Conservation Projects

Work with the indigenous eco-farmers of the Amazon and Costa Rica to replant trees; Team up with marine biologists in the Dominican Republic on coral reef preservation

## Exclusive Visits

Go behind-the-scenes of contemporary centers of scientific discovery, from hydropower stations and automotive design factories to robotics labs and planetariums



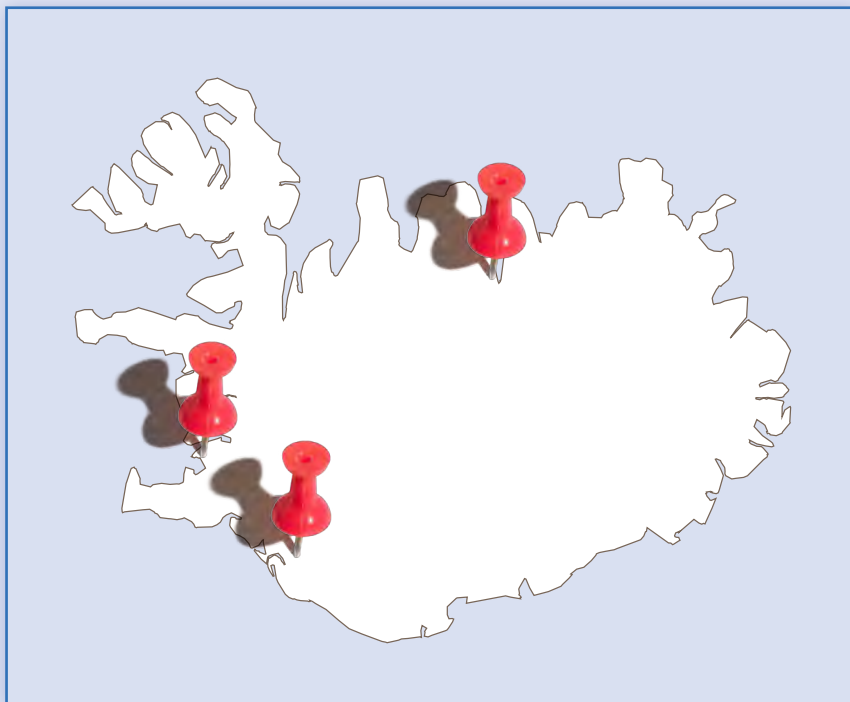
*The ACIS Difference:*

More activity inclusions than any other company.

## Trips Custom Built for YOU

We cater to your specific classroom needs and have an array of options tailored to subject needs. We'll get you an itinerary that meets your educational travel goals!

With just 20 participants, you guarantee a private tour which increases flexibility and your ability to customize your experience. That could mean adding a city to the itinerary, removing an activity that doesn't fit your objectives, or working in an extra Cultural Connection along the way.



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*The ACIS  
Difference:*

More flexibility and guaranteed private tours with just 20 participants to Europe or 15 to Asia, Central or South America.



# All ACIS Tours Include

Our commitment to immersive educational experiences is second to none. Your itinerary includes activities designed to bring local culture to life and at the same time give students a global perspective.



## Hotels at the Heart of the Action

ACIS hotels are located in city-centers close to destination attractions so you don't lose time commuting back and forth to the outskirts of town. You'll also have more time to explore the city at night.

## Authentic Cuisine

You can expect delicious meals that highlight local ingredients with generous portions. And we always encourage students to try cultural favorites.



## Top Tier Tour Managers

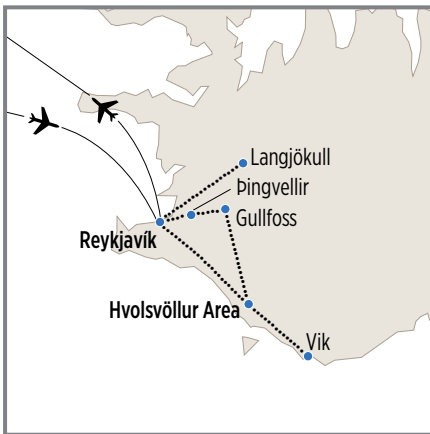
ACIS Tour Managers are the best in the business. With you from the time you land to the time you take off again, an ACIS Tour Manager serves as a guide, itinerary manager and problem solver all in one.

**Need more information  
on trip planning?**

**Download our How to  
Plan an Educational  
Tour 101 Guide**



# Popular Itineraries for STEM TEACHERS



## Discovering STEM in Iceland

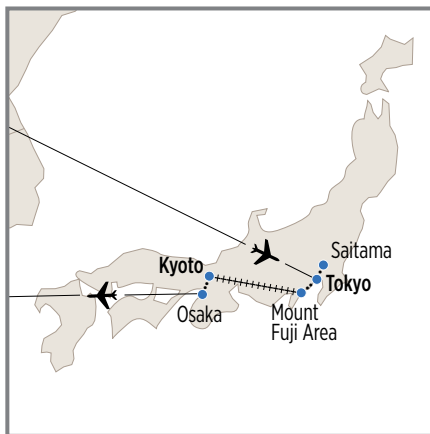
6 Days | Overnights: Hvalsöllum Area (2), Reykjavik (2)

### Tour Summary

Embark on a STEM-focused adventure through Iceland, where science, technology and conservation come to life amidst stunning landscapes. Explore the dynamic geology of the island, from active volcanoes to geothermal energy sources, and see the ways that ancient Icelandic traditions blend with new environmental technologies.

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## Discovering STEM in Japan

8 Days | Overnights: Tokyo (4), Kyoto (2)

### Tour Summary

This 8 day tour of Japan highlights the intersection between the country's cutting-edge technology and rich cultural history. Dive into the world of robotics and innovation in Tokyo, visiting leading tech companies and laboratories to see the latest advancements in artificial intelligence and engineering. Travel by bullet train to Kyoto, where you'll not only learn about earthquake engineering but also explore ancient Buddhist temples.

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## Discovering STEM in London

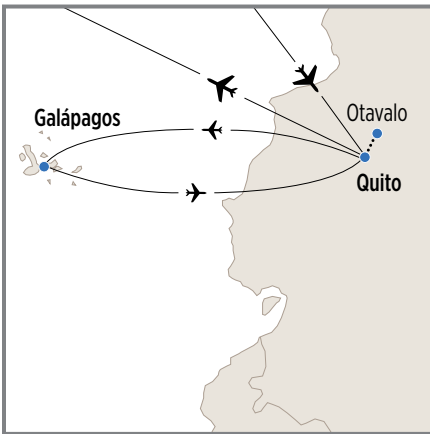
9 Days | Overnights: London (7)

### Tour Summary

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of London's research facilities and cultural institutions on this 9 day itinerary. You'll have interactive workshops focused on physics and biomedical science, and a behind-the-scenes conservation experience at the London Zoo. Plus, you'll explore the city's historical icons like St. Paul's Cathedral, the Greenwich Royal Observatory and the Science Museum.

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## Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands

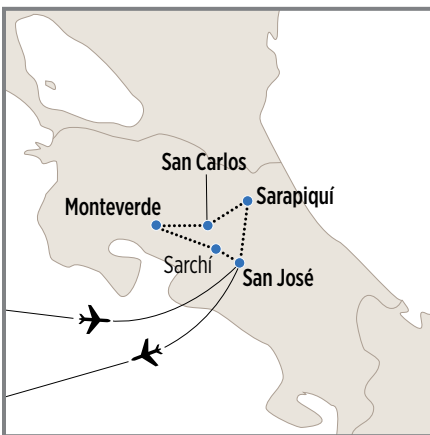
9 Days | Overnights: Quito (3), Galápagos (4), Quito (1)

### Tour Summary

Dive into the wonders of Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands with our itinerary developed to enrich students' understanding of biodiversity and conservation. Begin your adventure in Quito, where you'll explore the unique ecosystems of the Andean highlands, before journeying to the Galápagos Islands, a living laboratory of evolutionary biology. There you'll engage in hands-on research activities and see some of the world's rarest creatures, from giant tortoises to marine iguanas.

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## Las Selvas de Costa Rica

8 Days | Overnights: San José (1), Monteverde (2), San Carlos (1), Sarapiquí (2), San José (1)

### Tour Summary

This 8 day itinerary is an educational journey through Costa Rica's diverse ecosystems. Explore lush rainforests and contribute to their protection with a reforestation project. Engage with experts to study the unique cloud forest habitat and visit Arenal Volcano for a lesson in geology. Discover the importance of sustainable agriculture with visits to local cacao and coffee farms. You'll also enjoy traditional Costa Rican cooking lessons, a school visit and a ziplining adventure.

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## Our founding belief is travel changes lives.

And our company culture is built on care. Add this together and you've got a group of people dedicated to ensuring you love travel as much as we do. This means providing safe, life-changing experiences you can count on, and if something does go wrong, fixing it fast. Good is merely a four-letter word at ACIS. Exceptional is the aim.

### Service Guarantee

We back up our quality with a guarantee. If for any reason you don't rate your tour good or excellent, we'll provide you 500 World Traveler Reward points and give you a \$1,000 travel scholarship. No questions asked, no strings attached.

### Red Cards = Immediate Response

If something falls short of expectations we want to know about it and fix it on the spot. Hand your tour manager your ACIS Red Card to activate our 24/7 worldwide network so all complaints can be resolved immediately.



WE GET  
IT RIGHT

## Planning Partnership

Planning a trip with an ACIS Program Consultant is like getting advice from a very well-traveled friend. They know the best time to visit Costa Rica for turtle hatching, the coolest neighborhoods for exploration in Tokyo, and the number of nights you'll need to get a real feel of Berlin. They help you select, or design, the right tour for your group and are on hand to manage every detail from your first phone call all the way to your return. They may even drop in on your group while you're overseas, just to be sure your tour is meeting (or exceeding!) your expectations.

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[ACIS] made my job so much easier and your mastery of logistics enabled our leadership team to stay focused on the engagement of our students.”

- Group Leader Scott H.



# THE SECURITY & FLEXIBILITY YOU NEED



# There is nothing more important than the welfare of our travelers.

Just as we work tirelessly to provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences to group leaders and students, we are equally committed to ensuring that all of our groups return home safely. Our safety and support infrastructure has been a cornerstone of our business for more than 40 years.

- **Safety Monitoring**

ACIS constantly monitors global conditions and trains our staff on emergency response protocol, which immediately activates should an incident arise that could potentially affect our travelers

- **Peace of Mind Plan**

At any point up to 45 days prior to departure, ACIS Group Leaders may move their tour if they are uncomfortable traveling to their destination at that time.

- **Cancellation Protection**

By popular demand, ACIS now offers two upgraded protection plans that allow participants to cancel for any reason and receive a full refund either in cash or in a combination of cash and travel voucher.

## Policies To Meet Current Needs

ACIS has always prided ourselves on evolving and innovating to meet teachers' and students' everchanging needs. These past few years, needs changed more than ever. Flexibility, while always important, is now essential—and we have adjusted and improved our policies to help.

When traveling as a small group became more important, we made it easier to do just that. Groups may now enjoy a private tour with 20 participants on a tour to Europe or just 15 participants on a tour to Latin America or Asia. Program Consultants and Tour Managers now attend more recruitment and pre-departure meetings to support your travel goals. And, if you have more ideas, let us know!

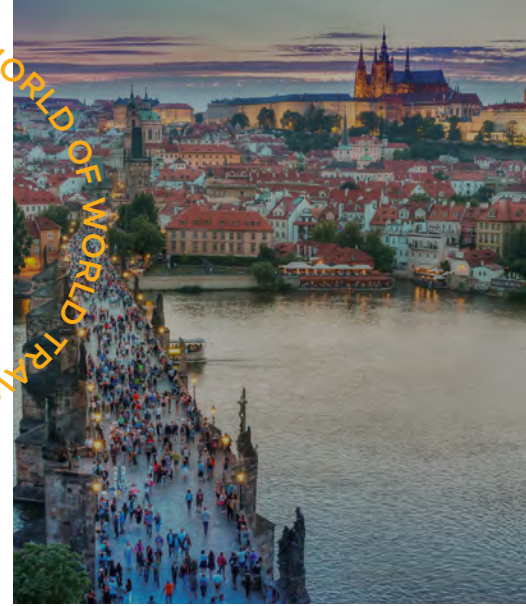


# The Rewards of ACIS Travel

Beyond being life-changing for your students, travel should be rewarding for you as a Group Leader.

## Earn Points. Earn Rewards.

For every trip you take with ACIS, you'll receive points for every registered participant. You can then redeem those points for tour upgrades, cash bonuses, scholarships, and ACIS Global Conferences. First time ACIS Group Leaders are also invited on Training Weekends when they register just 5 participants.



## WTR Levels

### Bronze

Leading your 1st-2nd trip  
10 points per participant

### Silver

Leading your 3rd-5th trip  
20 points per participant

### Gold

Leading your 6th-10th trip  
30 points per participant

### Platinum

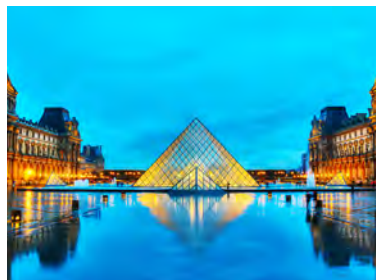
Leading your 11th-20th trip  
35 points per participant

### President's Club

Leading your 21st+ trip  
40 points per participant

## ACIS Global Conferences

Global Conferences are free trips exclusively for group leaders and companions. Hosted in destinations around the world, from Ecuador to Egypt, Paris to Peru, these all-inclusive adventures provide an opportunity to meet educators from around the U.S. and enjoy the best of ACIS travel experiences. All Global Conferences include airfare, accommodations, select gourmet meals, exclusive excursions and more.



## Training Weekends

Every first time Group Leader who registers 5 participants is invited to our free Training Weekends in Barcelona and destinations in Latin America. You'll learn from ACIS staff how the tour process works, meet fellow traveling educators, and experience an exciting destination.



# Let's Go!



Our goal is to make leading an educational tour your favorite and most rewarding part of your job. When we say travel changes lives, we don't just mean your students'.

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### Start Dreaming

Where do you want to go? What do you want to feel? How do you want your students to grow? Let your imagination run wild.

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### Start Planning

It's time to get in touch. Call 800-888-ACIS or email [info@acis.com](mailto:info@acis.com) and connect with an expert program consultant. They know all the questions to ask to help you build your dream experience.

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### Enjoy the Ride!

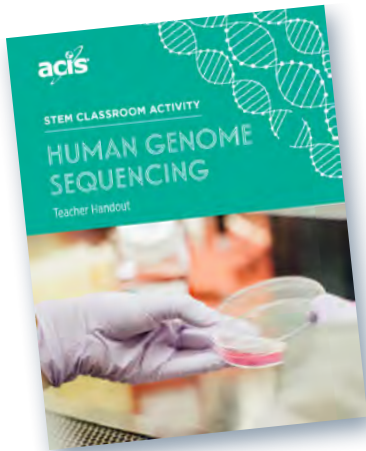
You're now in the capable hands of a program consultant. Trust them to guide you through this process.

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# More Free Resources

to inspire your next lesson plan in the STEM Classroom



## **STEM Classroom Activity - Human Genome Sequencing**

This two-part activity is intended for science teachers who wish to introduce their students to the Human Genome Project, both in its significance to scientific discovery and the broader effects on society.

## **STEM Classroom Activity - Invasive Species "Wanted" Poster**

This lesson plan gives students insight into the global nature of the invasive species problem and helps them find innovative ways to help solve this ongoing issue.



## **STEM Classroom Activity - The Mediterranean Diet**

This two-part lesson plan incorporates science with international cuisine, allowing students to learn about the diet's ancient origins and its positive impacts on human health.



See all of our available lesson plans

There's no limit on how many you can download!

