

Travel with your CATHOLIC SCHOOL



With more than forty years of experience, ACIS is the partner you want when bringing students abroad for immersive cultural experiences that serve learning and faith.

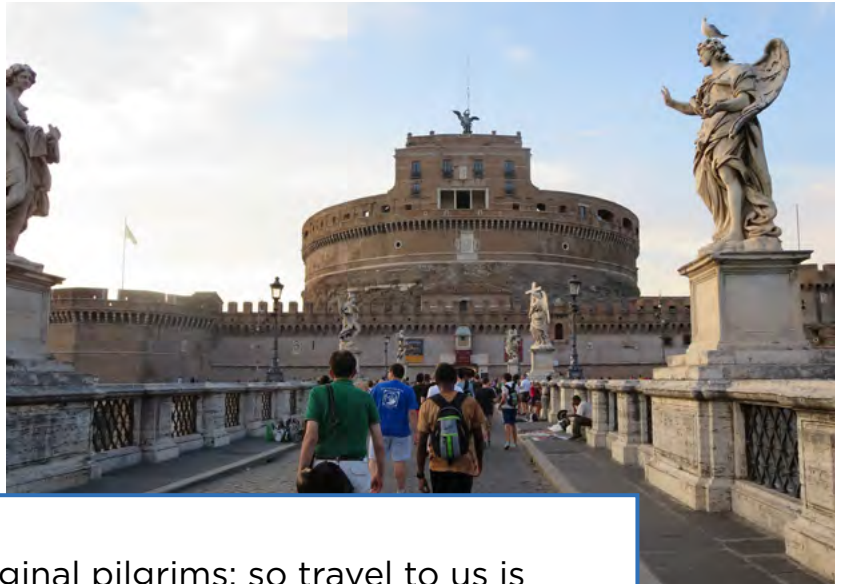


*Travel.
Changes.
Lives.*

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

Our Specialty is Global Education

We value seeking knowledge outside of the classroom walls and developing empathy through cultural exchange.



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Catholics are the original pilgrims; so travel to us is second nature. Nothing is foreign to us. Everything is wonder. There is no other company that can tap into our universal culture and heritage like ACIS.”

- **ACIS Group Leader Mike Rogosich,**
Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, NC

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.



Discover Why Educators Choose ACIS



Trips Custom Built for YOU

No two ACIS Tours are exactly alike, and that's because we cater to every teacher's specific needs.

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.

For Catholic school programs, we offer an array of customizations that accommodate faith such as:

- Arranging additional Mass services on Sundays or throughout the itinerary as requested
- Planning for special holiday observances such as Good Friday and Easter
- Providing dining options that meet practice needs, such as fish on Fridays
- Private Masses at St. Peter's Basilica
- Meetings with members of the local clergy
- Special visits to chapels unseen by standard tours



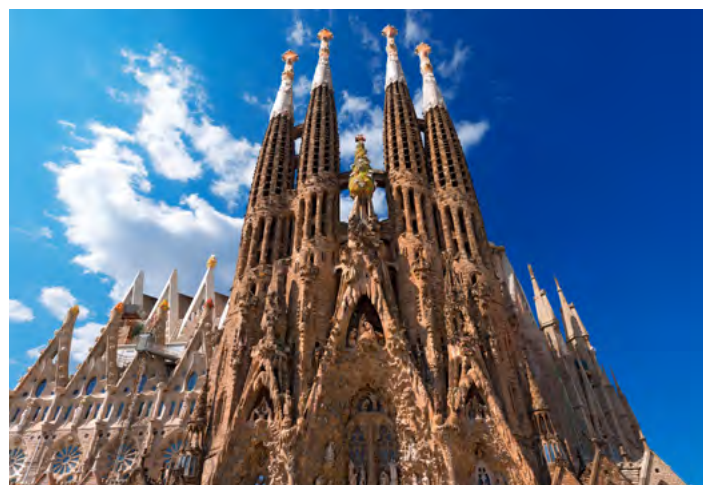
Immersive Learning

Learning comes to life on an ACIS Tour! You'll explore the places you've talked about in the classroom from an insider's perspective. Wonder at the beauty of St. Paul's Cathedral. Ascend the Eiffel Tower and the pyramids of Giza. Roam the ancient Roman Forum. There is no shortage of culture and history to explore.



*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.



Meaningful Cultural Activities

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



Neighborhood Guided Tours

Explore new destinations by biking, walking, and even painting your way through iconic cities

Artisan Craft Making

Join hands-on art workshops, from crafting trencadís mosaics in Barcelona to painting traditional ox carts in Sarchí, Costa Rica



Culinary Classes

Cook up iconic dishes like Spanish Paella, French macarons and Neopolitan pizza, right in their countries of origin

Local Meet-Ups

See how the past and present collide when you meet local entrepreneurs and thought-leaders, including indigenous eco-farmers of the Amazon and mozzarella makers in Sorrento



The ACIS Difference:

More activity inclusions than any other company.

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**



The Chance to Grow and Give Back

Seeing new places and understanding cultural differences is a crucial step to becoming a global citizen, and students will bring back critical thinking skills to take their education to the next level.

ACIS can also accommodate hands-on service learning projects that improve the lives of locals and build empathy.

“ 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 kids are changed. They see the world differently now.”

- **Robert C., ACIS Group Leader**



The ACIS Difference:

Dedicated support for teachers and students that makes the tour become more than a trip





A Larger Impact for Your School

Educational travel has the power to affect more than just the students on the trip.

A travel program is an excellent way to attract new enrollment, as parents seek out the best opportunities for their child's education and look for standout extracurriculars.

After all, when the educational opportunity of a lifetime becomes a core value of your school, you earn a major advantage in demonstrating the value of your program.

And ACIS will be there every step of the way to make trip-planning a true partnership, one that could last for decades.



Read how Cardinal Gibbons High School transformed one of their main public spaces with inspiration from their 30+ years of ACIS Travels.

Popular Itineraries for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Catholic Highlights in Spain

10 Days | Overnights: Toledo (2), Granada (1), Seville (2), Madrid (3)

Tour Summary

Embark on a spiritually enriching journey through Spain's most significant Catholic landmarks. Featuring a blend of historical and spiritual experiences, from the Cathedrals of Toledo, Granada and Seville, to Madrid's Prado Museum and the Royal Monastery of Santa María de Guadalupe, this 10-day tour explores Spain's rich Catholic heritage in cities large and small. Soaking in its architectural and cultural splendors, you'll also experience fun cultural immersion through flamenco dance lessons and traditional fan painting.



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Catholic Highlights in Italy

10 Days | Overnights: Venice (2), Florence (2), Sorrento (2), Rome (2)

Tour Summary

This profound cultural journey takes you through Italy's famous Catholic heritage. In Rome, explore the grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel, followed by a special private Mass at St. Peter's. With visits to Padua, Assisi, Florence and Venice, this carefully curated itinerary offers a deep dive into Italy's rich art, history, and spirituality, complemented by centrally located accommodations and quality cultural immersion.



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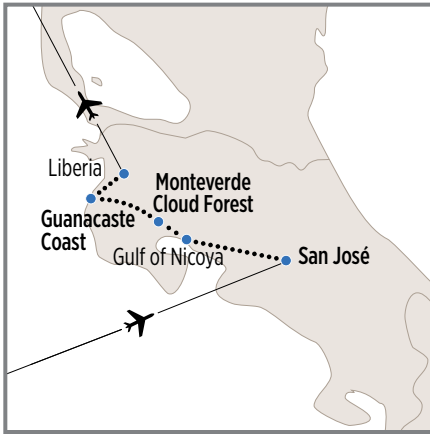
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Youth Leadership in Costa Rica

8 Days | Overnights: San José (2), Monteverde (2), Guanacaste Coast (3)

Tour Summary

The Youth Leadership in Costa Rica itinerary offers a unique experience to foster students' personal and professional growth. From San José to the Guanacaste Coast, participants engage in dynamic leadership workshops and Global Exchanges that develop critical skills such as communication, problem-solving, and collaborative teamwork. The educational journey continues with explorations of Costa Rican culture and history, as well as environmental stewardship projects alongside local sustainability leaders.



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Young Women's Leadership in Italy

9 Days | Overnights: Rome (3), Tuscany (2), Milan (2)

Tour Summary

Designed to empower the next generation of female leaders, this itinerary is a mix of professional development, cultural exchange and classic sightseeing. Throughout the tour, students will participate in one-of-a-kind workshops with local officials and community leaders. And of course, between learning sessions with these amazing women, there will be visits to Italy's iconic cultural destinations, from the Accademia in Florence to Milan's spectacular Duomo.



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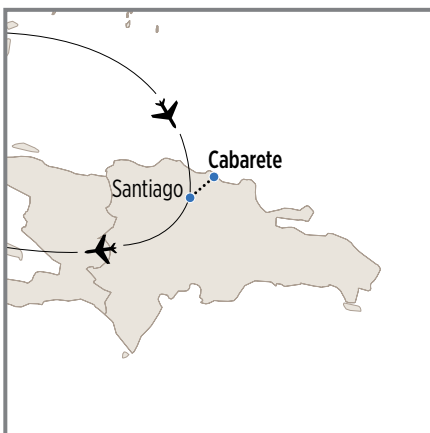
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Dominican Youth Conservation Project

8 Days | Overnights: Cabarete (7)

Tour Summary

The Dominican Youth Conservation Project itinerary seamlessly integrates environmental stewardship with valuable cultural experiences. In partnership with both the Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring (DREAM), a program which serves more than 6,000 at-risk youth every year, and Fundación Ecológica Maguá, students complete environmentally-focused service projects and learn about the many delicate ecosystems critical to the country's survival. Immersion activities such as snorkeling, surfing lessons and meals featuring authentic local cuisine provide a well-rounded understanding of the Dominican Republic's rich heritage.



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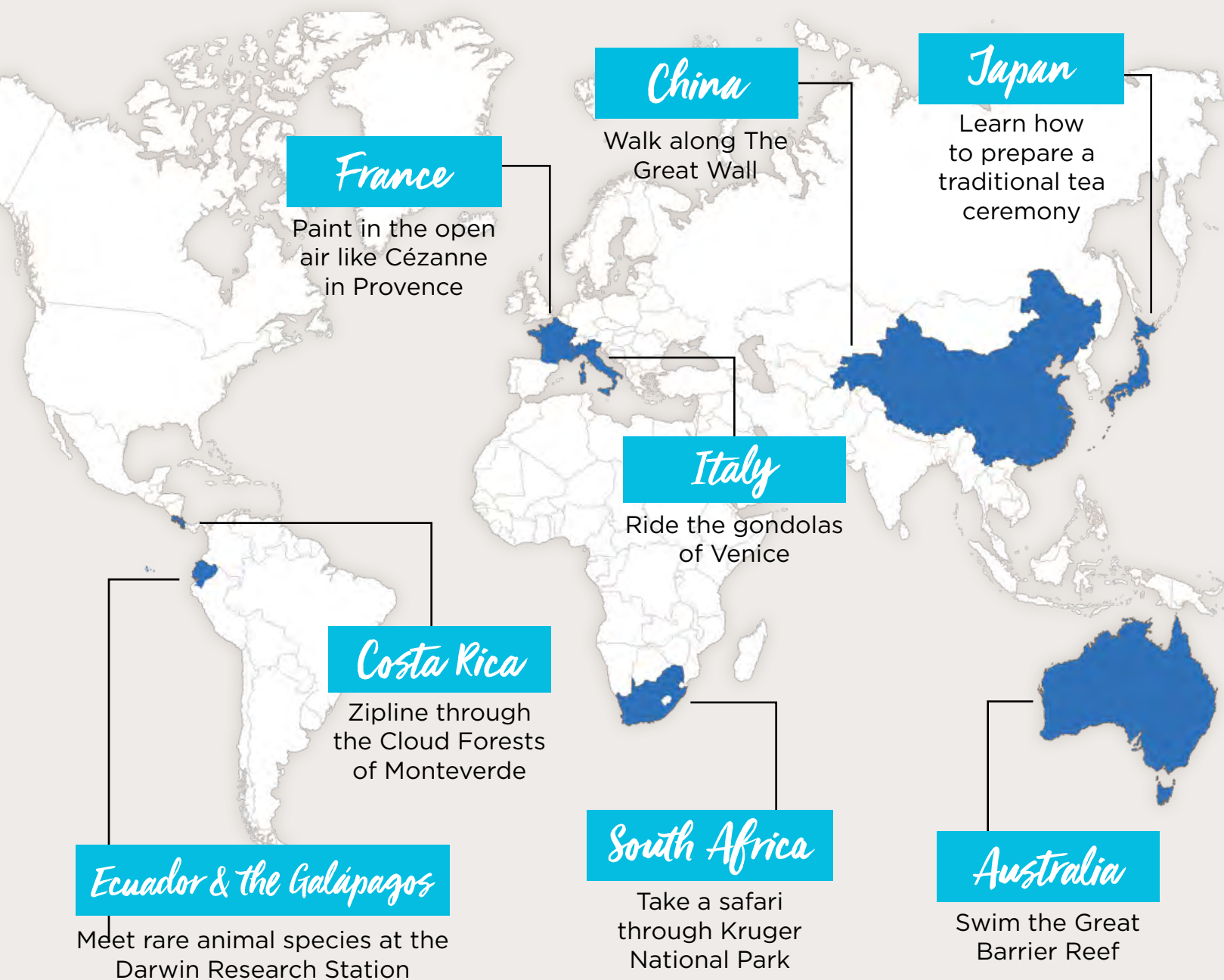
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Trips Worldwide

Our itineraries span the globe, from Asia and South America, Africa to Europe, with unique activities for every trip.

The ACIS Difference:

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



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!

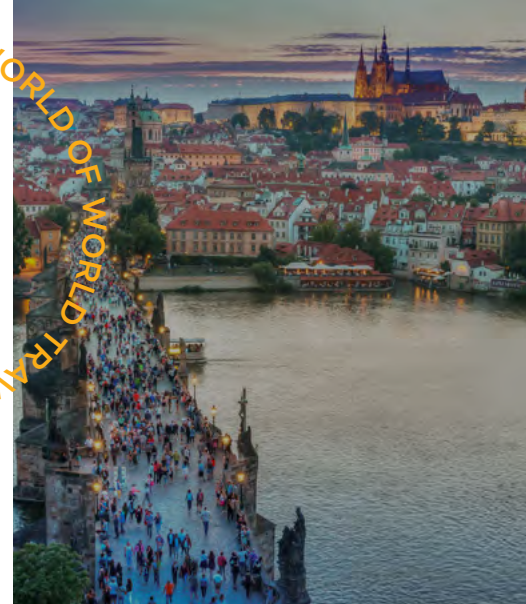


The Rewards of ACIS Travel

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

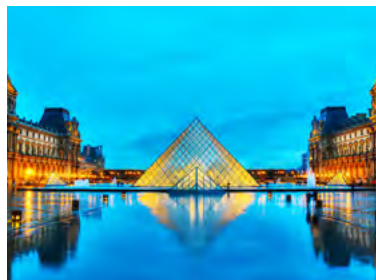
Leading your 11th-20th trip
35 points per participant

President's Club

Leading your 21st+ trip
40 points per participant

ACIS Global Conferences

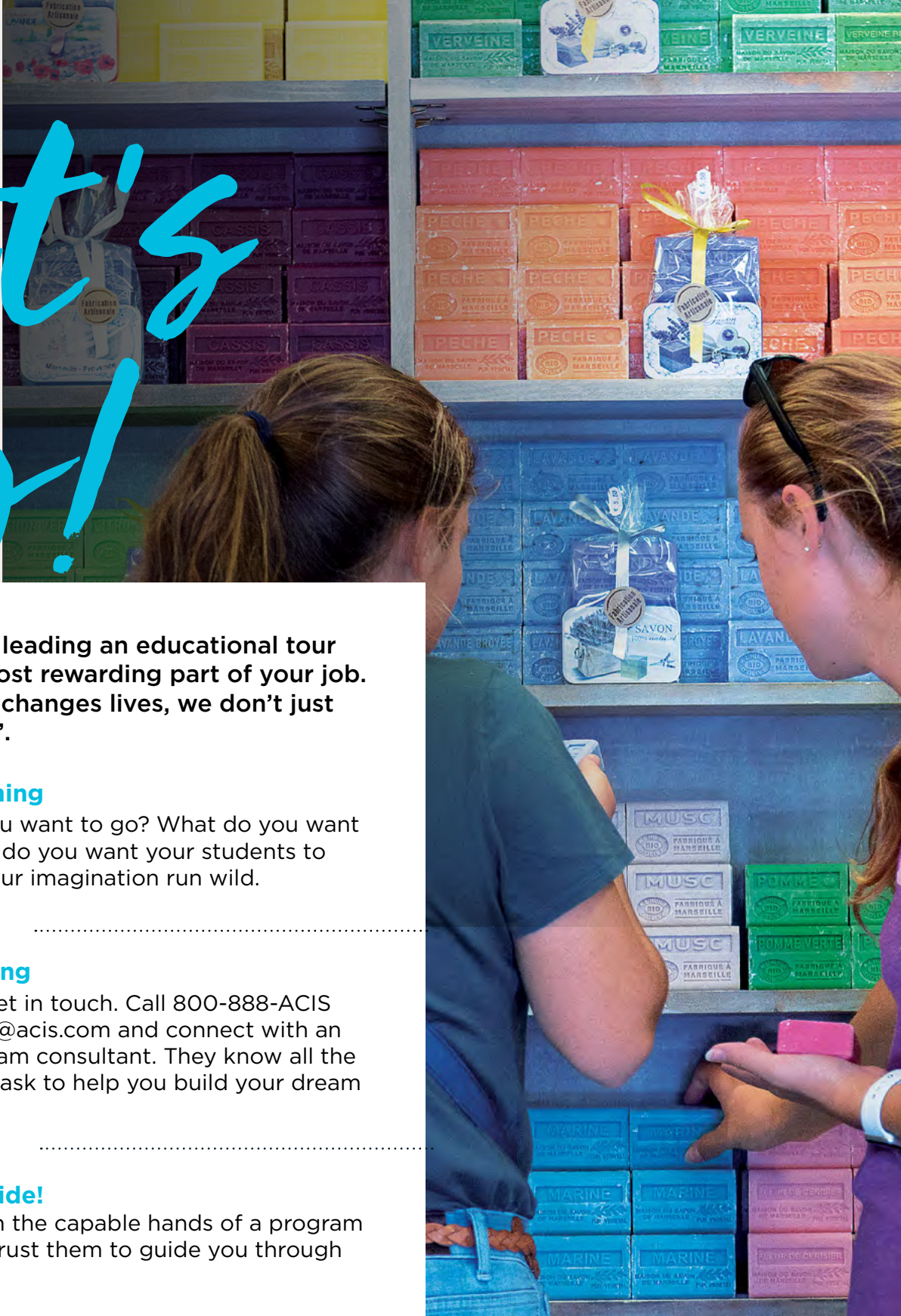
Global Conferences are free trips exclusively for group leaders and companions. Hosted in destinations around the world, from Ecuador to Egypt, Paris to Peru, these all-inclusive adventures provide an opportunity to meet educators from around the U.S. and enjoy the best of ACIS travel experiences. All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

1

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.

2

Start Planning

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

3

Enjoy the Ride!

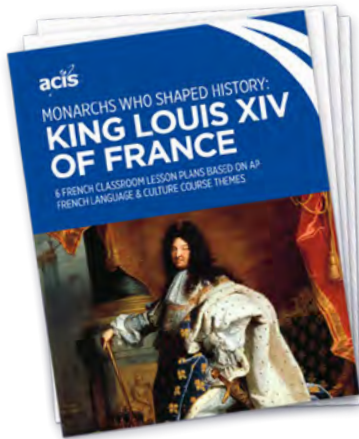
You're now in the capable hands of a program consultant. Trust them to guide you through this process.

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Free Resources

to inspire your next lesson plan!



Monarchs Who Shaped History

These lesson plans are for teachers who wish to make their language instruction and cultural lessons about the target language come alive by delving into history via the life and times of some of the most influential monarchs.

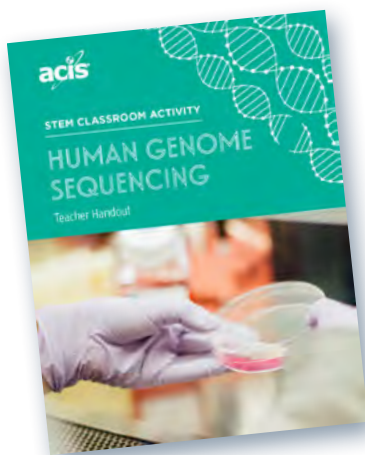
Cultural Resources for the Spanish, French, German, and Italian Language Classroom

These comprehensive guides of free, online resources, from curated university libraries to embassy sites, explore the history and culture of the Spanish, French, German and Italian speaking world. Plus, free ACIS lesson plans and blog posts!



STEM Classroom Activity - The 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.



See all of our available
lesson plans

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

