



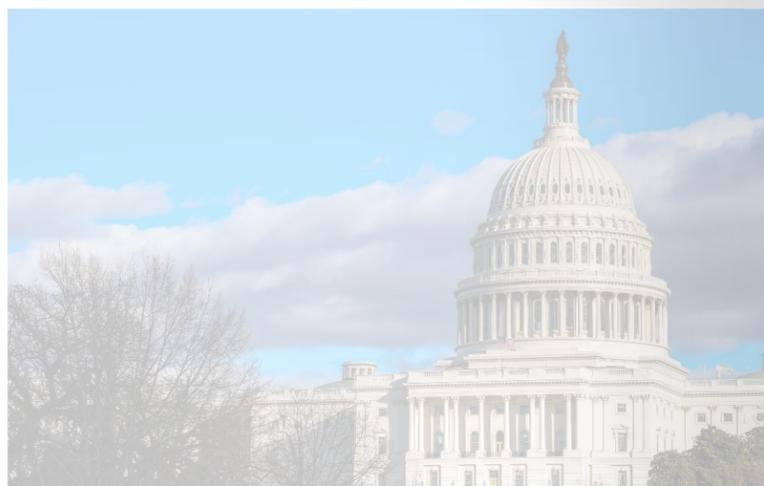
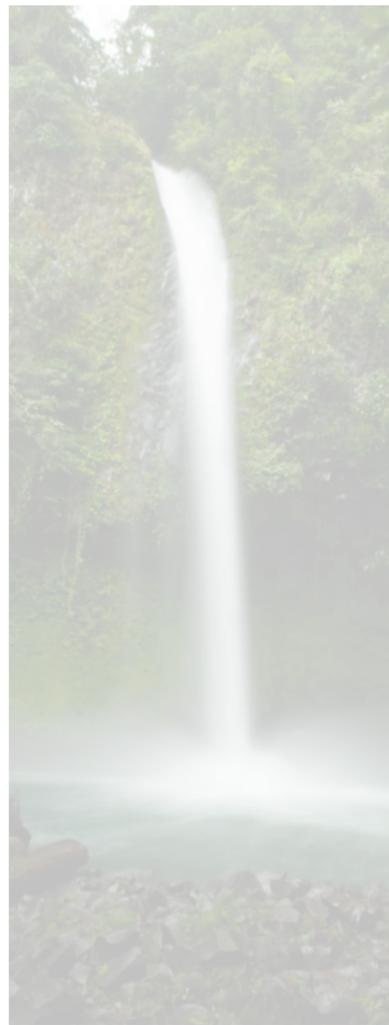
Kaleidoscope  
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# Adventure Readiness Guide

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YOUR GUIDE TO PLANNING AN  
**EPIC** STUDENT ADVENTURE





Planning student travel can feel overwhelming. Kaleidoscope Adventures has more than 30+ years of experience planning exceptional performance and educational travel. We understand what it takes to get ready for your adventure!

We've put together this handy reference guide with helpful links to help you take control of your trip and answer your most pressing questions.

**It's just another way we ensure travel beyond expectations!**



## Where to Go

The first step in getting your trip on track is knowing where you want to go. If you have a destination in mind, you're one step ahead of the game! If you're not sure where to go, a Kaleidoscope Adventures Tour Consultant will work with you to choose a destination that's perfect for your group.

Wherever you want to go and whatever you want to do, our team will help you plan an experience that meets your specific needs.

## A Little Inspiration...

These are just a few ideas to kickstart your creativity! Our experiences are all tailored specifically for you – so the possibilities are (literally) endless!

# DESTINATIONS

## Performance Trip Ideas

[Expert Tips for Planning a Student Performance Trip](#)

[Perform in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day](#)

[10 Travel Tips For Band Directors](#)

[4 Best Bowl Games for Your Band](#)

[The 250<sup>th</sup> Salute to Independence Parade](#)

[Top 5 Holiday Parades for Marching Bands](#)

[The Calgary Stampede](#)

[Disney Candlelight Processional](#)

[Sensational Performance Trips for Your Choir](#)

## International Trip Ideas

[Ultimate How-To Guide for International Travel](#)

[All About the New European Entry/Exit System](#)

[Puerto Rico is the Perfect Student Trip](#)

[London is a Great International Student Trip](#)

[Plan an Unforgettable Trip to South Korea](#)

[Plan a Sustainable Class Trip to Costa Rica](#)

[6 Best Christmas Markets for a High School Trip](#)

[Explore Stunning Sicily](#)

[Ultimate List of Must-Dos for Your French Trip](#)

[Plan an Extraordinary Performance Trip to Vienna](#)

[5 Excellent Reasons to Plan a Class Trip to Portugal](#)

[Planning the Ultimate High School Trip to Japan](#)

**Note: Two of our expert team members are based in the U.K. – giving clients a distinct advantage when planning overseas travel.**

## Educational Trip Ideas

[Explore the Latest Indigenous Travel Experiences](#)

[Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup>](#)

[7 Awesome High School Science Trips](#)

[9 National Parks Your Students Will Love](#)

[7 Black History Trips That Will Inspire Your Students](#)

[Fall in Love with Washington DC in Autumn](#)



# Grade Level Trip Ideas

[The Secret to Planning an Amazing 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip](#)

[10 Helpful Tips to Plan an Awesome 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip](#)

[8 Awesome Ideas for an Epic 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip](#)

# Senior Trip Ideas

[Grad Bash 2026 at Universal Studios](#)

[A Senior Class Trip to Costa Rica](#)

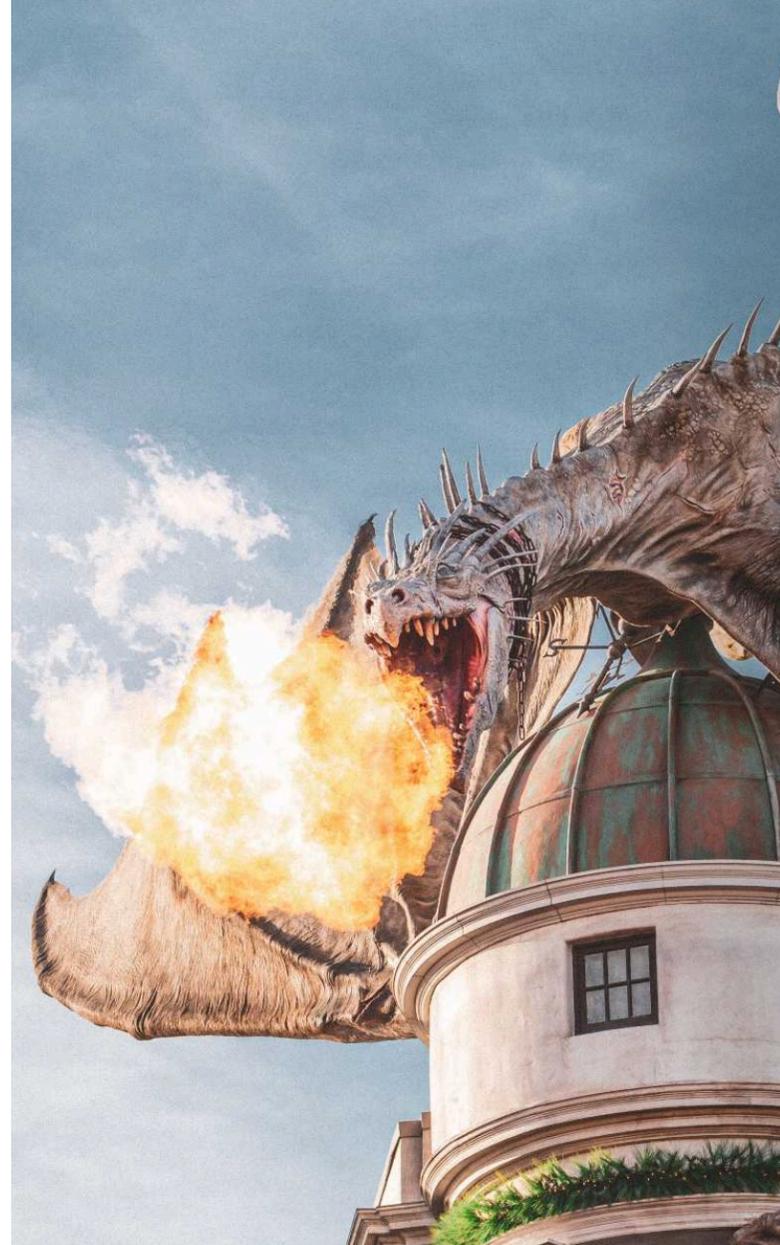
[Make Your Senior Class Trip to Atlanta Unforgettable](#)

[A Sensational Senior Class Trip to the Smokies](#)

[An Amazing Senior Class Trip to DC](#)

[Unlock the Magic of a Senior Class Trip to Orlando](#)





## Disney & Universal Trips

As an Orlando-based operator for more than 30 years, we KNOW the parks! We have long-standing relationships with both Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Orlando Resort, and we understand how to get the most from your park experience.

Contact our team directly to simplify planning your park trip. For helpful advice on navigating performance programs, new features, etc., explore the links in the next section!

## Walt Disney World Resort

[Plan Your Disney Performance Trip](#)

[Disney Candlelight Processional](#)

[The Latest About Festival Disney 2026](#)

[All About Disney's Lost and Found](#)

[Mobile Ordering in 3 Simple Steps](#)

## Universal Orlando Resort

[All About the Universal Orlando Stars Performance Program](#)

[All About Epic Universe](#)

[Plan Your Student Trip to Universal Orlando](#)

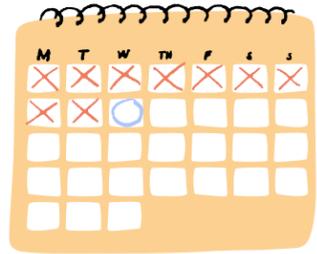
[Grad Bash 2026](#)

[Plan Your Gradventure 2026 Trip](#)

## When to Travel

When you travel is entirely up to you. The most popular student travel time is typically February through June (peak season.) During this time, there is often an increased volume of student travelers throughout the country and abroad.

You may see slight price increases at attractions, accommodations, transportation, etc. and a decrease in availability. If you're planning spring travel, we strongly encourage you to book your trip as early as possible to secure the best rates and products.



## Great Benefits When You Book Early.

If you are flexible with your travel times, many groups find that fall and summer travel (off-peak) are ideal for student groups. Off-peak travel often translates to better group rates and less crowded student destinations. You may also find there's better student participation, unique or "VIP" experiences, and (sometimes) even better weather!



## Securing Approval

Once you have a tentative outline of where you want to go and when, it's time to go to your administration for approval. Every district has different requirements for greenlighting your trip, but we've outlined some general guidelines for best practices in the link below.

### [Get Your Student Trip School Board Approved](#)





## Bus vs. Plane

The most common types of student trip transportation are via motorcoach and airline. This doesn't exclude rail, ship, or passenger vans – they're just not as common.

When it's time to decide which makes the most sense for your group, do your homework! The links below can assist with your research, and our team has plenty of insight to help point you in the right direction as well.

[Bus vs. Plane: Which is Better for Your Student Group?](#)

[5 Things You Need to Know to Plan a Bus Trip](#)

[Top Tips for Flying with a Student Group](#)

[Flying with Special Medical Considerations](#)

[Expert Advice for Flying with Marching Band Instruments](#)

**If you're considering driving through the night, please read this one carefully!**

[Booking Buses and Driving Through the Night](#)

## Pro Planning Tips

As a trusted travel planning partner for more than 30 years, we've learned a thing or two about making your experience – from idea to end – the very best it can be. So... skip the learning curve!

The following is a curated list of pro tips and expert advice designed to make your planning simple and efficient.

[5 Pro Tips to Plan a Student Trip](#)

[Trip Planning Timeline](#)

[8 Top Tips for Planning a Large Student Group Trip](#)

[5 Easy Tips to Get Students to Sign Up for Trips](#)

[10 Big City Safety Tips](#)

[Helpful Tips for Traveling with ASD Students](#)

[Travel Protection 101](#)

[9 Tips for Picking the Perfect Chaperones](#)

[Expert Advice for Planning a Great School Trip: Middle School Teacher Robert Burton Shares His Experience](#)

[5 Essential Parent Questions for the School Trip](#)



# Making “Cents” of Your Trip

Student travel is a smart investment in learning – but it’s also a financial investment! There are many factors that go into the process of planning and managing money:



## Trip Costs



## Ways to Save



## Sponsorships



## Fundraising and Scholarships



## Payments

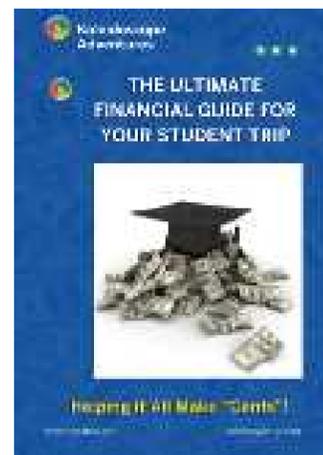


## Travel Protection



## Spending on the Road

We’ve answered these most pressing questions in our most recent online resource:



**DOWNLOAD NOW**

# Reviews

Kaleidoscope Adventures has a reputation for excellence. It’s how we’ve stayed at the top of our game for more than three decades. Our clients point to our high standards and impeccable customer care time and again as they plan repeat adventures.

We have a 4.8 Google rating and countless five-star rated trip evaluations. But don’t just take our word for it – read for yourself!

We recently returned from an unforgettable high school music department trip to Walt Disney World with over 250 students, and we cannot speak highly enough about Kaleidoscope Adventures. From start to finish, their team demonstrated a true customer-forward philosophy that made the experience smooth, well-organized, and deeply meaningful for our students, staff, and families.

Coordinating a group of this size is no small feat, especially with performances scheduled at both the Magic Kingdom and Disney Springs. Kaleidoscope handled every detail with professionalism, precision, and care. Their expertise in educational and performance travel was evident at every step – from managing transportation and accommodations to facilitating park logistics and ensuring that our performances were seamlessly executed.

What sets Kaleidoscope apart is their attention to detail and their genuine investment in the success of the trip. They anticipated our needs before we had to ask, responded quickly to every question or adjustment, and treated our group not just as clients, but as partners in creating a powerful experience for young musicians.

The trip was a resounding success and left a lasting impression on our students – many of whom described it as one of the highlights of their high school careers. We are incredibly grateful to Kaleidoscope Adventures for helping us bring this vision to life, and we look forward to working with them again in the future.

Highly recommended to any music program looking to travel with purpose and peace of mind.

**By Brian T. Bergenfield High School Band**

Kaleidoscope made this trip super easy! Participants could pay using the online portal which made collecting funds simple. When we ended up with less than the original quote, they helped us brainstorm in order to keep the trip cost the same for the students. The office staff was easy to contact and just top notch! Once on the trip, we had a blast! They built a wonderful itinerary that included Southern Star Music Festival, two days in Six Flags, Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, The Varsity, and an Atlanta Braves game! We had meal vouchers at the various locations which made sure our middle schoolers ate! LauraAnne was incredible at communication and in helping to ensure that we had a fantastic experience! Best host ever!

**By Maurice B. East Edisto Middle School Choir**

Our recent trip to England and Wales with Kaleidoscope Adventures was absolutely unforgettable, and I can't recommend them highly enough! As a loyal client for 27 years, I've had the pleasure of working with Joseph Hodge and Keith Kelly, two top-notch professionals who always go above and beyond. Their deep understanding of touring with a band and choir makes every detail of the journey run smoothly.

From the very beginning, Joseph and Keith and Alex were there to handle all aspects of the tour. Whether it was coordinating travel logistics, securing performance venues, or troubleshooting any unexpected issues, they made sure everything was taken care of. Their expertise and calm under pressure allowed us to focus entirely on what we love most – the music. It's a rare and valuable gift when you can trust the people you're working with to anticipate and resolve challenges before they even become a problem.

The experience was seamless, allowing the entire group to enjoy the rich culture and beautiful sights of England and Wales without any stress. I can't thank Kaleidoscope Adventures enough for their dedication to excellence. Their professionalism truly stands out, and I look forward to many more years of touring with them. If you're planning a tour with your band or choir, Kaleidoscope Adventures is the absolute best choice.

**By Jacob W Lyme/Old Lyme High School Band**



Our trip to Williamsburg was one of the smoothest we have had in my twelve years of teaching! Buses were clean and on time, attractions were scheduled with the right amount of time at each stop, and the trip flowed seamlessly from beginning to end! Thank you, KA, for helping plan another great trip - let's make them all like this in the future ;)

**By Ryan S Wando High School**

Our trip to France was AMAZING in every possible way. Our guide Shona was phenomenal, cannot say enough about her. She was funny, engaging, informative & learned everyone's name (41 of us) by the end of our trip. She's the best! This trip will be one of the highlights of my life. We saw beautiful Nice, Aux-en-Provence, Avignon, Monaco & Paris. The Eiffel Tower was breathtaking & the Louvre was impressive. The French people were so nice & we enjoyed every aspect of this trip. Accommodations were great as well, and the food was outstanding. A+++ for this trip. 🇫🇷 Merci beaucoup!!!

**By Judith T Groton-Dunstable Regional High School Band & Choir**



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