CUSTOM PROGRAMS







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What makes us different

WorldStrides is proud to collaborate with our university partners to deliver life-changing global experiences, putting your programs on the cutting edge of today's international education. Our commitment to exposing students to real-world learning arenas reflects our mission to partner with you in preparing the global leaders of tomorrow.



Allies in your learning outcomes

Experiential learning is at the heart of what we do. Our mission is to partner with faculty to create enriching and educational experiences abroad. By incorporating your curriculum goals, we source one-of-a-kind opportunities that better prepare your students for future careers by exposing them to international culture, business, and academic engagements. Our intentional approach to program design produces thoughtful and curated itineraries that complement your curriculum and heighten learning and awareness for your students at every turn. Check out all the <u>immersive engagements</u> our team has to offer.



Our network is your network

We have the global reach and international relationships to power your program with the best in applied learning. We support more than 110 learning destinations around the globe, with the connections and track record to prove it. With offices in more than 70 cities worldwide and backed by an internal team of over 1,300 professionals, we'll work together with you as a virtual extension of your university to deliver a truly global perspective. From guest lecturers to local professionals and business leaders, our worldwide network continues to grow.



With you every step of the way

From our inception, we have set ourselves apart through our reputation for extraordinary customer care. You'll work with a dedicated in-house expert to support your team through the entire program process, from recruiting and planning to managing and confirming all program logistics. All vendors, including hotels, are strictly vetted for insurance and local regulation compliance. As an added bonus, when traveling, our online itinerary platform (WorldStrides App) allows you to stay connected during the planning process and contains all the important travel details you need while traveling.



Ensuring your safety

From a dedicated crisis management team to our partnership with WorldAware – our capacity for emergency support and contingency options is unmatched. We are relentlessly focused on emergency preparedness so that your groups can travel with absolute confidence, and should something arise, we have 24/7 emergency support and phone access to a U.S. based physician for consultation. What's more, students and traveling leaders will have embedded insurance that covers a wide range of health and safety risks, with special coverage for medical-related cancellation, mental health, and even security or medical evacuation.

In an industry becoming increasingly transactional in nature, WorldStrides has remained a true partner. Their custom program team provides much more than logistics support and is always happy, indeed eager, to engage in more meaningful conversations with education abroad professionals and faculty leaders about program goals, learning objectives and ways to weave those into the design of the custom program. Many organizations claim to do this. Far fewer deliver. WorldStrides does.

Noah Rost, Arizona State University



OFFICIAL NAME: Czech Republic

CAPITAL: Prague

TOP LANGUAGE: Czech

MAJOR INDUSTRIES:

Motor vehicles, metallurgy, machinery and equipment, glass, armaments, brewing, electronics

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Wheat, potatoes, barley, sugar, beets, hops, fruit, pigs, poultry



SPOTLIGHT ON CZECH REPUBLIC

This landlocked, Central European country has a storied past, including its role as a kingdom in the Holy Roman Empire and later, the Hapsburg Empire. Independence from the Hapsburg Empire was finally achieved at the end of World War I, at which time the Czechs merged with the Slovaks to form the new state of Czechoslovakia. World War II ushered in several decades of Soviet-style Communist rule, but democracy returned in 1989. Four years later, the federation split into two separate countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia. This tumultuous past of Germanic and Soviet influences continues to be expressed in today's rich Czech culture.

Since the "Velvet Revolution" and subsequent breakup of Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic has grown into a stable and prosperous market economy and democratic nation. The auto industry stands as the country's largest industry and accounts for almost a quarter of Czech manufacturing. Because of this, the economy is sensitive to changes in nearby European economies; when Germany and Western Europe fell into a recession in 2008, demand for Czech exports took a hard hit, leading the economy into its own recession in 2012 and 2013. The economy began to grow again in 2014 and showed promising GDP growth in 2015 as well. Czech Republic, which changed its short-form name to Czechia in 2016, joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004, though it has yet to adopt the Euro. Its long-term challenges include facing an aging population, funding social services, and moving away from a dependence on manufacturing and toward a more high-tech, service-based, knowledge economy

TOPICS TO EXPLORE

ARCHITECTURE – With over 200 castles, Czech Republic has the most in Europe, including the largest ancient castle in the world. Buildings vary in style as Baroque, Gothic, Renaissance, Romanesque, Classicism, Art-Nouveau, Cubism, Functionalism and even architecture of the Communist era are on display throughout the country.

EQUINE TRADITION – Founded 440 years ago, a stud farm breeding and training Kladruber horses is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Czech Republic is also home to the rarest Kinsky horse breed typically associated with royalty.

MODERN GENETICS – Birthplace of Augustinian monk Gregor Mendel who is known as the founding father of modern genetics for his studies crossing pea plants. Visit St. Thomas' Abbey and the Mendel Museum

BY THE NUMBERS

\$190 BILLION |2016 GDP (USD)

10.6 MILLION | POPULATION

78,867 KM² | TOTAL AREA

110+ CONNECTIONS

2,320+ MEETINGS PLANNED IN THE REGION





OFFICIAL NAME: Federal Republic of Germany

CAPITAL: Berlin

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: German, Danish, Low Saxon

MAJOR INDUSTRIES:

Machinery, chemicals, automobiles, metallurgy, aircraft, electronics, textiles, tourism, optics

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Metallurgy, Coal, Cement, Chemicals, Machinery, Electronics, Automotive



This is the nation that gave the world Albert Einstein, Ludwig van Beethoven, Martin Luther, Johannes Gutenberg, and, sadly, Adolf Hitler as well. Its history is rich with successes in science, technology, art, and culture. It is also drawn against the backdrop of Nazi Germany and the Cold War – a legacy that modern Germany continues to confront.

A leading exporter in machines, automobiles, chemicals and household equipment, the German economy is Europe's largest and the fifth largest in the world in PPP terms. It benefits from a highly skilled labor force. Reforms put in place to address high unemployment and low average growth in the early 2000s helped Germany's employment rates stay relatively stable during the 2008-2009 recession. Chancellor Angela Merkel led stimulus and stabilization efforts during this time, and Germany reached a budget surplus in 2017. In the coming years, Germany will have to combat shifting population demographics, including low fertility rates and increased net immigration, which are placing increasing pressure on its social welfare system. The country has made serious strides toward a green economy, increasing use of renewable energy and closing eight of 17 nuclear reactors in 2011, following the March Fukushima nuclear disaster. Domestic consumption, investment and exports are likely to continue German GDP growth, with the country's budget and trade surpluses expected to remain high.



TOPICS TO EXPLORE

AUTOMOTIVE – The country's automotive brands are well-known in the luxury automobile market. Germany is also one of the leading automobile parts manufacturing countries in the world. Explore the legacy of the brands, the quest to innovate, and the challenges of supply chain management during a visit to a factory or headquarters.

RISE OF THE THIRD REICH – Delve into the difficult history of Germany with a look at how Hitler came to power. Study the confluence of events that that led to his leadership and the incredible propaganda machine of the Nazi movement. A visit to a concentration camp will drive home the painful costs of the era and allow your group a chance to honor the dead.

FINANCE AND THE EUROZONE – Germany's culture of conservative fiscal financial management, tied with heavy union and cultural diversity issues, makes Germany a good destination to understand the relationship between public policy, institutional practices, workforce management, and consumer behavior.

BY THE NUMBERS

3.5 TRILLION | ESTIMATED 2016 GDP (USD)

> 80.6 MILLION | POPULATION

357,022 KM² | TOTAL AREA

210 CONNECTIONS

2,320+ MEETINGS PLANNED IN THE REGION





OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Austria

CAPITAL: Vienna

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: German

MAJOR INDUSTRIES:

construction, machinery, vehicles and parts, food, metals, chemicals, lumber and paper, electronics, tourism

MAJOR AGRICULTRUAL PRODUCTS:

grains, potatoes, wine, fruit, dairy products, cattle, pigs, poultry, lumber and other forestry products

SPOTLIGHT ON AUSTRIA

Like most European countries, Austria looks back on a very eventful history. Yet there are some elements that haven't changed much over the centuries: the partiality for indulgence, beauty, and cultivation have always been driving forces in the country's past and present. Influenced by the immense wealth channeled into fine arts and music by the Hapsburgs, Austria has earned its name as the classical music capital of the world. The works of classical masters like Mozart and Strauss echo as loudly as ever through concert halls and festivals throughout the year. However, Austria's cultural richness extends well beyond the classics. Whether you're exploring one of the national parks, experiencing the beauty of the Alps on a long-distance trail, or heading out on a hike - Austria offers unlimited opportunities to explore the beauty of the outdoors.

Featuring various industrial and services sectors, Austria has a well-developed market economy, skilled labor force and high standard of living. While a gradual recovery following years of weak growth is expected, the unemployment rate, while still low by European standards, has grown to 5.0%. While Austria's fiscal position compares well with other European nations, it faces external risks, such as Austrian banks' continued exposure to Central and Eastern Europe, repercussions from the Hypo Alpe Adria bank collapse, political and economic uncertainties caused by the European sovereign debt crisis, the current refugee crisis, and continued unrest in Russia and Ukraine.



TOPICS TO EXPLORE

FINE ARTS & MUSIC – Austria's passion for the arts and music can be seen throughout history. Discover the musical history of Austria by visiting House of Music Museum in Vienna or Mozart's Birthplace Museum in Salzburg.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – As a result of decades of post-war neutrality, a large number of international organizations call Vienna its home, including the United Nations.

WWII HISTORY – As the birthplace of Adolph Hitler, Austria was greatly impacted by World War II and has many sights for history buffs.

PSYCHOLOGY – Get a glimpse into the mind of the "Father of Psychoanalysis" and psychological practices by visiting the Sigmund Freud Museum.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$441 BILLION | ESTIMATED 2017 GDP PPP (USD)

8.8 MILLION | POPULATION

83,871 KM² | TOTAL AREA

1200+ CONNECTIONS

2,320+ MEETINGS PLANNED IN THE REGION



Your customized itinerary

Music History in Prague & Vienna

The following itinerary is a working document and is subject to change (revised 10/6/2022).

May 16, 2023	Departur	e			
Tuesday	 Group flight departs for Prague. 				
Meals Included Per airline	Departure Flights – Quote only				
	Flight #	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
	DL 3740	Minot (MOT)	Minneapolis (MSP)	1:00 p.m.	2:31 p.m.
	DL 232	Minneapolis (MSP)	France (CDG)	4:45 p.m.	8:05 a.m. + 1
	AF 1082	France (CDG)	Prague (PRG)	3:35 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
May 17	Arrival an	nd Acclimation in	Prague		
Wednesday Meals Included Per airline Lunch Prague Accommodations Ramada by Wyndham Prague City Centre or similar (1 of 4)	 Arrival and Acclimation in Prague Welcome to Prague! "The City of a Hundred Spires," as it is known, inspires with architecture, culture, and a modern and growing economy that rivals any city in the West (and sometimes surprises visitors unfamiliar with this central European hub!) Meet your assistant and board your private coach at the airport for transfer to the hote. Check-in to your hotel and freshen up. Receive your public transportation passes for the duration of your stay in Prague. Meet your guide in your hotel lobby and set off on foot for a group dinner at a local restaurant. After lunch, set off on foot for an afternoon cultural tour. Prague City Walking Tour Start the day with a tour of the Old Town: The Old Town Square is the most important square of the historical Prague. It was found in the 12th century and witnessed any historical events. Here you will see the Old Town Hall with Astronomical clock. It was established in 1338 as the seat of the self-administration of the Old town. The oldest Gothic part of the complex with tower, bay chapel and rich emblem decoration date back to the second half of the 14th century. In upper part of Astronomical clock appeae each full hour twelve apostles and in lower part, there is a calendar board with zodiac signs by Josef Manes (1856). Continue to Josefov, the Jewish Quarter, of Prague It used to be the largest Jewish ghetto in Europe and at the same time it is beautiful and wrathful due to its complicated history. Since 1992 the Jewish Quarter has been put of the UNESCO World Heritage List (no entrances included). 				

Return to your hotel on foot and enjoy a free evening at your leisure with dinner on own.

Meals Included

Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel

Prague Accommodations Ramada by Wyndham Prague

Holiday: Ascension Day

City Centre or similar (2 of 4)



May 18	Welcome to Prague State Opera House & Museum Visits
Thursday	 Meet your guide and board public transportation for a full day of sightseeing!

State Opera House

The State Opera is an opera house in Prague, Czech Republic. It is part of the National Theatre of the Czech Republic, founded by Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic in 1992. The theatre itself originally opened in 1888 as the New German Theatre and from 1949 to 1989 it was known as the Smetana Theatre (entrance included).

- Enjoy a break for lunch on your own.
- After lunch, meet your guide and board public transportation for your next visit.

Smetana Museum

The Bedřich Smetana Museum in Prague is a museum which is dedicated to the life and works of famous Czech composer Bedřich Smetana. It is situated in the centre of Prague in a small block of buildings right next to Charles Bridge on the right bank of the river Vltava in the Old Town (entrance included).

Czech Museum of Music

The new seat of the Czech Museum of Music is located in the former Baroque church of St. Mary Magdalene at Lesser Side, built in the 17th Century according to the proposal of Francesco Caratti. The church was gradually rebuilt after the dissolution of the Dominican Monastery in 1783. Among other things, it served as a Police barracks and archive. The unusual symbiosis of the early Baroque church architecture with the classicist adjustment of usage and newly finished reconstruction of the Museum offers visitors a detail of an impressive combination of monumentality (entrance included).

- After tour, return to your hotel and freshen up.
- In the evening, meet your assistant in your hotel lobby and set off on foot to a local restaurant.
- Taste the local cuisine with a Welcome Dinner.
- Return to your hotel and enjoy a free evening at your leisure,

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May 19	Prague Academic Engagements
Friday	Group 1: Honors Students:

Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel

Prague Accommodations

Ramada by Wyndham Prague City Centre or similar (3 of 4) Meet your guide and board your private coach for a morning academic engagement.

Social Impact Experience

On-the-ground learning from leaders in sustainable business, local and global nonprofits, and social enterprises equips students not only with an awareness of the social issues faced in a particular society, but also a working knowledge of how the organizations operates successfully in the community. While meeting with organizations pursuing philanthropic, humanitarian, or community-focused goals, students will dive deep into the practicalities of running an organization with these aims, as well as the mission, opportunities, and challenges.

Sourced by WorldStrides' Global Experiences.

- After your engagement, board coach and return to the hotel.
- Spend the afternoon at your leisure to exploring Prague!
- Experience the tastes of the culture on your own or with you friends for lunch and dinner.

Group 2: Music Students:

Meet your guide and board your private coach for a morning lecture.

Prague's History as a Destination for the World's Most Beloved Performers – Guest Lecture 1

A typical guest lecture is 90-minute to 2-hour session with an industry expert, including a presentation, discussion, and in-depth Q&A session. Industry experts and lecturers are selected based on the program's academic focus, course objectives, and delegation level, in order to curate the best student experience and academic content. Formats vary by organization and range from formal boardroom discussions to candid conversations in a collaborative space.

Sourced by WorldStrides' Global Experiences.

- After lecture, board coach and return to your hotel to freshen up.
- Break provided for lunch on own.

Group 1(Honors Students) & Group 2 (Music Students):

 In the afternoon, meet your guide in the hotel lobby and set off on foot/public transportation for an afternoon tour.

Prague Castle

Delve into the treasures of Prague Castle, the seat of Czech rulers from early medieval times. See the stately gardens, courtyards, palaces, and churches such as St George's Basilica; visit magnificent St Vitus Cathedral; and explore Golden Lane, home to tiny, colorful cottages that were once homes to the castle's archers and goldsmiths (entrances to Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, Golden Lane and St. Georges Basilica included).

Return to your hotel and enjoy a free evening at your leisure with dinner on own.



May 20	Prague Free Day
Saturday Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel	 Spend the day at your leisure to explore this new city Experience the tastes of the culture on your own or with you friends for lunch and dinner
Prague Accommodations Ramada by Wyndham Prague <u>City Centre</u> or similar (4 of 4)	
May 21	Travel to Bavaria
Sunday Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel	 Meet your assistant and check out of your hotel. Board coach and depart for the airport. Coach Travel: Prague to Bavaria - Approximately 7 hours (with stops) Break provided for lunch on own.
Ettal Accommodations Klosterhotel Ettal Ludwig der Bayer or similar (1 of 1)	 Check in to your hotel (store luggage if rooms are not yet available). Enjoy the remainder of your day free on own.
May 22	Bavaria Neuschwanstein Castle
Monday Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel Salzburg Accommodations Hotel Scherer or similar (1 of 2)	 Meet your assistant and check out of the hotel. Board coach for morning excursion. Neuschwanstein Castle Seven weeks after the death of King Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. The shy king had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life. Neuschwanstein castle is your perfect destination for a day trip from Munich – located just 120km at the foot of the Alps (entrance included).
	 Break provided for lunch on own during your tour. In the afternoon, meet your assistant and board coach for the Salzburg. Coach Travel: Bavaria to Salzburg - Approximately 4 hours
	Welcome to Salzburg! The birthplace of Mozart is a bit of a divided city – it's situated just on the border of Austria and Germany, while the town itself is split into halves by the Salzach River, with the storybook Altstadt (Old City) on one side and the modern Neustadt (New City) on the other. This famous setting for the Sound of Music reveals more than breathtaking architecture and landscapes; it's also home to an enviable beer and culinary scene, as well as a thought-provoking arts culture.
	Arrive at the hotel and check in.Enjoy a free evening at your leisure with dinner on own.

May 23	Salzburg Walking Tour & Mozart's Home
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Tuesday

Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel Dinner

Salzburg Accommodations

Hotel Scherer or similar (2 of 2)

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and set off on foot for walking tour of Salzburg.

Walking Tour of Salzburg & Mozart's Home

One certain house in the Getreidegasse always draws particular attention: No. 9, the house in which Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born. Salzburg's most famous son came into this world on 27 January 1756. His family actually lived here for 26 years, from 1747 on, occupying an apartment on the third floor. With parents Leopold and Anna Maria as well as sister "Nannerl", Mozart spend his childhood and much of his youth there. In 1773, the family moved to the house we know today as the "Mozart Residence", on the Makartplatz Square. The famous composer's birthplace continues to be a magnet for Mozart fans and history buffs from around the world. It was actually the International Mozarteum Foundation which first opened a museum in the house back in 1880. Constantly developed and expanded, this year-round museum is an absolute must for every Salzburg visitor (entrance included).

- Break provided for lunch on own.
- After lunch, return to your hotel and freshen up.
- In the evening, meet your assistant in the hotel lobby and set off on foot/public transportation for a group dinner at St. Peter's restaurant or similar.
- Return to your hotel and enjoy a free evening at your leisure.

May 24

(1 of 3)

Wednesday

Meals Included

Breakfast at the hotel

Vienna Accommodations

Austria Trend Ananas or similar

Travel to Vienna

- Meet your assistant and check out of the hotel.
- Set off on foot and depart for the train station.
- Train Travel: Salzburg to Vienna Approximately 2 hour & 45 minutes quote only

Welcome to Vienna! Situated at the base of the Danube River, Vienna is the capital of Austria and the second-largest German-speaking city in the world. Consistently ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities, Vienna acts as a home base for the United Nations and a variety of other international organizations. Visit the "City of Music" to learn more about classical musicians like Wolfgang Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Arnold Schoenberg; enjoy a wiener schnitzel in the historic city center; or explore the exquisite imperial palaces of the Hofburg and Schonbrunn families.

- Meet your assistant and board your private coach at the train station.
- Check in to your hotel (store luggage if rooms are not yet available).
- Receive your public transportation passes for the duration of your stay in Vienna.
- Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and set off on foot for a cultural tour.

Vienna City Walking Tour

Start with a walking tour to include sites such as the Neo-Gothic Town Hall, the impressive Austrian Parliament Building, the Volksgarten, Heroes Square, and the Hofburg Palace. Learn about the history, culture, and people of Vienna as you walk around Burggarten, the former Emperor's private garden, and the Augustinian Church. End with visits to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Vienna State Opera, and the bustling Graben shopping street and St Stephens Cathedral (entrance to Vienna State Opera included).

- Break provided for lunch on own.
- After lunch, meet your guide and continue to your next tour.

Wiener Staasoper

Wiener Staatsoper is one of the leading opera houses in the world. Take a glimpse behind the scenes of the world's largest repertoire theatre and discover many things that remain hidden from the evening audience. On this approximately 40minute tour, you will hear many interesting facts about the building's history, its architecture and how an opera house is run. From the foyer, we take the grand staircase to the state rooms (Tea Salon, Marble Hall, Schwind Foyer, Gustav Mahler Hall) before we reach the auditorium -catching a look at the stage (entrance included).

 Return to your hotel on foot and enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city with dinner on own.



May 25	Vienna	Schönbrunn Palace				
Thursday Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel	Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and board public transportation for an afternoon cultural tour. Schönbrunn Palace Tour Schönbrunn Palace and luxuriate in the magnificent Rococo décor for which the palace is famous. Stroll through the forty state rooms and build up an impression of life during the imperial age. Admire the precious eighteenth-century interiors from the time of Maria Theresa. The Grand Tour at Schönbrunn Palace starts in the west wing of the palace and takes you through the apartments of the imperial couple Franz Joseph and Elisabeth, followed by the central range with its ceremonial rooms and concluding with the east wing of the palace. Here you can view the sumptuous audience room of the imperial couple Maria Theresa and Franz Stephan of Lorraine as well as many other fascinating interiors (entrance included).					
Vienna Accommodations <u>Austria Trend Ananas</u> or similar (2 of 3)						
		After your tour, return to your hotel and enjoy a free evening at your leisure with dinner on own.				
May 26	Vienna	Guest Lectures				
Friday Meals Included		 Meet your assistant and board your private coach for a full day of academic engagements. 				
Breakfast at the hotel Dinner	Viennese Magic: The Legacy of Classical Music in Austria – Guest Lecture 2 Sourced by WorldStrides' Global Experiences.					
Vienna Accommodations Austria Trend Ananas or similar (3 of 3)	 Break provided for lunch on own. After lunch, board coach and continue to your next lecture. The Role of Musical Tourism in the Austrian Economy – Guest Lecture 3 Sourced by WorldStrides' Global Experiences. 					
					ecture 3	
	 Return to your hotel and freshen up. In the evening, meet your assistant in the hotel lobby and set off on foot to a local restaurant. Reflect on your experiences with an authentic Farewell Dinner as a group. 					
		rn to your hotel and enjoy			5 1	
May 27	Return	Home				
Saturday	 Meet your assistant to check out of the hotel. Board coach and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. 					
Meals Included Breakfast at the hotel Per airline	 Group flight departs en-route to North Dakota. 					
	Return Flights – Quote only					
	Flight #	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival	
	KL 1838		Amsterdam (AMS)	6:55 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	
	DL 163	Amsterdam (AMS)	Minneapolis (MSP)	12:45 p.m.	2:55 p.m. + 1	
	DL 4012	2 Minneapolis (MSP)	Minot (MOT)	9:20 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	

Program Ends

Tailored inclusions for your program

Your itinerary reflects the day-to-day arrangements we've designed for your program. As part of our commitment to quality and value, your program includes the following:

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

Our Global Experiences team has spent years building networks of industry experts and dynamic organizations that can show your students real-world applications of their studies and immerse them in relevant, interactive projects. Since 2012, they have arranged more than **6,800** engagements with companies, non-profits and government agencies. Your regionally focused Curriculum Coordinator will partner with you to identify the right topics, companies, and speakers that complement your program. Our theme-based approach puts your curriculum at the core, resulting in richer academic outcomes. Through collaboration, we'll incorporate your program aspirations to design a variety of in-country engagements to deliver more impactful experiences.

Your customized academic support from WorldStrides Global Experiences includes:

- 4 academic engagements, encompassing:
- 3 Guest Lectures
- 1 Social Impact Experience
- Initial academic strategy call with your Curriculum Coordinator (held prior to 90 days before departure)
- Statement of Work, including a timeline and key dates for your academic program
- Pre-program planning calls
- Academic briefing materials: organization and speaker profiles and destinationspecific economic information
- Extended faculty resources for discussion and reflection





The overall impact of our visit was still lingering when it came time to decide on a class gift from our graduating cohort...We left a bit of our hearts in Vietnam, but clearly we felt like we needed to leave more, so the class voted to donate to KOTO. All donations were voluntary, but we had a goal of providing enough support for one student for one year. I'm pleased to say we raised that, plus.

Student, University of Texas at San Antonio

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INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT

Each program is backed by unparalleled risk management and logistical support to deliver true peace of mind. We've spent years building the infrastructure and partnerships to deliver safety and reliability for your traveling groups that exceed your university standards.

Risk Mitigation

- Comprehensive vendor vetting, including adherence to local laws
- Contingency destinations & re-routing in event of an emergency
- Partnerships with global risk advisory organizations such as WorldAware
- Pre-departure safety orientations conducted for all programs

Health & Safety While Abroad

- \$100,000 embedded medical insurance including evacuation insurance
- 100% mental wellness coverage with no restrictions on preexisting conditions
- 24/7 emergency support while traveling:
 - > Local emergency team in all our destinations abroad
 - > Domestic support to coordinate with your university team back home
- Exclusive access to George Washington University emergency doctors

Financial Protection

- No cancellation penalties until 75 days before travel, giving you time to recruit*
- No program payment until 45 days before travel for university expenses*
- \$50 million liability insurance policy, with Minot State University listed as an additionally insured
- WorldStrides assumes all foreign currency risk—your price is not subject to change due to currency rate fluctuations

*Except for any special non-refundable components or vendor & airline specific terms approved by Minot State University.

Higher Education Travel Protection Plan**

- We offer a great Higher Education Travel Protection Plan to help protect your educational travel investment
- If the plan is selected, it includes a CFAR waiver/benefit that allows participants to cancel up to 3 days before departure
 - > Recover up to 75% of non-refundable fees
 - > Non-refundable airfare costs can be recovered if arranged by WorldStrides
 - Option to rescind your travel protection plan 5 days from the time of purchase and be reimbursed
- Other benefits included within this plan include trip interruption, travel delay, medical expense/emergency assistance, baggage & personal effects, and a pre-existing conditions waiver

**Terms and conditions apply—see your Program Agreement. Policy details will be shared within your online registration materials.

WorldStrides covers us with their insurance and simply brings it all together. On the very rare occasions when we've had some issues or hospitalizations, WorldStrides handled it perfectly.

Robert Nixon University of Louisville



The crisis management team that WorldStrides has in place is top notch and staff are well trained to handle the variety of situations that can (and do) take place on study abroad programs.

Paula Memmer Purdue University

When a student had a health emergency in China, the WorldStrides team mobilized to get the student's father from his home in the Midwest to Beijing. This included obtaining an expedited visa at the Chinese consulate (no easy task!). In less than 17 hours, the team took on and accomplished what most of us expected would be impossible.

Terri Barr Miami of Ohio University