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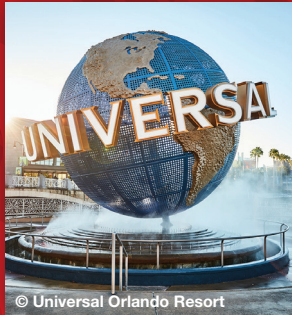
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Why Travel With Academic Travel Services?

-  **We have extensive experience** in assisting you with your travel plans. Our staff has over 60 years of combined experience and we have worked with nearly a QUARTER MILLION students. We have the tools to arrange a quality festival and/or public performance trip for your group too!
-  **We pledge** to work with you in planning the itinerary for *your* trip.
-  **Your payments made to ATS are safe:** We are in good standing with ABA, the premier association of prestigious student operators. (Details on page 3.)
-  **You will never be surprised:** A.T.S. provides you with a specific list of the items and attractions which are included in your trip cost.
-  **We offer a complimentary chaperone ratio of 1 to 20** that is both realistic and useful for dance groups (trip costs with different ratios are available upon request).
-  **We're familiar with the special needs of student groups:** The A.T.S. office/sales staff has nearly 60 years of experience planning and operating student group tours.
-  **You'll know what to expect:** A.T.S. provides you with a day-by-day itinerary as well as information regarding the bus company, hotels, restaurants and attractions we'll use for your trip.
-  **You'll feel comfortable with our service and integrity:** We'll gladly provide you with a list of groups who have traveled with us recently.
-  **You'll not be on your own when you arrive:** Your trip will be escorted by an experienced professional who is both knowledgeable about your destination and good with students.
-  **We do not combine** your group with another without your prior approval.
-  **Of course, we think you'll like our prices, too!**

Your Steps To Traveling With Us

Procedures for all of our performance travel programs are essentially the same *and they all begin with a contact from you.*

1. Give us a call and discuss with us your particular group's travel wishes, desires and economic needs. We'll in turn send you a customized itinerary with a specific cost from your city for your group size.

2. Meet with your students and/or parents and gauge interest in the trip(s) we have discussed. If there is sufficient interest and commitment, choose your destination and travel dates.

3. Give us a return call to confirm your trip destination and travel dates. We'll send you a Travel Contract, payment schedule, rooming list form, Enrollment form and your performance applications (when applicable).

4. We'll keep in touch with each other during the year. You'll receive a final itinerary (and airline tickets if you're flying) approximately 10 days before departure.

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Yes We Can!

Yes You Can!

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All prices attractions and performance opportunities listed in this brochure were determined from current information and availability at the time of printing and are subject to change. All prices listed in this brochure are based on full motorcoach(es). Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for further information.

Call A.T.S. Toll Free 1-800-523-4293

Office Hours: 8 am - 5 pm (E.S.T)

Why Travel With ACADEMIC TRAVEL SERVICES?

Academic Travel Services was born in 1995 as a dream of former educators who wanted to promote affordable, educational, and fun tours for school groups. After 28 years, nearly 12,000 trips, over 300,000 participants, and millions of lasting memories, Academic Travel Services is recognized as a leader in the student travel industry both in experience and integrity. ***Here are the 4 biggest reasons to travel with Academic Travel Services:***

1 PROFESSIONALISM



Greg Shipley, CEO and co-owner

With over 40 years of experience working with young people, Greg is recognized as a leader in the travel industry. Greg has served for six years in leadership positions both

as a Board of Director and as President of the Student and Youth Travel Association (SYTA) as well as serving on the Board of Directors of the prestigious American Bus Association (ABA). He holds professional certifications of CTP from the National Tour Association (NTA), CSTP from SYTA, and CTIS from ABA.

2 PREPARATION

Our team receives highest quality educational resources available. Through Professional Development Seminars, your ATS representative has the opportunity to learn up-to-date information on:

- *Providing quality service to customers;*
 - *Finding the hottest new destinations;*
 - *Protecting the environment;*
 - *Accommodating disabled travelers;*
 - *Promoting healthy traveling;*
 - *Understanding government regulations*
- ...and much, much more!*

The ongoing educational programs and training opportunities offered to us by **ABA** provides our company with the knowledge we need to provide your group with the high quality tour you expect.

3 PEACE OF MIND

- **Worry Free Transportation** – Whether the mode is motor coach, air, cruise or rail, transportation that we arrange is provided by experienced professionals.
- **Reputable Hotels and Restaurants** – Researched ahead of time, all properties must meet the high requirements of our tour company.
- **High Quality Attractions** – Our company has explored the attraction and understands the best and safest way to enjoy it – and how much time to spend there.
- **Tour Experts** – A knowledgeable travel consultant will assist you in planning your trip and a well-informed and trained tour director will accompany your group to deal with unexpected situations, allowing you to enjoy your trip without any uncertainty.
- **Health and Safety** – The health and safety of your group is our #1 priority

4 PROTECTION FOR YOUR DEPOSITS

- **Academic Travel Services** honored every request for a refund during the pandemic shut down and closures. You can rest assured that ATS is a sound and trustworthy company. You can count on us to be there for you.



**Certified Member for
more than 25 years!**



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ORLANDO Area



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Add Additional Value To Your Walt Disney World® Resort Experience

Packages 1 & 2 include a **STARTER PERFORMANCE PACKAGE** ticket which allows ONE theme park admission PER DAY for the number of days on the ticket. *(Regular Season Pricing. Prices higher for moderate and peak season visit)*

PARK HOPPER® ticket allows guest to come and go as you please through all four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks on the same day, for the length of the ticket.

ADD ONLY \$70. PER PERSON to your STARTER PACKAGE

Reservation requirements are subject to change.



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**MAKE YOUR STAY
MORE MAGICAL!**
Stay on property at a
Disney's All-Star Resort

Additional cost is seasonal.

Customize Your Package

Packages listed in this brochure are standard packages.

**Let us customize a package to fit
the personality of your group.**

Other venues of interest include: Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach/Ron Jon Surf Shop, SeaWorld Adventure Park, Volcano Bay Water Park, Busch Gardens-Tampa, DJ Dance Party, Medieval Times Dinner Theater and Tournament, Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows and much more. Let us know what interests you and your group have so we can better serve you.

★ **5-day & 6-Day Packages** ★
Pricing Available Upon Request

† Performance is subject to submission of application material and approval by Disney Imagination Campus.

Location and time of performance(s) to be determined by Disney after approval is confirmed.

† Holidays and "Peak Season" travel will add to the cost of the trip.

Value Package 1 3 Days / 2 Nights

from
\$575
+ transportation costs

- ☀ Two nights standard lodging (4 per room) off property
- ☀ One 3-day **Starter Package Ticket** to your choice of Walt Disney World® Theme Parks: **(Regular Season Pricing)** Magic Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, **OR** Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park
- ☀ Two breakfasts
- ☀ Two meals on the Youth Dining Card for select locations at the Walt Disney World® Resort
- ★ One totally free package for every 25 paying participants (2 per room)
- ★ Exclusive *Disney Performing Arts* souvenir gift for each student performer
- ★ Performance at the Walt Disney World® Resort†
- ★ Experienced local Tour Director assigned to your group alone while in Orlando*
- ★ All taxes and gratuities
- ★ Liability Insurance Coverage
- ★ Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage
- ★ Consumer Protection Plan

Value Package 2 4 Days / 3 Nights

from
\$699
+ transportation costs

- ☀ Three nights standard lodging (4 per room) off property
- ☀ One 4-day **Starter Package Ticket** to Walt Disney World® Theme Parks: **(Regular Season Pricing)** Magic Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, **AND** Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park
- ☀ Three breakfasts
- ☀ Three meals on the Youth Dining Card for select locations at the Walt Disney World® Resort
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Five Incredible Worlds. One Epic Universe.
The portals have opened on an all-new theme park beyond anything experienced before. Come explore Universal Epic Universe, now open at Universal Orlando Resort.



The Action Of The Biggest Movies and TV Shows Come To Life. Imagine being in your favorite TV shows and movies in real life, except you also get to enjoy the ultimate rides, from thrill filled twists and turns to jaw dropping moments you'll talk about forever.



Step Right Into the Greatest Adventures Ever Imagined
Embark on an incredible journey through the worlds of mighty heroes, ancient myths and timeless legends, where once in a lifetime thrills wait around every corner.

Value Package 3 3 Days / 2 Nights

\$575⁺
+ transportation costs

- ☀ Two nights standard lodging (4 per room)
- ☀ One 3-Day Park-To-Park ticket to Universal Studios Florida **AND** Universal Islands of Adventure **AND** Universal Epic Universe Theme Parks
- ☀ Public performance* at a designated location inside the parks or Universal Citywalk
- ☀ Two breakfasts
- ☀ Two Universal Dining Cards for use at select locations at the Theme Parks **OR** one of the participating CityWalk locations.
- ★ Public performance at a Universal Orlando Resort venue*
- ★ One totally free package for every 25 paying participants (2/Room)
- ★ Experienced local Tour Director assigned to your group alone
- ★ All taxes, fees, and gratuities
- ★ Consumer Protection Plan
- ★ Liability Insurance Coverage
- ★ Errors & Omissions Insurance Policy

*Application & approval required.

Value Package 4 4 Days / 3 Nights

\$699⁺
+ transportation costs

- ☀ Three nights standard lodging (4 per room)
- ☀ One 4-Day Park-To-Park ticket to Universal Studios Florida **AND** Universal Islands of Adventure **AND** Universal Epic Universe Theme Parks
- ☀ Public performance* at a designated location inside the parks or Universal Citywalk
- ☀ Three breakfasts
- ☀ Three Universal Dining Cards for use at the Theme Parks **OR** one of the participating CityWalk locations
- ★ Public performance at a Universal Orlando Resort venue*
- ★ One totally free package for every 25 paying participants (2/Room)
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- ★ Errors & Omissions Insurance Policy

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Extraordinary Music Workshop!



STARS Performance Program

Student performers in choir, dance, orchestra and band can gain valuable experience by showing their skills in front of Universal Orlando Resort theme park guests.



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Festival Disney Adjudicated Performance Packages



See Back Cover for 2026 Festival Disney dates

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Packages 5-6 include a **STARTER PACKAGE** ticket which allows ONE theme park admission PER DAY for the number of days on the ticket. *(Regular Season Pricing. Prices higher for moderate and peak season visit)*

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★ **5-day & 6-Day Packages** ★
Pricing Available Upon Request

Some breakfasts may be continental.

†Prices are per person and are based on a group size of 40 or more paying participants. Transportation is additional. A.T.S. can assist you with motorcoach and/or air costs.

*Theme Park Performances are subject to group application and approval.

† Holiday and "Peak Season" travel will add to the cost of the trip.

Value Package 5

3 Days / 2 Nights

from **\$575**†
+ transportation costs

- ☀ Two nights standard lodging (4 per room) off property
- ☀ One 3-day **Starter Package Ticket** to your choice of Walt Disney World® Theme Parks: **(Regular Season Pricing)** Magic Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, **OR** Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park
- ☀ Two breakfasts
- ☀ Two meals on the Youth Dining Card for select locations at the Walt Disney World® Resort
- ★ Adjudicated festival performance at the Walt Disney World® Resort*
- ★ Recording for each concert performance
- ★ Comment sheets and taped comments for each performance
- ★ Distinctive and impressive trophies awarded at Award Ceremony
- ★ One totally free package for every 25 paying participants (2 per room)
- ★ Experienced local Tour Director assigned to your group alone
- ★ All taxes, fees, and gratuities
- ★ Consumer Protection Plan
- ★ Liability Insurance Coverage
- ★ Errors & Omissions Insurance Policy

Value Package 6

4 Days / 3 Nights

from **\$725**†
+ transportation costs

- ☀ Three nights standard lodging (4 per room) off property
- ☀ One 4-day **Starter Package Ticket** to Walt Disney World® Theme Parks: **(Regular Season Pricing)** Magic Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, **AND** Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park
- ☀ Three breakfasts
- ☀ Three meals on the Youth Dining Card for select locations at the Walt Disney World® Resort
- ★ Adjudicated festival performance at the Walt Disney World® Resort*
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- ★ Comment sheets and taped comments for each performance
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New York City

Performance Tours From \$450 per person
Plus Transportation Costs for a 3-day/2-night Tour



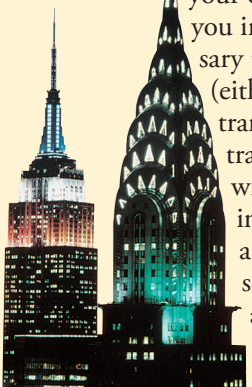
Academic Travel Services presents...

2-, 3-, 4-night (or more) performance tour experiences to the financial and cultural center of our country. Your group will discover and experience the collage of cultures, people and ethnic diversity in our most cosmopolitan city. More than just a tour, your trip with A.T.S. is a journey of enlightenment that will acquaint your students with a new horizon of understanding.

The four major objectives of an A.T.S. performance tour are:

- 1 To acquaint the student not only with his cultural heritage but increase his awareness of the diversities of our culture;
- 2 To introduce the student to the great museums, theatre and galleries of the world;
- 3 To view and appreciate the legacy of stage-performances on Broadway;
- 4 To provide a performance (public or festival) of the highest quality for your group.

Please be aware that since all tours are different, all transportation costs are additional. However, you are not on your own. A.T.S. will assist you in arranging all necessary transportation costs (either deluxe motorcoach transportation and/or air travel) in conjunction with your trip. Also keep in mind that New York is a dynamic city and that some attractions are not available at all times.



Full Day Introductory Tour

- ✧ Experience the grandeur of the Lincoln Center, a 14-acre complex dedicated to the education and artistic expression of music. More people enjoy performances at the Lincoln Center each year than all of the sporting events in the Metropolitan area combined.
- ✧ Reflect in Strawberry Fields, the John Lennon memorial Imagine in the midst of 840-acre Central Park.
- ✧ Gaze upon the beauty and savor the reverence of St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- ✧ Peer into the inner-workings of the television industry at Rockefeller Plaza.
- ✧ Browse around Greenwich Village, New York's Bohemian center. "The Village" is famed for its restaurants and curio shops as well as its eclectic residents and shopkeepers.
- ✧ Experience cultural diversity during a walking tour of Little Italy and Chinatown.

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

- ✧ Ponder the impact that was made upon our country by the millions of immigrants that passed by the Statue of Liberty on their way to processing at Ellis Island from 1892 to 1924.



- ✧ Reflect upon the nearly 400,000 names engraved on the American Immigrant Wall on Ellis Island.
- ✧ Gaze upon the 151-foot statue given to the United States by France in 1884 in commemoration of the two countries' alliance during the American Revolution.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Empire State Building

- ✧ Marvel at one of the world's tallest office buildings. The 1932 art deco building soars 1454 feet and has 2 million square feet of office space. You can see for 50 miles from the observation deck on a clear day!

Metropolitan Museum of Art

- ✧ Experience one of the world's greatest museums. Among the collections are Egyptian, Greek and Roman art; arms and armor; musical instruments; the Egyptian Temple of Dendur; as well as European and Oriental paintings, art and sculptures.

American Museum of Natural History

- ✧ Understand the cultures of the American Indian, Asian, Pacific islanders and the Aztec and Mayan empires.
- ✧ Travel back through time in the Hall of Dinosaurs and the Hall of Human Biology and Evolution.

- ✧ Touch an actual moon rock.

Shopping/Browsing on 5th Ave.

- ✧ Marvel at the new Hudson Yards Complex, visit Macy's, the world's largest department store. Shop at Nike Town and the Apple Store. Gaze upon priceless jewels at Tiffany's. It's all here in the retail capital of the world!

Customized Broadway Workshops

- NEW!** Add a customized Broadway Workshop for the musical your group is attending. Each 90-minute interactive student workshop is led by a Broadway performer or teaching artist.

The BIG APPLE Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Morning Arrival in NYC (Breakfast on own, en route)
Metropolitan Museum of Art *or* Museum of Natural History
Tour of Times Square
Dinner Provided
Empire State Building *or* Top of the Rock
Hotel check-in

DAY 2

Breakfast Provided
Introductory city tour which may include: Harlem, Central Park, SoHo, Rockefeller Center, Greenwich Village, Little Italy, Chinatown, and more
Dinner Provided
Broadway Show

DAY 3

Breakfast Provided
Hotel check-out
Statue of Liberty
Ellis Island
Public performance at Lincoln Center *or* Statue of Liberty
Tour of Radio City Music Hall (or similar)
Shopping/Browsing
Depart for home

Please note: ALL meals and attractions listed in the itinerary are INCLUDED in trip cost.



I ♥ NY



Adjudicated Festival performance is available at an additional cost on some weekends: see back cover for dates

Compare what is included in our standard New York package with that of any other student travel company:

- Two nights hotel accommodations in a quality, suburban hotel (many have indoor pools) (4 per room).
One breakfast & one dinner per hotel night.
One professional Tour Director assigned to your group alone.
Full day in-depth tour of Manhattan with a local, licensed step-on guide (one per motorcoach).
Admission to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
Optional: 90 minute narrated breakfast cruise on the Spirit of NY with sightseeing and a photo opportunity of the Statue of Liberty.
Admission to the Empire State Building OR Top of the Rock Observatory.
Admission to one of the following tours: Radio City Music Hall OR Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.
Admission to a Broadway Show - your choice based on availability of group discounted tickets.
Admission to the American Museum of Natural History OR Admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
Personalized service from former educators.
Itinerary tailored to YOUR unique needs and desires.
Consumer Protection Plan.
Liability insurance.
Errors & Omissions insurance.
One totally free teacher or chaperone for every 25 paying participants.
Deluxe motorcoach transportation in NYC (air trips only).
Video picture DVD of the trip for each participant.

Customize Your Package

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Regional Special 2 Days/1 Night \$399 plus transportation Broadway show INCLUDED

* Prices based on weekend travel. Midweek and some April dates will be higher. Prices are quad occupancy and based on 40 paying participants. Unless noted, all transportation costs are additional. However, Academic Travel Services will gladly assist you in arranging motorcoach transportation from your school or airfare from your area. You are not required to do this on your own.

3Days - 2Nights via Motorcoach \$599* + motorcoach (\$459 without Broadway show)*

3Days - 2Nights via Air \$899* + airfare (includes local motorcoach) (\$619 without Broadway show)*

Extend Your Trip Extra Days for only \$225* per person, per day + transportation costs and additional entry fees

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Washington, D.C.

A Trip Every American Should Experience

Academic Travel Services presents...

2-, 3-, 4-night (or more) performance tour experiences to our nation's capital. Your group will discover the kaleidoscope of America's history, culture, sciences and politics in Washington. More than a tour, your trip with A.T.S. offers an educational opportunity to visit our nation's judicial and legislative centers as well as our national museums, monuments and memorials.

The four major objectives of an A.T.S. performance tour are:

- 1 To provide a public performance of the highest quality for your group at a monument, on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Building or at the Old Post Office building;
- 2 To lead the students to appreciation of our national historical, political and cultural heritage;
- 3 To learn and view first-hand the fundamentals of our unique federal governmental systems;
- 4 To discover and appreciate the principles and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Washington is a dynamic city. All attractions have different operating hours and it is not unusual for political and diplomatic events to cause unexpected closings.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Memorials in the Evening

- ★ Gaze upon Thomas Jefferson's architecture at the Jefferson Memorial.
- ★ Contemplate the impact of the Gettysburg Address at the Lincoln Memorial.
- ★ Reflect upon the more than 58,000 names inscribed upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- ★ Experience the grandeur of the Kennedy Center, our national center for the performing arts.
- ★ Ponder the impact of the Korean War at the new Korean War Memorial.
- ★ Consider the importance of Franklin Delano Roosevelt at his memorial.
- ★ Reflect upon the sacrifice of our Armed Forces at the Iwo Jima Memorial.

Smithsonian Museums

- ★ See physical evidence of the earth's rotation.
- ★ View the renowned Hope Diamond.
- ★ Gaze upon life-sized models of a blue whale and dinosaurs.
- ★ Travel back with Francis Scott Key as you view the "Star-Spangled Banner".
- ★ See the ruby slippers that Judy Garland wore in "The Wizard of Oz" and Archie Bunker's living room chair.
- ★ Marvel at the Wright brothers' 1903 Flyer, Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1, John Glenn's spacecraft Friendship 7.
- ★ Touch an actual moon rock.

Arlington National Cemetery

- ★ Reflect upon the legacy of John F. Kennedy at his grave site.

- ★ Witness the ritual of the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.
- ★ Understand America's contribution to world peace as you tour the grounds.

Ford's Theatre/Petersen House

- ★ See the actual theatre box in which Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865.
- ★ Visit the house across the street where he died the next day and where Secretary of War Edwin Stanton uttered the famous words "Now he belongs to the ages".

United States Capitol Building

- ★ Visit the seat of the Legislative Branch of our government.
- ★ Discuss important issues with your Congressman or Senator.

Supreme Court Building

- ★ Visit the seat of the Judicial Branch of our government.
- ★ Listen to a lecture in the actual chambers of the court.

National Archives

- ★ Read the actual signatures on the original documents of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Mount Vernon

- ★ Peer into life as the father of our country, George Washington, knew it.
- ★ Browse around the estate which has preserved everyday life as it appeared 225 years ago.

Experience Washington Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Morning arrival into Washington
Breakfast on own, en route
Arlington National Cemetery
Ford's Theatre/Petersen House
Smithsonian American History Museum
Smithsonian Natural History Museum
Dinner at Pentagon City Mall
Hotel check in this evening

DAY 2

Breakfast
U.S. Capitol Building tour
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum
U.S. Holocaust Museum (Daniel's Story)
National Archives
Dinner At Union Station
3-hour evening tour of Washington's Monuments and Memorials

DAY 3

Breakfast
Hotel check-out
Mount Vernon
National Cathedral
Navy Museum and U.S.S. Barry
Depart for home
Dinner on own, en route

This itinerary is only a sample and may be modified to suit your group's unique desires



Washington, D.C.

Performance Tours

POPULAR PACKAGES

via Motorcoach

3 Days/2 Nights
\$399

4 Days/3 Nights
\$465

Motorcoach cost is additional,
call ATS for the price from your area.

via Air

3 Days/2 Nights
\$630

4 Days/3 Nights
\$770

Local motorcoach in DC is **INCLUDED**.
Airfare is additional.

Add a One-Day Extension to
Colonial Williamsburg
to any Washington trip for **ONLY**

\$325

Includes: Bus, 2 meals, 1 hotel night
and selected admissions.



WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- ★ Hotel Accommodations in a Quality Hotel (4 per room):
 - All have indoor hallways
 - All are located in safe suburban areas
- ★ Meals: 1 Breakfast and 1 Dinner Per Hotel Night
- ★ One professional Tour Director assigned to your group alone
- ★ All Entrance Fees and Admissions, taxes and gratuities
- ★ Evening Tour Washington's Monuments and Memorials
- ★ Public Performance in Washington at one (or more) of the following: WWII Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, The Lincoln Memorial and/or the Jefferson Memorial
- ★ Personalized Service From Former Educators
- ★ Itinerary Tailored For Your Unique Needs and Desires
- ★ One Totally Free Teacher/Chaperone for Every 25 Paying Participants (2 per room)
- ★ Liability insurance coverage
- ★ Errors & Omissions insurance policy
- ★ Consumer Protection Plan
- ★ Video DVD of the trip for each participant plus one group photo for the group sponsor



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ Arlington Cemetery
- ★ Korean War Memorial
- ★ Ford's Theatre
- ★ FDR Memorial
- ★ Smithsonian Museums
- ★ World War II Memorial
- ★ Jefferson Memorial
- ★ Lincoln Memorial
- ★ Embassy Row
- ★ U.S. Capitol Building
- ★ U.S. Supreme Court
- ★ National Cathedral
- ★ Vietnam Memorial
- ★ Mount Vernon
- ★ U.S. Holocaust Museum
- ★ Kennedy Center
- ★ National Archives
- ★ Petersen House



POPULAR TRIP OPTIONS:

- ★ One Tour Guide per Motorcoach (for multi-coach groups)*
- ★ Second Performance in Washington
- ★ Evening Dinner/Dance Cruise on the Potomac*
- ★ Madame Tussauds Wax Museum
- ★ One day visit to Colonial Williamsburg*
- ★ Gettysburg or Baltimore Visit and Tour*
- ★ Kennedy Center or Ford's Theatre Performance*
- ★ Kings Dominion Amusement Park or Six Flags*
- ★ International Spy Museum*
- ★ The Newseum*
- ★ Nightly security*
- ★ Bureau of Engraving & Printing
- ★ Evening Dinner Theatre*

*These items are Extra Cost Items,
ask your consultant for details

Quality performances available!



Attend an Exciting Dinner Theatre!



Medieval Times
DINNER & TOURNAMENT

Adjudicated Festival performance is available at an additional cost on some weekends: see back cover for dates

CHICAGO



Academic Travel Services presents...

performance tour experiences to The Windy City. Containing many world class museums, Chicago is one of the premier educational destinations in the Midwest. Your group will experience the rich history of the city from politics to gangsters, as well as the historical landmarks and world renowned architecture of this diverse city.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Museum of Science & Industry

Experience one of the world's greatest museums. It contains exhibits of applied sciences, engineering and industry in 75 major exhibition halls spanning 15 acres. Among the collections are aviation exhibits; a virtual reality and computerized imaging exhibit; a German U-505 submarine; and working replica of a coal mine... See what your body really looks like. The Body Slices exhibit shows slices of a body to illustrate "exactly what is where." Also, included in your trip price is an admission to the Henry Crown Space Center and OMNIMAX theater.

Field Museum

Established in 1893, the world's foremost museum of natural history houses more than 9 acres of exhibits consisting of world renowned collections of more than 19 million artifacts and specimens. See the fossils and exhibits of life-sized dinosaurs, witness what life was like for Native Americans and experience the Inside Ancient Egypt exhibit.

Shedd Aquarium

The Shedd Aquarium is one of the largest aquariums in the world; with 8,000 freshwater and marine animals. The Oceanarium is the largest indoor mammal marine pavilion in the world and contains whales, dolphins, and sea otters. Watch as divers hand-feed fish in the 90,000 gallon coral reef exhibit, then enjoy the dolphin show at the Oceanarium.

Customize Your Package

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Sky Deck

At 1,701 feet high, the Willis Tower is the tallest building in the United States. Built in 1973, the building contains enough concrete to build an eight lane highway five miles long. Experience "The Ledge". At 1,353 feet up, The Ledge's glass boxes extend 4.3 feet from the Skydeck on the 103rd floor, providing unobstructed views of Chicago...straight down! The museum-quality interactive educational exhibits highlight Chicago sports, architecture, history, food, music and people. New multimedia elevator rides give visitors one of the fastest in the world, while referencing points of interest that match the ascending height.

Evening Cruise

From mid-April to mid-October you can enhance your Chicago experience with a 90 minute evening cruise on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. An experienced narrator will explain Chicago's rich history and point out interesting landmarks and architecture.

Six Flags Great America*

Located about 45-minutes north of Chicago, Six Flags Great America offers a full day of fun and excitement. The park offers over 100 rides, shows and attractions including eight exhilarating roller coasters and four super-soaking water rides. Be careful when planning because the park is open weekends only from late April till late May and then every day till the end of August.

3 Days / 2 Nights

\$499
+ transportation costs

- ⊗ Two nights hotel accommodations (4 per room)
- ⊗ Meals: one breakfast and one dinner per hotel night
- ⊗ Complete sight-seeing including: the Field Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry (with OMNIMax), Sky Deck, Watertower Place, Michigan Avenue, the Navy Pier and more!
- ⊗ Evening cruise on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan*
- ⊗ Optional: Admission into Six-Flags Great America theme park*
- ⊗ One professional Tour Director assigned to your group alone
- ⊗ Consumer Protection Plan
- ⊗ Liability Insurance Coverage
- ⊗ Errors & Omissions Insurance Policy
- ⊗ All admissions, taxes and gratuities
- ⊗ **Public performance by your group in the greater Chicago area**
- ⊗ One totally free teacher/chaperone for every 25 paying participants (2 per room)
- ⊗ Festival performances available at additional cost on selected weekends: see back cover

Regional Special
2 Days/1 Night
\$375
plus transportation

*These attractions are seasonal and may not be available.

BROADWAY SHOWS

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Open Run

The Windy City Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Morning arrival into Chicago
Breakfast on own, en route
Shedd Aquarium
Field Museum of Natural History
SkyDeck Chicago
Dinner Provided
Hotel check-in

DAY 2

Breakfast
Museum of Science and Industry (includes OMNIMAX)
Lunch here on own
Shopping/browsing at Michigan Ave./ Watertower Place
Dinner Provided
Evening cruise on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan*

DAY 3

Breakfast at hotel; hotel check-out
City Tour of Chicago
Visit Lincoln Park Zoo
Visit Six-Flags Great America Theme Park (Available for \$30 additional)*
Dinner on own
Depart for home this evening

This itinerary is only a sample and may be modified to suit your group's unique desires

Call A.T.S. Toll Free 1-800-523-4293

Office Hours: 8 am - 5 pm (E.S.T)

BRANSON

IT'S "SHOWTIME" IN THE OZARKS!



What our customers are saying about our branson trips:

“I’ve taken groups on performance trips to several popular destinations, without a doubt, **Branson has the best performance venues for show choirs.** My students have had the opportunity to “open” for world class acts like *Legends In Concert*, *Twelve Irish Tenors*, *Jim Stafford Show*, and *SIX!* Each show was educationally relevant and reinforced the vocal and performance techniques I teach in class everyday. The clinicians that “On Stage Live” provided were great to work with. They made the students feel great about their performance. For one night, my students were truly part of the show. **Academic Travel Services has taken the stress and frustration out of planning a trip.** I’ve taken students on 5 performance trips, 2 to Orlando and 3 to Branson, and Academic Travel has helped plan each one. They’ve earned my trust.”

– Steve Beebe, *New Palestine High School*



“The Hampton Cove Middle School band students really enjoyed their performance trip to Branson, MO this year. The group had the experience of playing before two live audiences, one at The Mansion America Theatre featuring the Liverpool Legends, impersonators of the history of The Beatles. **The students had a great time! We would love to repeat this experience in the future with another group.**”

– Marcie Giffin, Parent Sponsor

- ★ Two nights hotel accommodations (4 per room)
- ★ Meals: One breakfast and one dinner per hotel night*
- ★ Admission to Silver Dollar City
- ★ Music Theatre Show** (or)
- ★ The Dolly Parton’s Stampede Dinner Attraction or Branson Belle Showboat Dinner Show*
- ★ Public performance by your group
- ★ One professional Tour Director assigned to your group alone
- ★ Titanic Museum - see the grand staircase and artifacts from the “Ship of Dreams”
- ★ Consumer Protection Plan & Liability Insurance
- ★ Errors & Omissions Insurance
- ★ All admissions and entry fees, taxes, and gratuities
- ★ One totally free teacher/chaperone for every 25 paying participants (2 per room)

3 Days / 2 Nights
\$450
 + transportation costs

Regional Special
2 Days/1 Night
\$325
 plus transportation

What customers are saying about “Branson On Stage Live”:

“Our band students and parents are still raving about what an “awesome” band trip we took to Branson! It was definitely a musical highlight for our students and our program this year; not to mention the most successful trip I have taken in twelve years of teaching. Keep the “Branson On Stage Live!” vision alive in your hearts - you are truly doing a wonderful thing for music education in this country!”

– G. Bryan Fleming, Director of Bands
NJHS “Husky” Bands



Adjudicated Festival performance is available at an additional cost on some weekends: see back cover for dates

GATLINBURG/PIGEON FORGE, TN

Fun and Adventure in the Great Smoky Mountains

3 Days / 2 Nights

\$515

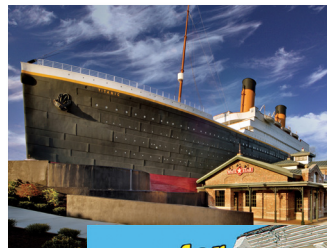
+ transportation costs

Regional Special

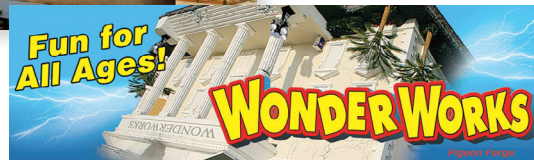
2 Days/1 Night

\$349

plus transportation



TITANIC
— WORLD'S LARGEST MUSEUM ATTRACTION —
PIGEON FORGE



- ★ Two nights hotel accommodations (4 per room)
- ★ Meals: One breakfast and one dinner per hotel night
- ★ Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies with an educational program
- ★ Admission to Dollywood Theme Park
- ★ Dinner and show at Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Attraction
- ★ Public performance by your group in Gatlinburg or Pigeon Forge
- ★ One professional Tour Director assigned to your group alone
- ★ Consumer Protection Plan
- ★ Liability Insurance
- ★ Errors & Omissions Insurance
- ★ All admissions and entry fees, taxes, and gratuities
- ★ One totally free teacher/chaperone for every 25 paying participants (2 per room)



Optional & additional

- ★ Wonderworks - Amusement Park for the Mind
- ★ Titanic Museum
- ★ Ober Gatlinburg

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Pigeon Forge Sets the Stage!

Whether a 1-DAY, 2-DAY, or 3-DAY trip, Academic Travel Services will provide you and your group an unforgettable experience which will make memories for a lifetime!
You choose your date and we'll make it happen!

Pigeon Forge Sets the Stage! **performance includes:**

- Chairs provided for band / orchestra
- Clinician provided for workshop (Choral, instrumental or Dance)
- One hour on stage clinic (as desired by group) with lighting and sound technician
- Sufficient warm-up time for performance (45 minutes)
- 20 - 25 minute preshow performance at one of the PFSTS participating theatres
- Enjoy the theatre performance
- Recognition of group at intermission -- director to receive performance Trophy
- Meal included at one of our participating restaurants
- PFSTS On Site Coordinator (provided by Academic Travel Services)



Participating Theatres and Venues:

- Country Tonite
- Dollywood
Bands and choirs can enjoy quality performances in the park at various venues.
- Smoky Mountain Opry



Los Angeles



Disneyland RESORT



This means that Academic Travel Services was selected to be a part of the *Walt Disney World* Resort/*Disneyland* Resort Youth Travel Planner Symposium.



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Enhance your educational experience!

For a small additional fee, participate in any of the following Performance Workshops or Seminars at the *Disneyland* Resort

🎵 Soundtrack Sessions*

Instrumental – *Lay Down A Track!*
Jazz Band – *Jump, Jive and Swing It!*
Vocal – *Dub A Track!*

🎭 Academy Level Classes

Show Choir – *Putting It Together!*
Dance – *Kick, Ball, Change... Again!*

Workshops are additional cost items to the basic trip costs. All workshops require a minimum participation of 20 students.

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The Pantages Theater is a wonderful place to view traveling Broadway Shows. Built in 1930 for \$1.2 million and restored by the Nederlander Organization for \$12 million in 2000, the Pantages Theater has been elevated to a new standard of palatial opulence.

ATS can usually get discounted group tickets for every evening except Saturday.

Music Festivals
available every weekend **April 12th to May 19th**

All

Los Angeles Performance Packages Include:

- ✦ *Disney Performing Arts OnStage* Mickey ears
- ✦ Visit to Grauman's Chinese Theatre / Hollywood & Highland, Walk of Fame, Rodeo Drive, Santa Monica Beach and more!
- ✦ One totally free package for every 25 paying participants (2/room)
- ✦ Experienced full-time local Tour Director assigned to your group
- ✦ All taxes and gratuities
- ✦ Liability Insurance Coverage
- ✦ Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage
- ✦ Consumer Protection Plan
- ✦ Performance at a *Disneyland* Resort Theme Park*

Value Package 1

3 Days / 2 Nights

from **\$560**

+ transportation costs

- ☀️ **All standard package inclusions above PLUS:**
- ☀️ Two nights standard lodging (4-6 per room)
- ☀️ Two breakfasts
- ☀️ Two meals on The Youth Dining Card for use in a *Disneyland* Park
- ☀️ One **2-day Disneyland Resort Ticket** good for **both Disneyland Park AND Disney California Adventure Park**
- ☀️ Performance workshop is \$20 per person additional

Value Package 2

4 Days / 3 Nights

from **\$779**

+ transportation costs

- ☀️ **All standard package inclusions above PLUS:**
- ☀️ Three nights standard lodging (4-6 per room)
- ☀️ Three breakfasts
- ☀️ Three meals on The Youth Dining Card for use in the parks
- ☀️ One **2-day Disneyland Resort Park Hopper Ticket** good for **both Disneyland Park AND Disney California Adventure Park**
- ☀️ One-day ticket to **Universal Studios, Hollywood (week-day)**
- ☀️ Performance workshop is \$20 per person additional

Prices are per person and are based on a group size of 50 paying participants.

Transportation costs are additional. A.T.S. can assist you with motorcoach and/or air costs.

*Theme Park Performances are subject to group application and park approval.

All Disneyland Resort tickets, offers, events, age ranges, services, attractions, and entertainment may be seasonal and are subject to change without notice. ©Disney

† Holiday and "High Season" travel may add to the cost of the trip.



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2026 Festivals

Academic Travel Services, Inc., does not arrange or run the festival competitions in the cities below. However, ATS cooperates with only the finest festival companies and strives to provide you with the lowest possible price without compromising the quality of your tour. We do what we do best – arranging and conducting your tour – and the festival company does what it does best – arranging and conducting the adjudicated festival competition. ATS, in concert with your festival schedule, arranges your transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, attractions, and provides a tour director who accompanies ALL of our trips to ensure that all goes well with your tour.



Festival Disney at Walt Disney World® Resort

March 13 & 14
March 20 & 21
March 27 & 28
April 10 & 11
April 17 & 18
April 24 & 25

Festival Disney 2026 will be for
traditional concert ensembles only:

Concert Choir
Show Choir
Concert Band
Jazz Band
String Orchestra
Full Orchestra

Each school will be limited to
three ensembles in each category
(3 choirs, 3 bands, 3 orchestra)

Festival groups will now
be eligible for
ONE public performance
OR workshop.

Atlanta
April 10-12 April 24-26
April 17-19 May 1-3
May 8-10

Boston
April 17-19 May 8-10
April 24-26 May 15-17
May 1-3 May 29-31
June 5-7

Branson
April 24-26 May 1-3
May 8-10

Chicago
April 24-26 May 15-17
May 1-3 May 22-24
May 8-10 May 29-31

Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge
April 17-19 May 1-3
April 24-26 May 8-10

New York City/NJ
April 24-26 May 15-17
May 1-3 May 22-24
May 8-10 May 29-31
June 5-7

OrlandoFest
Universal Studios Florida

Festivals run every Saturday
from March through the
first weekend of June

Washington, D.C.
April 10-12 May 8-10
April 17-19 May 15-17
April 24-26 May 29-31
May 1-3 June 5-7

**Williamsburg/
Virginia Beach**
April 10-12 May 8-10
April 17-19 May 15-17
April 24-26 May 22-24
May 1-3 June 5-7



These are a select few of the many high quality companies
that ATS works closely with in arranging your Festival Performance Tour:



At Universal Orlando Resort™



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