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GEOGRAPHY SCHOOL TRIPS





Created by a former teacher...

Created by former teachers (one of whom is a former geography teacher), Halsbury Travel specialises in tailor-made school trips designed to support you every step of the way.

With over 30 years' experience, we'll design your trip to meet your specific requirements and learning objectives. And we'll work closely with you to ensure that both you and your students enjoy an unforgettable educational experience.

We understand the pressures on you because many of us have been in your shoes – including our founder, former teacher Keith Sharkey. He created Halsbury Travel to support teachers like you who believe in the power of educational travel.

The Halsbury Experience

As an independent family business, we pride ourselves on our personalised, friendly and professional service.

When you book with us, you'll normally deal with just two members of our large team.

One of our experienced and knowledgeable Tour Advisers will help you to choose the right trip for your students. You'll then work out the finer details of your trip with your dedicated Itinerary Coordinator. You'll be fully supported throughout the process, leaving you free to enjoy the experience with your students!

Our Accreditations



Our accreditations mean that you can be sure you are dealing with a financially secure, reputable tour operator. We prioritise the health and safety of our groups and promote best practice in school travel.

Health & Safety

The health and safety of your group is paramount - which is why we do everything in our power to ensure that you're as safe as possible while on a school trip with us.

We have assumed responsibility for the development and implementation of our own Safety Management System (SMS). This provides assurance that all reasonable measures are taken to ensure your group will benefit from a high level of safety when travelling with us.



Capri, Bay of Naples



Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, Grand Canyon



Sydenham School, Bay of Naples



Lavington School, Morocco



Dyffryn Taf, Iceland



St. Gabriel's School, Pompeii



Portsmouth Grammar School, Vietnam

Why Halsbury?



Tailor-made, curriculum-based school history tours



Family-run school travel company founded by a former teacher



Over 30 years' experience



Knowledgeable and experienced team



Fully-accredited and financially-protected school trips



Rewarding loyalty scheme



YOUR SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY TRIP



When you book your trip with us, we'll ensure that it meets your specific learning objectives.

We'll use our expertise and knowledge of the destinations to help you select the most appropriate curriculum-based activities.

And our specialist team will listen carefully to your requirements and expectations, guiding you through the process of arranging your trip.

Their experience will help you to make sure your students return home having enjoyed an unforgettable trip.

Need Inspiration?

This brochure is designed to provide you with inspiration for your trip. Remember, when you book with Halsbury Travel you're not restricted to any 'packages' – we'll tailor make your trip to suit your group.

In this brochure we have provided information on some of our recommended tours. Can't see your preferred destination? Please don't hesitate to contact us!

Please visit our website, where you'll find more destinations, activity suggestions and itinerary ideas.

REPTON SCHOOL - USA

MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR TRIP:

To study a variety of different environments.

TAILORED ACTIVITIES:

DEATH VALLEY

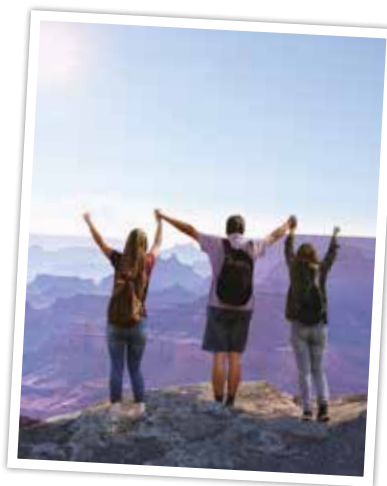
Explored erosional landscapes and the lowest point in North America.

ZION NATIONAL PARK

Explored the mountains, canyons, buttes, monoliths, slot canyons and natural arches.

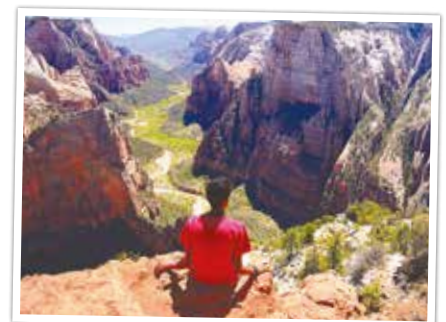
GRAND CANYON

Undertook a geology walk.



"An amazing destination for geography pupils to see, with so many different environments covered in a short space of time. Worth it for the chance to see tectonically active areas, deserts, pine forests, salt flats, huge cities and towering rock pillars all in one week."

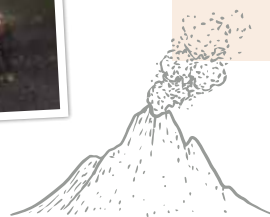
REPTON SCHOOL





"Iceland is fantastic, definitely recommended. Everything I had hoped for and more!"

DYFFRYN TAF



DYFFRYN TAF - ICELAND

MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR TRIP:

To study tectonic landscapes and hazards.

TAILORED ACTIVITIES:

EYAFJALLAJÖKULL VISITOR CENTRE

Learnt about the 2010 eruption of the volcano.

HELLISHEIDI GEOTHERMAL PLANT

Learnt how Icelanders have harnessed geothermal energy.

THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK

Walked between two tectonic plates.

**DINNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
NAPLES & SORRENTO**

MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR TRIP:

To study tectonic hazards and coasts.

TAILORED ACTIVITIES:

VESUVIUS NATIONAL PARK

Walked along the crater of this active volcano.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF POMPEII

Learnt about the devastating eruption in A.D. 79.

TOUR AROUND CAPRI BY BOAT

Studied the coast of Capri and the impact of tourism on it.



"Excellent location for the study of tectonic hazards and coasts. Students learnt a lot about the geography of the area – an unforgettable experience!"

DINNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL





Iceland

from
£665pp*



Iceland is guaranteed to inspire your geographers. One of the most geologically active countries in the world, students will see volcanoes, glaciers, geysers and waterfalls. They'll also learn about the ways that Icelanders have harnessed the geothermal power that exists in their country, creating sustainable energy.

"A wonderful destination which truly does bring physical geography taught in the classroom to life. I couldn't think of a better destination for a geography trip and, after bringing a group for 9 years in a row, the magic and wonder of the place never ceases."

Eirias High School

We Recommend



Golden Circle Tour

Spend the day visiting Iceland's most spectacular geological sights, including Þingvellir, Geysir, Gullfoss and Kerið Crater, before visiting the Hellisheiði Geothermal Plant.



South Shore Adventure

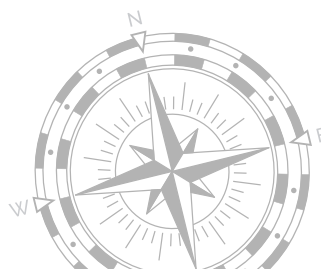
Visit Iceland's breath-taking southern shore and see the towering ice-capped strata volcano Eyjafjallajökull, as well as Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Enjoy a glacier walk on Sólheimajökull and a coastal visit to Dyrhólaey too.



Gems of Reykjanes

This beautiful peninsula is often overlooked but well worth a visit, with highlights including Eyrarbakki, the Ólfusa Estuary, Raufarholshellir, the Krýsuvík mud pools and Grindavík, where you can visit the Magma Earth Energy & Salt Fish Museum.

*Price based on 4 days/3 nights.
Other options available. Please contact us.



Swiss Alps

from
£559pp*



Explore a glacier, learn about river processes and see some of the most famous peaks in the Alps, including the Matterhorn – a trip to the Swiss Alps is certainly one your young geographers will never forget! 65% of Swiss territory is in the Alps, making it the most alpine country in Europe – you really don't have to travel far for a school trip that will leave your students inspired by geography and more environmentally conscious too.

"The two Swiss guides we had were excellent and the pupils learnt a lot from them about both glaciation and Swiss life. There was time to enjoy each activity/destination and there was a good variety of experiences."

Alley's School

We Recommend



Berneuse

Taking a trip to the top of the Berneuse offers spectacular views over some of the most famous peaks in the Alps, including the Matterhorn and the Eiger. It also overlooks Lake Geneva, one of the largest lakes in Western Europe.



Langgletscher and Fafleralp

Follow a nature trail designed to educate your students on the climate and landscape of glaciers, before exploring the caves and crevasses underneath the glacier with an experienced mountain guide.



Tourism Study – Les Diablerets

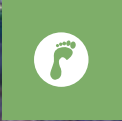
This is an area popular with tourists, especially those interested in adventure sports, and the glacier supports skiing all year-round too. Your students will be able to study the impact of tourism on the economy and environment of the area.

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Naples & Sorrento

from
£379pp*



This geologically active area of southwestern Italy is a treasure trove for school geography groups. Boasting seismic activity, active volcanoes and the relics of one of the most famous volcanic events in history, it's no surprise that this is such a popular destination for school geography trips. Students will gain a real insight into various different types of volcanoes and their eruptive activities, and will also see for themselves how destructive these natural wonders can be.

"A great trip and a great destination for a geography trip. We also had a chemistry teacher with us who enjoyed the geology of the area! The guides we had for our visits were all great and made the experience more interesting for the students."

Ruthin School

We Recommend



Archaeological Site of Pompeii

When travelling to this part of Italy, you must stop by the ancient city of Pompeii, which was destroyed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. Not only does the site offer a fantastic insight into life in the Roman Empire, but it also demonstrates the destructive power of volcanoes.



Vesuvius National Park

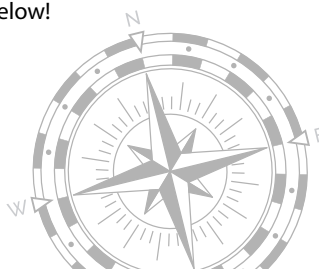
Mt. Vesuvius looms over the Bay of Naples and the area surrounding it is the most densely populated volcanic region in the world. Your students can climb to the summit, where they can look into the smoking crater below!



Amalfi Coast

Spend a day on the world-famous Amalfi Coast, where you'll visit villages and towns clinging to the cliffs, such as Positano, Amalfi and Ravello. You'll also discover how tourism has affected this spectacular coastline.

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Other options available. Please contact us.



Sicily

from
£499pp*



The beautiful Italian island of Sicily is home to Europe's largest active volcano, Mt. Etna, which dominates the eastern coast and still regularly spews ash into the skies above. This southwestern corner of Italy is very geologically active. On a school geography trip here, as well as visiting Mt. Etna, your students will also have the opportunity to visit Stromboli, the 'lighthouse of the Mediterranean'. Stromboli has been in constant eruption for two millennia and offers quite a spectacular show!

"The opportunity to get students standing on top of active, smoking and rumbling volcanoes is one that will live with them forever. Toasting sandwiches on Vulcano's fumaroles is a highlight too!"

The Leventhorpe School

We Recommend



Mt. Etna

It's not surprising that this rumbling giant has several Greek myths associated with it. Dominating the island, Mt. Etna is the largest active volcano in Europe. Designated a 'Decade Volcano' and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this is a must-see when travelling to Sicily.



Stromboli

This stratovolcano has been in constant eruption for 2,000 years and continues to regularly produce short, yet spectacular bursts, which are best seen at night. Stromboli is also famous for its 'Sciara del Fuoco' or stream of fire, which flows towards the sea.



Syracuse and Ortygia Island

Syracuse was, historically, a very important city for the Ancient Greeks and was built to straddle the mainland and the island of Ortygia, just off the southeastern corner of Sicily. The city now boasts spectacular architecture spanning the ages and is a popular tourist destination.

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Barcelona & Costa Brava

from
£449pp*



Your students will love Catalonia – a destination that offers fantastic educational value a little closer to home. There are plenty of curriculum-based activities here, from beach management and tourism case studies to visiting a volcanic national park. The spectacular weather, friendly locals and delicious food help too!

"I would highly recommend a school trip to the Costa Brava/Barcelona. The kids were amazed by the amount of coastal management that actually takes place in a resort. They also thought Barcelona was beautiful and an amazing city to visit."

Cornelius Vermuyden School

We Recommend



Beach Management Case Study

Discover the issues affecting coastal towns in Spain and the different methods employed to manage coastal areas and beaches. Learn about the important economic and environmental factors.



Lloret de Mar – Tourism Gone Wrong?

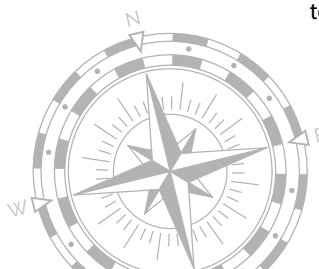
Explore Lloret de Mar and decide whether the effect that tourism has had on the area has been positive or negative.



Garrotxa Volcanic National Park

40 inactive volcanoes and some fantastically well-preserved volcanic cones make this an ideal visit for geography students learning about volcanoes. This is also an excellent opportunity for students to learn about land use and conservation.

*Price based on 5 days/4 nights.
Other options available. Please contact us.



Morocco

from
£575pp*



A school trip to Morocco offers your students the opportunity to see many different geographical features in one country. Characterised by the impressive Atlas Mountains and the vast Sahara Desert, Morocco also has a long coastline, which stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea.

“Amazing educational and cultural diversity. Well worth it.”

Winstanley College

We Recommend



Atlas Mountains

A full-day excursion to the Atlas Mountains gives students a greater understanding of how mountains are formed through the movement of plate tectonics.



Ouarzazate

This atmospheric town is where the Atlas Mountains meet the Sahara Desert. The majority of the population are Berber-speaking, which gives your students a great insight into the cultural diversity of Morocco.



Majorelle Garden

Created by French artist Jacques Majorelle during the 1920s and 1930s, this spectacular botanical garden is now home to 15 species of bird that are endemic to North Africa, as well as the Islamic Art Museum of Marrakesh.

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The Azores

from
£869pp*



This Portuguese archipelago offers similar experiences to those which you might travel to Iceland for – but in a much milder climate! A group of nine volcanic islands, the Azores are Europe’s westernmost point and are renowned for their spectacular landscapes. There is an incredible variety of unforgettable experiences to enjoy here, from eating a lunch cooked underground by volcanic heat, to bathing in thermal waters and exploring tea plantations!

“We recommend the Azores for a geography tour as an excellent alternative to Iceland. It offers many of the same features, such as lava tubes and hot springs, but with the added benefit of a year-round mild climate that can support Europe’s only tea plantation.”

Zoe, Long Haul Tours Manager

We Recommend



Furnas and Lagoa do Fogo

Find out about the lake’s ecosystem before enjoying a traditional cozido – a stew cooked underground by volcanic heat! You’ll also visit the Terra Nostra Park, one of the most beautiful on the island, where you can swim in a thermal water pool.



Gruta do Carvão

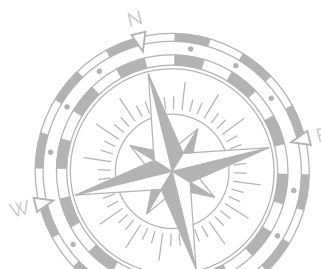
The largest volcanic cave on the island of São Miguel, the Gruta do Carvão offers your students the opportunity to see lava stalactites and stalagmites, lava bridges, striae, gas bubbles and cracks and even lava balls!



Caldeira Velha

These magical hot springs almost feel like something out of Jurassic Park, surrounded as they are by ancient looking ferns. There’s also an Environmental Interpretation Centre to explore here too!

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Costa Rica

from
£1,745pp*



Costa Rica is a geographer's dream! Home to volcanoes, mangroves, cloud forests and tropical beaches, Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world. Your students will have the opportunity to see some incredible wildlife, hike over lava flows, experience geothermal activity for themselves and even enjoy some down time on the country's spectacular Pacific beaches.

"An absolutely wonderful trip from start to finish. Our guide was outstanding and couldn't have been more helpful. I couldn't recommend the trip highly enough. Thank you for running it for us – fantastic!"

St. Augustine's Roman Catholic High School

We Recommend



Arenal Volcano Hiking Trails

If you're looking for an unforgettable geography experience, then it's really hard to beat hiking on the lava trails of the Arenal Volcano. The trails themselves were formed during the volcano's 1968 eruption.



Baldi Hot Springs

This is the largest hot springs resort in the world, with 25 thermal water pools set against the spectacular backdrop of a tropical rainforest, at the base of the imposing Arenal Volcano.



Monteverde Cloud Forest

This cloud forest is famous for its incredible biodiversity, with many plant and animal species found here. Low-hanging clouds perch atop the tree canopy, ensuring there is always plenty of moisture available to sustain this thriving ecosystem.

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China

from
£1,189pp*



See how China's development was shaped by civilisation and discover how humans have adapted natural features to suit their needs. Take a multicentre tour to the megacities of Shanghai and Beijing, which are the world's second and third most populous cities proper. Well-selected visits here will help your students gain a more balanced perspective of how this ancient country has become a modern powerhouse.

"It was an absolutely fantastic trip and the students learnt so much. The guide was so good and made the trip. The organisation and attention to detail was excellent. I have no hesitation in recommending Halsbury to other teachers."

St. Aidan's Church of
England Technology College

We Recommend



Great Wall of China

One of the greatest architectural achievements in human history, the Great Wall of China stretches more than 21,000km across the historical borders of northern China. Its role included defence, border control and imposition of duties on goods transported along the Silk Road.



The Bund

The Bund is the waterfront area in Shanghai that famously housed many European banks and trading houses during the 19th century, thanks to Shanghai's status as a treaty port. A visit here will help your students understand how the city's strategic position on the Yangtze River Delta helped it become a global financial centre.



Forbidden City

The largest palace in the world, the Forbidden City was home to the Chinese Emperors for over 500 years. This huge complex in central Beijing is made up of 980 buildings, housing 9,999 rooms. One of the earliest examples of urban planning in the world, the Forbidden City is a central point from which the rest of the city radiates out.

*Price based on 8 days/6 nights.
Other options available. Please contact us.



Vietnam

from
£1,059pp*



Vietnam has a number of geographical wonders that will enthrall your students, from the famous limestone karsts of Halong Bay, to the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam - the Mekong Delta. It's also incredibly good value for money, making it one of the more cost-effective options for a long-haul geography trip. And your tour will be arranged by members of our team that have visited the country personally, so you can be sure that any advice you receive comes from their own first-hand experience.

"The trip to Vietnam was greatly enjoyed by students and staff. Vietnam is a fascinating country and I would certainly recommend a trip there."

St. Ivo School

We Recommend



Boat Cruise Halong Bay

Halong Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the iconic sights of Vietnam. A boat cruise is the best way to discover this spectacular bay with its magnificent limestone karsts.



Halong Bay Grottoes and Caves

Many of the limestone karsts for which Halong Bay is famous are home to grottoes and caves carved out of the rock by the South China Sea. This is the ideal place to learn more about marine erosion.



Hanoi City Tour

You can't visit Vietnam without spending some time in the vibrant city of Hanoi. The country's capital for almost a thousand years, this is the perfect place to learn about Vietnam's history and culture.

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Are your students studying erosion, ecosystems, river systems or coastal urbanisation? If so, the USA's impressive Grand Canyon will leave them with a greater appreciation of the subject. They'll learn how the canyon was carved out and will be left awestruck at the power of water to shape a landscape.

"A fabulous trip – the students learnt a huge amount, allowing them to visualise a lot of the theoretical geography they have learnt in class."

Royal Grammar School – Newcastle

We Recommend



Grand Canyon

A visit to the Grand Canyon will certainly leave a lasting impression on your students. The well-preserved layers of exposed rock tell the geological story of North America. This is a visit your students will never forget!



Bryce Canyon National Park

Your group will have the opportunity to learn more about weathering, erosion and sedimentary rocks at Bryce Canyon. The famous hoodoos are certain to fascinate your students.



Explore Zion National Park

Utah's most visited park, Zion National Park is home to some impressive canyons, slot canyons, buttes, monoliths and natural arches. This is another visit that will impress on your students the effects of erosion on a landscape.

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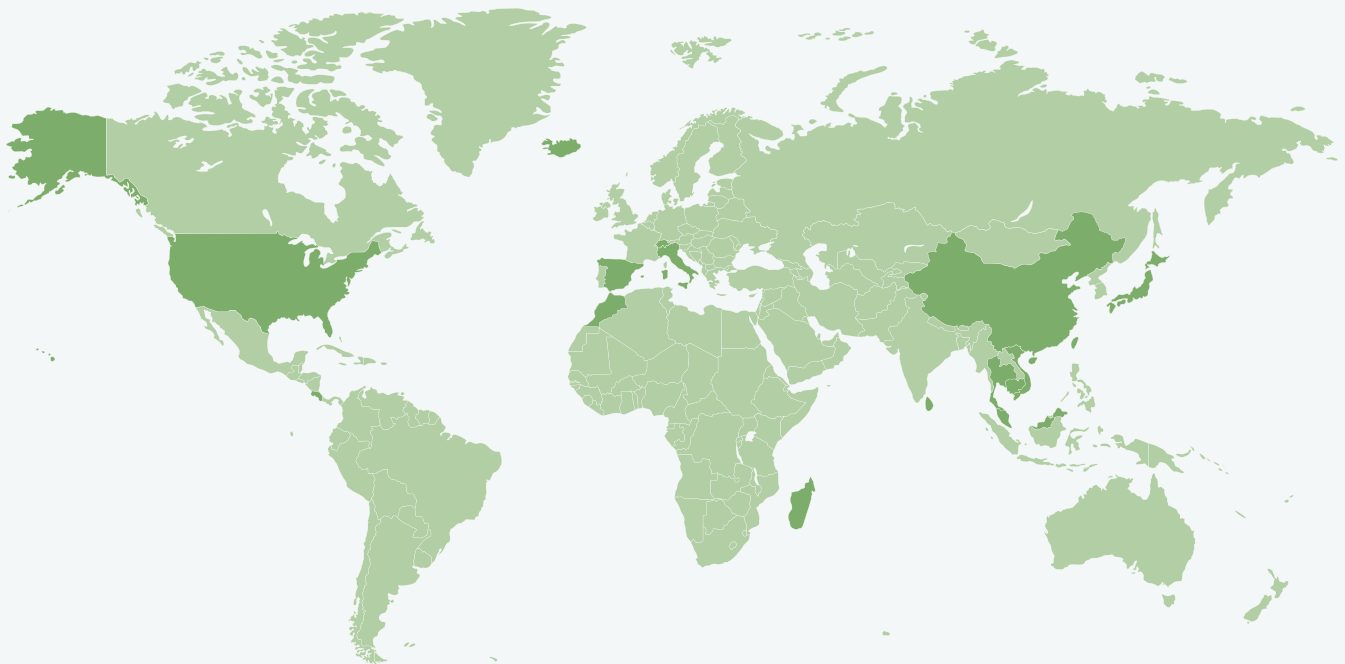
your classroom

with Halsbury!

WE'LL TAKE YOU WHEREVER IN
THE WORLD YOU WANT TO GO...

We can arrange a geography school trip for your group to anywhere in the world you wish to go!

Popular Destinations



Don't worry if you've not seen your preferred destination in this booklet.
Please visit our website, which has further ideas on destinations, activities and itineraries.

Still can't see your preferred destination? Just contact our Geography Tour Specialists, who will be pleased to help.

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SUPPORT

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

01

Creating your perfect trip

- Your enquiry will be responded to by a Tour Adviser, who will be able to provide you with expert advice on choosing the best resort for your group.
- Your Tour Adviser will send you a tailor-made quote, designed to meet your specific requirements.
- Once you're happy with your quote, you'll be able to make a no-obligation provisional booking. This means we'll hold the place for your group for 30 days while you promote it to students and collect their initial deposits.



We've produced a number of useful resources to help guide you through the process and get you ready for your school trip. Please just visit the resources section of our website to check them out!

[halsbury.com/
education/resources](https://www.halsbury.com/education/resources)

02

Launching your trip to parents & students

- Need help promoting your geography trip to students? Head to the resources section of our website where you'll find our handy guides to promoting your trip and getting parents on board.





We were created by former teachers (including a geography teacher) who had led plenty of trips themselves and wanted to make the process easier for other busy teachers.

Part of that is making sure that we're with you every step of the way, from your first enquiry, to the moment you return home!

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After you've booked

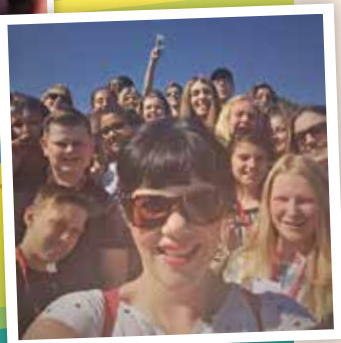
- Once you've booked your trip, you'll be put in touch with one of our dedicated Itinerary Coordinators.
- Your Itinerary Coordinator will take on all the administrative tasks related to your trip and will work closely with you to finalise your transport, accommodation and itinerary.



04

Support while you're away

- Before you set off on your trip, we'll send you your group leader's pack, which will include all the important information for your trip.
- This will include a list of 24-hour emergency contact numbers, should you need any assistance while abroad.
- We'll also provide you with a login to the Vamoos app, giving you easy access to your travel documents on the move.





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