

Winterim 2019 Trip Offerings

Brimmer and May is excited to announce its trip offerings for the March 2019 Winterim Program! The following experiences highlight the themes of service learning, language immersion, cultural awareness, and curriculum connections through student travel.

Please read through the trip descriptions and discuss the options with your families. Students will sign up for their top three choices upon returning to school in the fall, and trip rosters will be finalized in late September.

As families consider their choices for next year, you are encouraged to keep the following in mind:

- Trip assignments will depend on several factors, including participant limitations and curriculum requirements for certain trips.
- Brimmer and May reserves the right to cancel a trip for a variety of reasons, including health and safety concerns and global events.
- Some of the trips offered below are dependent on student sign-up and may not run if there is not enough interest.
- Trip prices listed in this brochure are estimates and may vary due to factors such as student sign-up and airline prices as trips are finalized with tour groups through the summer and fall.
- Assignments will be determined in the fall of 2018.
- **It is important to prepare your travel documents early!** Many countries require that six months be remaining on passports after the date of your return to the U.S. If you need to obtain a U.S. passport, visit travel.state.gov for requirements and forms.
- **International students** - There have been increased requirements for visa applications for non-U.S. citizens going to Europe in the past few years, so check the visa requirements for the country from which you hold a passport.



1. History and Culture of Northern India

Students will have the opportunity to travel along “The Golden Triangle” of India comprised of the three most visited cities in the country's north-west: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. On the map, these form a roughly equilateral triangle, some 125-150 miles along each side. This triangle has been dubbed "golden" for the extraordinary wealth of cultural and historical splendor available in each of the three cities. Jaipur, capital of the largely desert state of Rajasthan, is home to some of Asia's best bazaars. You could spend weeks in Delhi, the sprawling, fascinating Indian capital, and not see it all, while Agra, once the heart of the Mughal empire, boasts the unparalleled beauty of the Taj Mahal, which adorns the banks of the Yamuna river. The Golden Triangle is a classic introduction to India.

Trip Highlights:

- Guided tour of Old Delhi
- Visit to the Raj Ghat –memorial to Gandhi
- Visit the Taj Mahal
- Touring the fabled markets of Agra
- Explore the Agra Fort on the banks of the Yamuna River
- Visit Fatehpur Sikri—a ghost town, once the capital of the Mughal emperor Akbar
- An elephant ride to the Amber Fort Palace of Jaipur
- Visit the Galta Ji Temple
- Tour the Haw Mahal “Palace of Winds”

Academic Connections:

- India’s approach to knowledge and understanding of one’s place in the world
- Art, culture, and architecture of India (applicable to CAP)
- Indian religions and government (applicable to Global Studies)
- Explore the astronomical observatory at Jantar Mantar (applicable to STEAM)
- Service learning in a local elementary school (Community Service requirements)

Trip Duration: 7 Days

Estimated Size: 15-20 travelers

Estimated price: \$3975-\$4150 (All-inclusive)

2. China: From Panda Conservation to the Great Wall

This is a community service and experiential learning trip to two major cities in China: Beijing and Cheng Du. We will fly to Cheng Du where students will spend time as interns at the Panda Research Center working in groups to research, feed, clean the habitat and document behavior of the assigned pandas. Students will also visit the ancient Taoist site of the Qingcheng Mountains, the ancient irrigation site of Dujiangyan and an ancient Buddhist Temple. After a short flight to Beijing, students will have a chance to learn cooking with other Chinese students, have a scavenger hunt through the Forbidden City and then spend the night at a remote section of the Great Wall where we will learn about sustainable travel and community development.

Academic Connections:

- Develop research skills
- Document animal behavior
- Learn about Taoism and Buddhism
- Contribute to animal welfare work
- Comprehend the significance of ancient sites: Dujiangyan, Forbidden City and Great Wall
- Understand community development and sustainable tourism
- Develop Chinese cooking skills
- Enhance cultural intelligence through social interactions
- Bring the language to life for those who are studying Mandarin

Trip Duration: 9 days**Estimated Size: 16 students****Estimated Cost: \$4000 (All-inclusive)**
~~~~~**3. Venice and the Dalmatian Coast (Croatia)**

This trip is interdisciplinary in nature. It incorporates the exploration of a region in terms of history, culture, art, architecture, religion, geography, politics, society, science, nature, etc. from ancient to modern times. Students will have the opportunity for the first time during Winterim to visit a Balkan state and gain insight into the connection between Venice and Dalmatia and why Dalmatia (and the Balkans) is a unique part of Europe.

**Trip Highlights:**

- Venice: Grand Canal, Rialto Bridge, San Marco Campanile, Piazza San Marco, St. Mark's Basilica, Ca' d'Oro
- Slovene/Croatian Istria: Chiavalon Estate Oil Tasting, Monkondonjo Ruins (Rovinj)
- Opatja and Zadar: Lungomare Promenade, Land Gate, Church of St. Donatus, Archaeological Mus.
- Pula: Pula Amphitheater, Temple of Augustus, Arch of Sergii, Euphrasian Basilica
- Plitvice Lake National Park
- Dubrovnik: Diocletian's Palace, Dominican Monastery, Rector's Palace, Walls of Ston, Ston Salt Works, walk the ancient city walls

**Academic Connections:**

- World history and culture
- International relations
- Archaeology
- Environmental science

**Trip Length: 7 days****Estimated Size: 20-24 students****Estimated Cost: \$3500 (All-inclusive)**  
~~~~~

4. Shakespeare's England

"All that is known with any degree of certainty concerning Shakespeare, is— that he was born at Stratford upon Avon, — married and had children there, — went to London, where he commenced actor, and wrote poems and plays, returned to Stratford, made his will, died, and was buried." — George Steevens, 18th century Shakespeare scholar

Students on this Winterim trip will explore the two British municipalities that Steevens referenced in his rather glib but somewhat accurate quote with the goal of expanding their understanding of and personal connection to Shakespeare and his work. Using Bill Bryson's brief but fascinating biography *Shakespeare: The World as a Stage* as a guide, students will visit the British Library to see one of the original First Folios, perform text analysis in a workshop with a professional West End actor at the New Globe Theatre, and eat and shop at Borough Market where Shakespeare himself often frequented. Students will also take a day trip to Stratford to experience two of the places that Shakespeare called home: Anne Hathaway's cottage and gardens and the home of Shakespeare's father, John Shakespeare. Students will also pay honor to Shakespeare as they visit his final resting place, Holy Trinity Church. Students will have five full days in London, and that time includes two West End theatre performance and interactive workshops with working London theatre professionals.

Academic Connections:

- English Literature (9th grade humanities)
- Creative Arts
- Global Studies

Trip Length: 7 days

Estimated Size: 25 students

Estimated Cost: \$2950 (Includes flights, accommodations, 2 meals/day, tours, admissions)

~~~~~

#### 5. Why Switzerland?: An island in the middle of Europe

Switzerland is a curious country in the 21st century. It is approximately the size of the state of Ohio; however, it has 26 independent states, four national languages, its own currency (not the Euro), is not a member of the European Union and practices one of the purist forms of democracy in the world. Students will travel to the three different language and cultural regions of Switzerland – Luzern (German speaking), Lausanne (French speaking) and Lugano/Locarno (Italian speaking) and have a chance to discover the differences between the three areas as well as the 'Swissness' of the regions. Students will have the opportunity to experience Europe's most complex and oldest country due to its multilingual/multicultural demographics, neutrality, direct democracy political system and its 700-year history.

##### **Academic Connections:**

- Global Studies
- Culture and languages
- International relations

- European history

**Trip Duration: 7 days**

**Estimated Size: 20 students**

**Estimated Cost: \$3300 (Includes all but travel insurance)**

---

## **6. Southern France and Italy: History of Art and Architecture**

Explore the rich history of southern France and Italy through art and architecture tours with specialized local guides while exploring the culinary riches of the Mediterranean! This trip will begin in Grenoble, with a tour of the city, cable-car ride with views of Mont Blanc in the Alps, and visit to the Musee Archeologique. Next, students will travel to visit the Pont due Gard, a famous Roman aqueduct, before traveling to Avignon, where they will visit the Palais des Papes. Next, a scenic train ride will take the group from Avignon to Nice. The group will then travel to Italy, where they will arrive in Pisa, a medieval city home to several famous structures including the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Battistero. Following that, the group will travel to Florence, the “cradle of the Renaissance,” and home to the modern Italian language, where the group will see works of art in the Uffizi Gallery and the Convent Museum of San Marco. In Tuscany, the group will visit a traditional olive oil farm before transferring to Rome, where they will tour the city and visit the Vatican.

### **Academic Connections:**

- Renaissance art and architecture
- European history and culture
- Global Studies and STEAM credit opportunities
- French and Italian language connections

**Trip Duration: 7 days**

**Estimated Size: 20-24 students**

**Estimated Cost: \$3600-3800 (All-inclusive)**

---

## **7. Life in the Bateyes: Service Learning in the Dominican Republic**

Experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Hispaniola while working to improve the lives of Haitian migrants working in the vast sugar cane fields of the Dominican Republic. Through a trip arranged by Rustic Pathways, we will spend a week in the southern side of the island. While touring of the fascinating capital city of Santo Domingo and relaxing on soft sand lapped by crystal blue waters are a part of the trip, the focus will be on learning about the history of Haitian-Dominican relations, challenges facing agricultural workers and their families, and the pressures that an increasingly globalized economy places on developing nations. Service projects may include leading educational workshops for the community, facilitating interactive activities and games for local children, or construction of homes, schools, or community centers in the batey. By the trip’s end, we hope that students will come

away with an increased appreciation for the role service learning can play in education, a better understanding of global economic development, and a firm commitment to embracing our responsibility to engage with people from other nations and cultures to create a more harmonious world.

**Academic Connections:**

- United States history, Latin American history, European history
- Spanish language development
- Service learning
- Team building
- Leadership development

**Estimated Size: 8-12 students**

**Estimated Cost: \$2500 (All-inclusive)**

---

## **8. Stewardship in the American Southwest: A Cultural and Environmental Perspective**

The landscapes of the American Southwest inspire and draw one closer to the earth and our interconnectedness with the natural world. Enjoy seeing wondrous beauty in places like Zion National Park, the Grand Canyon and Bryce National Park. Walk the Navajo Bridge in search of condors, photograph the sunset behind the red-rock hoodoos, hike down the South Kabob trail and note the years of carved sedimentary rock layers that tell the 40 million year story of the Grand Canyon, engage in conversations as we meet with natives from local reservations, keep watch for wildlife and participate in a conservation project.

Amidst the stunning landscapes are difficult topics. Chronic water-related problems challenge the region and are projected to intensify as the climate changes. Join the trip to consider the issues and solutions for 21st century sustainability. How will we be good environmental stewards? Unpack the historical influences of westward expansion on the land and its people by engaging in cultural conversations as we meet with natives from the Navajo or Hopi Reservations. How will we be good cultural stewards? Experience the larger-than-life locations and dig into the large questions while spending lots of times outdoors. The trip requires an ability to hike and do moderate outdoor activity.

**Academic Connections:**

- Environmental science with a focus on water conservation and climate change
- Conservation of resources and natural spaces while considering policy choices
- Geology
- Hydrology and water use
- Cultural stewardship through meeting with locals in native reservations
- Outdoor education and nature exploration
- Service Hours - approximately a half day service project

**Trip Duration: 7 days**  
**Estimated Size: 15 students**  
**Estimated Price: \$2400 (All-inclusive)**

---

## **9. Florida Everglades and Keys**

Join members of the Science Department for an exploration of the ecology and wildlife of southern Florida. Highlights include working with hydrologists sampling water, swimming with manatees and dolphins, visiting a turtle rehabilitation center, air boating through the everglades to search for wildlife, snorkeling on a coral reef, and much more. Hiking, kayaking, and a little bit of exploring Key West make this a wonderful time to discover the wildlife and ecology of Florida.

You must be able to swim and feel comfortable in the water to go on this trip.

### **Academic Connections:**

- Understand the relationship between flowing water and the everglades ecology
- Understand the importance of healthy coral reef ecosystems
- Identify threats to the ecosystems of South Florida and participate in activities that help prevent long-term damage to these ecosystems
- Understand how climate change is affecting water levels in South Florida

**Estimated Size: 15 students**  
**Estimated Cost: \$2950-\$3100 (All-inclusive)**

---

## **10. Connecting With Boston**

History-rich New England offers students a chance to look at the ever-changing identity of this region, in particular, and the U.S., in general. This Winterim trip will give us a chance to look at the many facets of the Boston area: its origins as a colonial settlement; its evolution from a small town to a world renowned and cosmopolitan city; its place as a model for innovation and progress. Through preliminary meetings, the group of students on this Winterim will identify their interests and contribute to the design of the week's schedule. By visiting sites and meeting with knowledgeable individuals, students can gain a deeper sense of their hometown and an understanding of cultures different, not only in terms of geography, but also in terms of generations and time. While other Winterim trips are traveling overseas to gain a greater international perspective of the world, this Winterim trip will give students a deeper understanding of what is local, which will serve as a foundation for further study of global issues.

**Trip Duration: 5 days**  
**Estimated Size: 5-10 students**  
**Estimated Cost: \$300 (Includes meals, entrance fees, transportation)**

