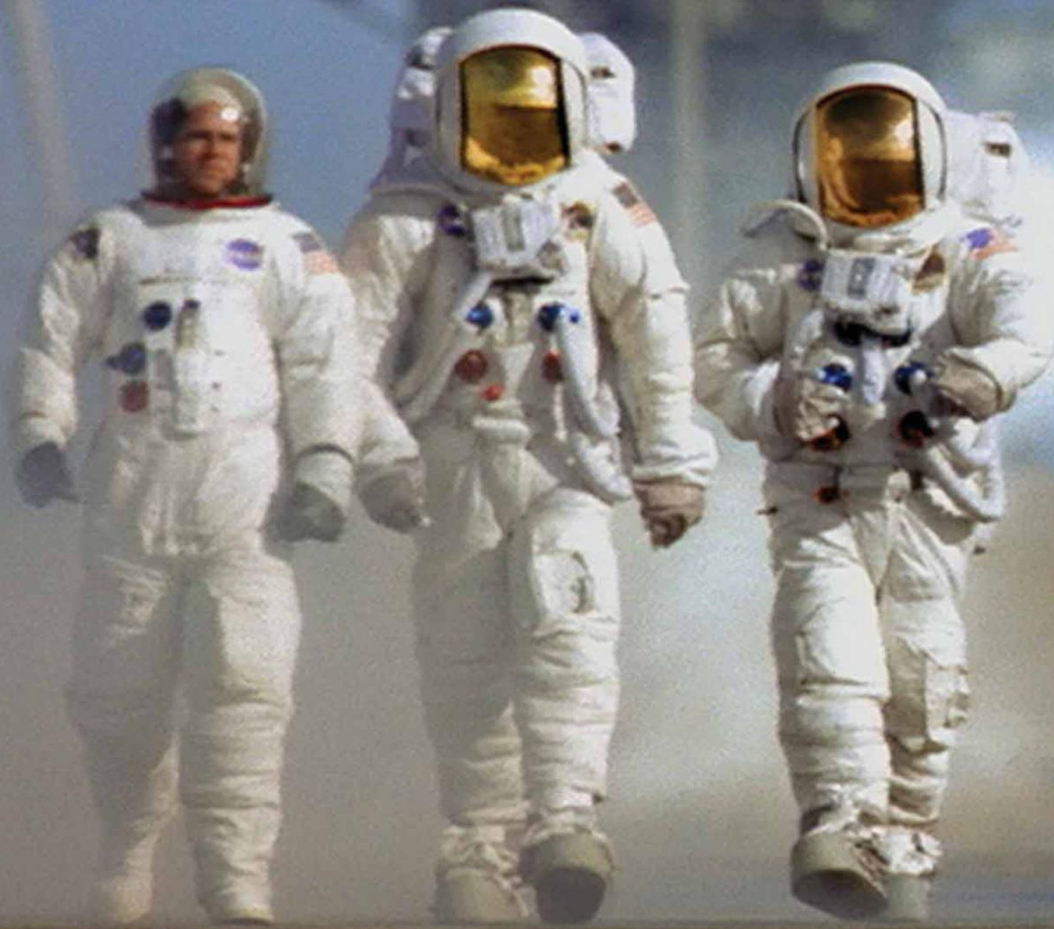


# TRAVELBOUND EDUCATION



**TAILOR-MADE EDUCATIONAL TOURS FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**

## **The USA: Space, Science & Culture**

*No other country offers the abundance of educational and cultural experiences that the USA can. Breathtaking National Parks. Sparkling cities. Fascinating history. World-leading science and technology facilities.*

## FIRSTLY, KNOW THE ESSENTIALS NOW

### 1. OUR SCHOOLS PREFER US BECAUSE WE DO THE 'HEAVY LIFTING' FOR THEM

Your role as tour leader can seem daunting (especially on top of your busy job as a teacher), so we will provide you with any of the following items to optimize your tour launch.

- Step-by-Step launch process (how to get your trip off the ground)
- Letter to parents template (you can just fill in the blanks)
- Sister school partnerships (We can help connect the dots for you)
- Posters (to advertise your trip)
- Risk Assessments (to help you complete any necessary paperwork)
- PowerPoint Presentation (promote your destination!)
- Fundraising information (to help families kick-start their campaigns)

### 2. HOW TO CHOOSE A TRAVEL OPERATOR

- **Go with one with deep experience**, a solid reputation and second-guess those which promise very low costs – “You get what you paid for” is very true and it’s best to focus on happy students and fulfilled expectations.
- **Make sure you get exchange rates locked in** and avoid costs spiking for families. We at Travelbound wear the currency risk and assure you the tour cost once the tour is confirmed and we have received the first instalment.
- **Your tour deserves the best ideas** to make it more exciting, culturally immersive or logistically sound. Every year 20,000 happy, educationally enriched and worldly students return from bespoke, subject-related tours which Travelbound Education created and we’re proud of our solid reputation.

### 3. TOUR SAFETY IS CRITICAL

- **Safety Management Systems** – Our risk assessments are carried out using reliable, accredited and independently verified resources. This audit process is used for all accommodation, excursions and transport providers.
- **On-tour representation (with 24/7 support)** – A Travelbound representative will meet you in-country, and when on tour you will have access to a 24-hour emergency duty office to speak with highly trained staff.
- **Financial Security** - As part of the world’s largest leisure company, TUI Travel PLC, Travelbound provides financial protection to all school groups and further, we are fully ATOL bonded.
- **Worldwide offices, global reach** – UK, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Middle East and USA
- **Responsible travel** – It is our responsibility as an educational tour operator to consider the environment, economy and culture of our destinations as of paramount importance, and our very own eco-tourism specialist is dedicated to help reduce our impact.

## SECONDLY, THE ROAD AHEAD...

This tour is a mini-project, and to give this project the best chance of success:

1. **Take 10-minutes to review this itinerary** and let us know of any amendments (or ideas!) to improve it.
2. **Raise interest with students and families at far in advance as possible** to allow maximum time for families to get on board and commit.
3. **Money matters...so build in a buffer** between the amount per student and your final number (Use this to buy additional meals, pay for public transport or shout the students a special treat in-country!).

1<sup>st</sup> instalment: AUD 500 per student (non-refundable – we use this to lock in your tour)

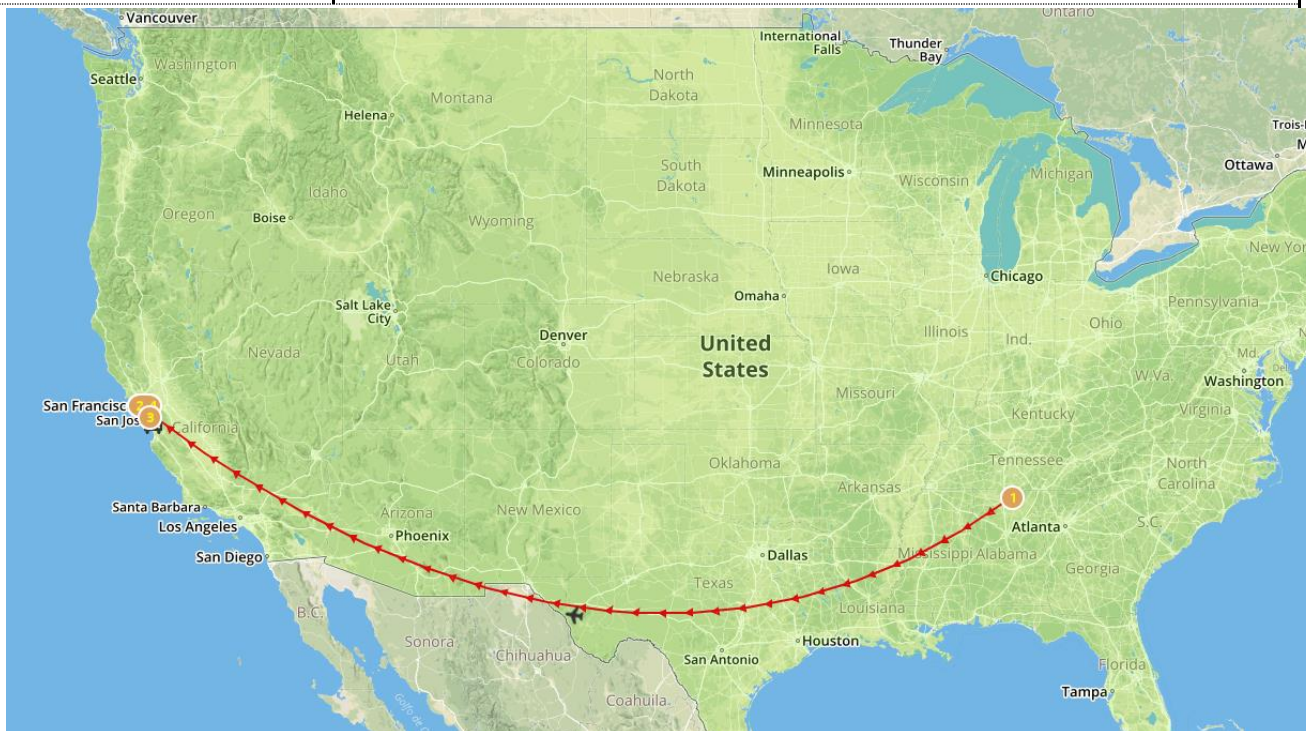
2<sup>nd</sup> instalment: 50% of remaining balance (due usually around 6-8 months from departure)

3<sup>rd</sup> instalment: Remaining balance (due at least 10 weeks prior to departure)

4. **From there:** Your dedicated tour coordinator will be your main point of contact to discuss the finer details of your trip. They will forward a confirmation pack and book all the components of your tour to ensure that you have the trip of a lifetime!

**Tour snapshot**

Destination:	Space Camp USA
Tour duration:	
Best time to go?	
Flights with Qantas/ American Airlines	
Tour focuses:	Space Camp, STEM, culture, science and local experiences
Transport:	Private coach
Tour guide:	Some sites, yes <i>Note: Tour guides are recommended in some non-English speaking countries, particularly in locations where a tour guide will provide a lot of logistical support (I.e. Particularly many Asian nations).</i>
Accommodation:	2-3 star accommodation Students in multi bedded rooms, Adults in twin rooms



Board Basis:	Bed and breakfast with dinners
Ballpark budget and inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Return economy flights with premium airlines</li> <li>✓ All meals (as outlined in the itinerary)</li> <li>✓ Meet &amp; greet by local Travelbound Education representative</li> <li>✓ Return airport transfers from arrival airport</li> <li>✓ All accommodation (and accommodation taxes, where applicable and pre-pay is available)</li> <li>✓ All ground transport as outlined in the itinerary</li> <li>✓ Local English speaking guides as outlined in the itinerary</li> <li>✓ Admission to all activities and attractions as outlined in the itinerary</li> <li>✓ Tips for tour managers, guides and drivers (where pre-pay is available)</li> <li>✓ Information on resorts, hotels and excursions with guidebooks and maps available on request</li> <li>✓ 24 hour emergency back-up and support</li> </ul>

## ITINERARY

<b>Day 1:</b> (meals on flight, dinner) + Private transfer	<b>AUSTRALIA ✈️ TRANSIT ✈️ ATLANTA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart Australia</li> <li>• Arrive, depart transit</li> <li>• Arrive Atlanta</li> <li>• Meet and greet at airport by Travelbound Education representative</li> <li>• Dinner at local restaurant</li> <li>• Overnight Atlanta</li> </ul>
<b>Day 2:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner) +private transfer	<b>ATLANTA 🚗 SPACE CAMP, HUNTSVILLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at accommodation</li> <li>• Private transfer Space Camp accommodation for check-in</li> <li>• Space Camp, Huntsville Advanced Space Academy program *Welcome day*</li> </ul> Overnight Space Camp, Huntsville
<b>Day 3:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>SPACE CAMP, HUNTSVILLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space Camp, Huntsville Advanced Space Academy program day 1</li> </ul> Overnight Space Camp, Huntsville
<b>Day 4:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>SPACE CAMP, HUNTSVILLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space Camp, Huntsville Advanced Space Academy program day 2</li> </ul> Overnight Space Camp, Huntsville
<b>Day 5:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>SPACE CAMP, HUNTSVILLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space Camp, Huntsville Advanced Space Academy program day 3</li> </ul> Overnight Space Camp, Huntsville
<b>Day 6:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>SPACE CAMP, HUNTSVILLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space Camp, Huntsville Advanced Space Academy program day 4 *Graduation Day*</li> </ul> Overnight Space Camp, Huntsville
<b>Day 7:</b> (Breakfast, dinner) + Private transfers	<b>HUNTSVILLE ✈️ SAN FRANCISCO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early breakfast at accommodation</li> <li>• Private transfer pickup to airport (could ne Nashville or Birmingham)</li> <li>• Fly San Francisco</li> <li>• On arrival transfer to accommodation for check-in</li> <li>• Dinner at local restaurant</li> </ul>
<b>Day 8:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>SAN FRANCISCO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at accommodation</li> <li>• Depart for <b>Pier 33</b></li> <li>• Check in for <b>Alcatraz Tour</b></li> <li>• Depart by coach for the <b>Golden Gate Bridge</b>. Stop off at viewing area. Also visit to Lombard St with bus dropping off at top and picking group up at the bottom of the "Worlds Crookedest Street"</li> <li>• Dinner at local restaurant</li> </ul>
<b>Day 9:</b> (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>SAN FRANCISCO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at accommodation</li> <li>• Morning pick-up by coach for your transfer to <b>Berkley University</b>. 2hrs guide tour of the University:</li> </ul> <i>Based in Golden Gate Park, the California Academy of Sciences is a destination like no other and a</i>

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	<p><i>must-see San Francisco museum. It's the only place on Earth to house an aquarium, planetarium, and natural history museum—all under one living roof.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner at local restaurant</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 10:</b> <b>(Breakfast, dinner)</b> <b>+ Private transfer</b></p>	<p><b>SAN FRANCISCO – SILICON VALLEY day trip</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at accommodation</li> <li>• Full day coach</li> <li>• Coach tour of the <b>Silicon Valley</b> this morning; stop at the world famous sites such as <b>Google</b> and <b>Apple</b> for a group photo.</li> <li>• Later today you will visit <b>the Computer history museum</b> where you can take part in one of their amazing workshops: <i>Interactive workshops enable students in grades 3 through 12 to take a deeper look at computer history in ways that are specific to their developmental stages and abilities. All workshops integrate skills such as problem solving, questioning, collaboration, and public speaking. Groups can choose from the following workshops:</i></li> </ul> <p><i><u>Design the Future</u> — A computer pioneer once told Steve Jobs, “You can’t really understand what’s going on now unless you understand what came before.” In this workshop, students will explore important innovations in computer history to help them imagine and design technologies for the future. Their future innovations may someday be part of history!</i></p> <p><i><u>Make Software</u> — Software allows computers to touch nearly every aspect of our daily lives. In this workshop, students will explore the history and impact of software, use Raspberry Pi technology to complete a project, and learn how the instructions they give computers can make things happen in the real world.</i></p> <p><i><u>Lights, Circuits, Action!</u> — This workshop explores the engineering design process by analyzing modern and historical technologies and innovations. Participants will investigate important moments in computing history, reflect on changes in human-computer relationships, and explore various methods of input and output. Using Raspberry Pi technology, participants will collaborate on a project highlighting ways in which we can use technology to solve problems.</i></p> <p><i>Workshops last approximately 2 ½ hours and are available for groups of 10 to 30 students, accompanied by at least two adults over the age of 18 per 15 students. Workshops must be reserved at least eight weeks in advance. Transportation subsidies are available for Title 1 schools.</i></p> <p><i>Thursdays, 10AM–12:30PM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late today transfer back to San Francisco</li> <li>• Dinner at local restaurant</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 11:</b> <b>(Breakfast, dinner)</b> <b>+ Private transfer</b></p>	<p><b>SAN FRANCISCO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast in accommodation</li> <li>• This morning, make your way to the Exploratorium: <i>Located in San Francisco, California, the Exploratorium is a public learning laboratory exploring the world through science, art, and human perception. Our mission is to create inquiry-based experiences that transform learning worldwide. Our vision is a world where people think for themselves and can confidently ask questions, question answers, and understand the world around them. We value lifelong learning and teaching, curiosity and inquiry, our community, iteration and evidence, integrity and authenticity, sustainability, and inclusion and respect.</i></li> <li>• This afternoon you will explore the Cal academy of science! <i>Based in Golden Gate Park, the California Academy of Sciences is a destination like no other and a must-see San Francisco museum. It's the only place on Earth to house an aquarium, planetarium, and natural history museum—all under one living roof.</i></li> </ul> <p>Dinner at local restaurant</p>
<p><b>Day 12:</b> <b>(Breakfast, meals on flights)</b> <b>+ Private transfer</b></p>	<p><b>SAN FRANCISCO ✈️ TRANSIT ✈️ MELBOURNE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast in accommodation</li> <li>• Private coach pickup</li> <li>• Depart San Francisco</li> <li>• Arrive, depart transit</li> </ul>

	Overnight flight
<b>Day 13: (Meals on flights)</b>	<b>OVERNIGHT FLIGHT</b>
<b>Day 14: (Meals on flights)</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>

#### EXTRAS TO BUDGET FOR

- Visas
- Transport to and from Australian departure Airport
- Single room supplements other than those already included
- Meals and drinks not included in the itinerary
- Drinks - water is provided with meals. Soft drinks and juices at extra cost
- Additional excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Spending money – souvenirs and extras
- Amendment fees

Below is a snapshot of the Terms & Conditions. Please review the full T&Cs [here](#)

#### FLIGHTS

- Flights can change: scheduling, taxes, seasonality, upgrades, availability, rates, codeshares and routing. The only way Travelbound's flight team can lock these in are with official confirmation and deposits from your school.
- All quotes are indicative only.
- Most airline schedules are available 300 days in advance (this can vary with each individual airline).
- Once deposits are paid, our tour coordination and flights team will require full passenger names and passport numbers in the Advanced Passenger Information (API) form. Deadlines can be found in the 'Next steps' document which will be sent to you once the tour is confirmed.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is **NOT included** within this quote.

It is company policy that each student and teacher obtain travel insurance prior to departure. We recommend QBE Travel Insurance to all our travelling groups and can provide you with a quote for your group upon request.

#### AMENDMENTS & CANCELLATIONS

- Changes are permitted and any additional charges will be assessed at time of change.
- Travelbound Education progressively incurs costs throughout the entire tour lifecycle, even prior to when the tour is confirmed! Please ensure you, School Leadership and student families are comfortable with the complete refund policy prior to booking confirmation. In brief, In addition certain change/cancellation policies may be imposed by airlines/wholesalers and refunds cannot be promised.
- All cancellations or amendments to any part of the tour should be advised in writing (by letter, email or fax) as soon as possible. A cancellation or amendment is effective only when received in writing by the company from the group contact who signed the booking form.
- It is up to the school Tour Leader to make family, student and other teaching staff aware of the Travelbound refund policy. Travelbound cannot liaise with all families to communicate this policy and it requires complete agreement prior to families signing up for the school's tour.
- The refund policy is generally as follows:
  - AUD 500 deposit, per student – not refundable
  - Remaining balance:
    - 12 months+ from departure: 100% refundable
    - 3 – 11 months until departure: 25% refundable
    - <3 months prior to departure: No refund
- **PLEASE NOTE: If any cancellation reduces the number of paying group members below the minimum number required for a particular tour price or concession (including free places), the invoice will be adjusted accordingly for all remaining group members.**

#### TOUR COST & GUARANTEE

- All tour costs are GST free. See the [following](#) from the Australian Taxation Office for more.
- Once your tour has been booked and first deposit paid, Travelbound guarantee that the price of your tour is fixed. This means that your tour price is not subject any unpredictable extra costs associated with currency fluctuations.
- **Please note this excludes any extra costs that arise from situations outlined in the above Amendments & Cancellations section, additional activities or upgrades requested by the school or travelling passengers.**

#### TRAVELBOUND TERMS & CONDITIONS

- This quote is not subject to contract or legally binding.
- Your confirmed booking will be subject to Travelbound's terms and conditions, which can be found here [Terms and Conditions](#).

#### QUOTE VALIDITY

- This is a quotation only, we are not holding any of your travel arrangements.
- To secure your booking you need to provide written confirmation of the tour itinerary, student/staff numbers and overall cost as approved.