

School Tours of America
Going Places Curriculum Guide
Walking in the Footsteps of History

As the leading educational tour company, the School Tours of America *Going Places* program provides interactive and engaging learning activities that support student learning. A team of professional educators bring a unique perspective to travel that extends classroom learning. Reviewed and approved by an accredited institution of higher education, the *Going Places* program provides activities based on high academic standards and 21st century skills. Students will explore our complex world and develop the knowledge and skills they need to make sound, responsible decisions.

Travel Experiences	Curriculum Activities for Washington, DC	Online Session Available (15 Hour Certificate)	Subject Content						21 st Century Skills			Grade	
			History	Social Studies	Science	Arts	Math	Other	Creativity	Critical Thinking Problem Solving	Communication	Collaboration	Grades 6-8
Museums: Natural History Museum, US Holocaust Museum, National Postal	<i>DC 101 Great Stories Begin in DC</i> —Preview what you will see and do in Washington, DC, and what you don't want to miss. Once your travel experience is completed, select a topic related to your travel and learn more.		X					X		X		X	
	<i>DC 102 Night at the Museum</i> —This session highlights the incredible museums in DC and the online resources available to you long after you leave.		X					X	X	X		X	
	<i>DC 103 Art and History of Stamp Collecting</i> —Stamps can trace our history. Learn interesting facts about how postage stamps are more than just a way to pay for mail delivery.				X					X		X	
Memorials/Monuments: World War II, Vietnam, Korean, Iwo Jima, Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, Martin Luther King, Washington Arlington National Cemetery: Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, Changing of the Guards, Kennedy gravesites, Challenger Memorial	<i>DC 104 Land of the Free</i> —Trace the history of conflicts to acquire independence and freedom in America.	X	X					X	X	X	X		
	<i>DC 105 Secrets of DC</i> —Hear the untold stories about Washington, DC and its heroes.		X									X	
	<i>DC 106 "I Have A Dream"</i> —Investigate racism and civil rights.	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
	<i>DC 107 An Act of Courage</i> — Trace the history of the brave individuals honored at Arlington National Cemetery. Choose a hero that you would like to know more about.		X							X		X	X
Capitol Hill: US Capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Embassy Row	<i>DC 108 We the People</i> —Explore the main concepts of the Preamble of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and other important documents. Why are these documents important to you?	X	X						X	X	X	X	X
Mt. Vernon	<i>DC 109 Leaders that Live Forever</i> —Everyone has the potential to be a great leader. Learn how you can develop your leadership skills.	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
	<i>DC 110 Mt. Vernon</i> —Explore the history and resources available at this incredible site.	X	X							X		X	X
White House Washington National Cathedral	<i>DC 111 A Day in the White House</i> —Learn the history of the White House and special events related to American presidents and their families.		X		X			X		X		X	
	<i>DC 112 Freedom of Worship</i> —Learn about the National Cathedral and the importance of freedom of religion.						X		X	X		X	
Old Town Alexandria													
National Air & Space Museum National Geographic Explorer's Hall Society	<i>DC 113 Destiny in Space</i> —Explore future prospects for space exploration.	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X
	<i>DC 114 National Geographic Exploration</i> —Explore artifacts, science, and more.	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
National Gallery of Art	<i>DC 115 Remembering the Past</i> —Explore the art of designing memorials.				X								

Kennedy Center	<i>DC 105 The Arts in DC</i> —Explore art history in DC and how art benefited us as a nation.	X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Bureau of Printing & Engraving	<i>DC 116 Making Money</i> —Explore the history of money.		X					X		X		X	X
Post-Travel Activities These pre- and post-travel activities may be completed within six months of the travel experience at no charge to the student. Note: College credit is available to students 16 years or older at a cost of \$55 semester credit hour through Adams State University.	<i>ED 189 Leadership for the 21st Century</i> —What skills and abilities are necessary to become a leader in the 21 st century? Prepare an action plan for success in the future.	X					X	X	X	X	X		X
	<i>ED 189 Democracy—Theory to Practice</i> Explore ways you can participate in the America’s system of democracy.	X	X						X	X	X		X
	<i>ED 189 Educational Travel</i> —Hear and learn from educational experts as you travel to strategic areas of the country to study in the most historical and cultural landmarks in our nation.	X					X			X	X		X
	<i>ED 189 Feed the Pig: Manage Your Money</i> —Take control of your finances now and begin planning for the future no matter how old you are. Monetary responsibility is the key for every citizen.	X				X		X	X	X	X		X
	<i>ED 189 College Knowledge</i> —Will you be prepared for college? Start now and discover what you will need to know and be able to do to be ready for college.	X					X			X	X		X
	<i>ED 189 STA Reading Rooms</i> —Choose a travel experience and learn more about the topic. Select a book you want to read and share what you have learned.	X					X			X	X		X
Presidential Leadership Program	<i>ED 189 Theory to Practice: Walking in the Footsteps of History</i> —Expand your thinking. Research and address essential questions related to topics you select such as the legislative process, immigration, and civil rights. This online program gives students a first-hand opportunity to more deeply explore the specific qualities, character and leadership styles of many revered American leaders. Students may select activities that are relevant to them to develop their leadership skills.	X					X	X		X	X	X	

School Tours of America Road Map for Success
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Academic standards are the expectations of what students need to know and be able to do as they move through each grade level. This curriculum guide focuses on content areas for 4th through 12th grade which include visual arts, drama and theater arts, mathematics, reading, writing, communicating, science, and social studies. Other areas of focus include leadership skill development and technology integration.

21st Century Skills—Partnership for 21st Century Skills outlines the four Cs that collectively address the skills students will need to learn, live, work, and thrive in the 21st century. Programs developed for the STA curriculum guide integrates the four C’s to help students develop future skills and essential knowledge for success in the 21st century. The four Cs include the following: Creativity and Innovation (Think Creatively, Work Creatively and Implement Innovation) Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (Reason Effectively, Use Systems Thinking, Make Judgments and Decisions), Communication, and Collaboration.

Sessions developed for the *Going Places* program include lesson guides that address learning outcomes and assessment tools that measure student learning at the respective grade level. Teachers and students may select traditional sessions as well as online programs that allow students to work at their own pace using online learning platforms.

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