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ICS Head of School  
Skola – Travel and Learn Director

Our trips are conducted all year round, during the school half term, holidays or during the academic year. We venture out of the UK to many parts of the world including South Africa, Brazil, Maldives, Iceland, Canada and many European countries. We are continually expanding into new disciplines of study and research, enabling us to provide your students with a unique educational destination, fit successfully to lessons linked to the programme required.

Taking part on a Travel and Learn trip is not just about learning the language, a sport or about the environment but also about life skills and social skills, which is to be carried for a lifetime. Our travel experience provides people of all ages with inspirational opportunities to develop within them.

These trips are led by enthusiastic world-travellers and cross-cultural experts with a broad experience in leading groups of children and adults. Our Group leaders are prepared to be in charge of, and responsible for the welfare of, groups of mixed nationality.

Should the destination, or itinerary you prefer not be featured in our brochure, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be delighted to tailor make a tour to meet your exact requirement.

**Planning and organising**

Planning, organising and leading educational trip is a very demanding and motivating activity which brings one to live and experience the fascinating diversity of ecosystems and culture around the world.”



**Debora Zanichelli**  
Skola – Travel and Learn  
Educational Travel Manager

We believe that appropriate and safety organised school travel provides a unique opportunity to develop a young persons imagination, sense of responsibility, social skills and sensitivity (self-confidence, motivation).

Learning how to travel is a very important skill.



**Types of trips**

We have established its Travel and Learn programme out of a commitment to learning beyond the classroom walls. As with all our trips, the educational objectives are matched by equally important social strategies and, above all, the development of the participants self-confidence.



**Environmental Literacy**

Our major expeditions are based upon a programme called environmental literacy. This means the understanding and appreciation of the natural world around us, an issue which has perhaps never been as important as it is today. These trips take us to fragile and delicate ecosystems around the world where we study the threats, challenges and opportunities to the natural world that are posed by mankind’s activities. From the Arctic to the Amazon and from the Galapagos Islands to the Maldives we study issues such as deforestation, depletion of biodiversity or rising sea levels outside in the very environments under threat. The expeditions are naturally stimulating and challenging but always with an emphasis on safety and fun. As far as possible a range of exciting sporting and physical activities are included and usually the wild outdoors is contrasted with a dash of urban sophistication.



**Language and Culture** educational trips

focus on enriching student’s foreign languages skills in authentic settings. The cities of Paris, Barcelona, Florence, Segovia, Rheims, Bordeaux, Rome have been carefully chosen to provide a rich cultural backdrop for this experience. Participants spend mornings in mainstream school and part of the day exploring the city where they soak up the local culture and engage in meaningful real-life situation, such as asking for directions and ordering drinks in a café. A total immersion into the local language and culture for children and adults.

**Academic Week Abroad**, which happens in May, focused on Culture and Languages linked to the International Baccalaureate curriculum. Its rich educational programme is delivered in selected European cities such as Berlin, Barcelona and Florence.



**Outdoor Sports and Adventure**

The objectives of our outdoor sports programme are holistic appreciation of the physical, psychological, social and health benefits of a physically active lifestyle. We recognise that in our modern urban world young people are increasingly underexposed to physical challenges and the benefits that ensue. Our activities are safe yet challenging and give a tremendous sense of accomplishment once mastered. Social and academic strategies are interwoven in order to emphasise the point that this is all part of a balanced approach to life. Whether snowboarding in the Alps, sailing in the North Sea or whitewater rafting down the Zambesi above all the sports, games and activities are designed to be fun!

## VOLCANOES, THE CARIBBEAN and PACIFIC COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

### COSTA RICA

**Fri 13 to Sat 21 Oct 2006 (autumn half term)**

Volcanic peaks, giant turtles, and the Rainforest ecosystem of Costa Rica provide a spectacular outdoor classroom. Expect to see a huge amount of wildlife including the Rainbow-billed Toucan, macaws, parrots, sloths, monkeys, coatis and more. Costa Rica is a country rich in culture, with diverse environments, delicious cuisine, and a friendly and welcoming people.

**Activities:** white water rafting adventure (beginners level), observation of the Arenal Volcano, ropes course, boat cruise, visit a local school and learn about students day to day life, snorkelling, fishing, swimming, hot springs thermal bath, tree canopy cable ride.

**Educational focus:** equatorial tropical rainforest ecosystem and its huge biodiversity. The marine ecosystems of both the Caribbean and Pacific Ocean. Volcanoes and their formation, conservation of these ecosystems, the effects of global warming, river systems, astronomy... and practice your Spanish Language!

**£1,295 children and £1,495 adults/** please pre-book by 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2006



Raft down the Pacuare River



Arenal Volcano

## HORSE RIDING WEEK and LANGUAGES

### BAWDSEY – WOODBRIDGE, ENGLAND

**Mon 16 to Fri 20 Oct 2006 (autumn half term)**

Horse and pony riding have always been part of British culture. Enjoy the half term week in the countryside of England, experience traditional sports as well as an immersion into the language of English or French depending on your choice. The French and English Language specialists are going to deliver fun classes, review of language structures and help students out with homework. Expect a variety of activities, studies and lots of fun including a Halloween party!

**Activities:** Horse or Pony riding, English/French Language Classes, nature walk, football, squash, chess tournament, homework club, camp fire and evening activities.

**Educational focus:** Sports and Languages. 12 hours horse/pony riding lessons, 10 hours English Language or French Language, the importance of sports for your health and social skills.

**£495 children and adults /** please pre-book by 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2006



Introduction to Pony Riding for children aged 3 and above. Horse Riding introduction and upper levels offered to age 7 and above.



Bawsey Campus

## THE AFRICAN SAVANNA

### ZAMBIA

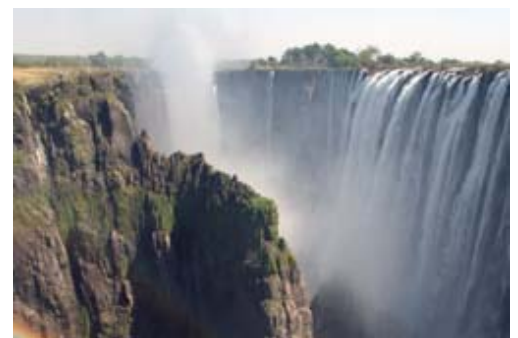
**Fri 9 to Sun 18 Feb 2007 (spring half term)**

The stunning geography of Zambia provides the ideal outdoor classroom and sports paradise for those who enjoy white water rafting, abseiling, African Safaris and football games with the locals. We will see the magnificent Victoria falls and raft down the majestic Zambesi River as well as game viewing on the beautiful African Savanna. You will also learn how Zambian children live, work and study and cope with the ravages of HIV and AIDS.

**Activities:** rafting, elephant riding, game view safari, canoe trails, kayaking, arts and crafts workshop, football, music workshop, river boating. Optional activities such as abseiling, bungee jumping and ultra light are not included on the programme but can be arranged.

**Educational focus:** Zambia provides a wonderful educational opportunity to understand the environmental challenges of the African Savanna particularly conservation and biodiversity. Our other area of study will be the devastating impact of HIV and AIDS on the Zambian economy and society but also the positive spirit of the people to overcome this challenge.

**£1,255 children £1,385 adults /** please pre-book by 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006



Victoria Falls is one of the natural wonders of the world.



African savanna

## **WINTER SPORTS-SKI and SNOWBOARDING** **ENGELBERG, SWITZERLAND**

**Sun 11 to Sat 17 Feb 2007 (spring half term)**

Get fit for this week on the Swiss Alps. Engelberg is a typical small village up in the mountains 2 hours from Zurich. Choose ski or snowboarding lessons with specialised instructors and supervised by qualified teachers. Participate in a variety of sports and activities after the lessons.

**Activities:** skiing or snowboarding, sledging, swimming, badminton, rock climbing (optional), ice skating (optional), shopping. This trip is also suitable for 4 years old and up with the option of joining the ski mini club.

**Educational focus:** sports and teamwork, self-confidence development, and social skills.

**£895 children and £1,182 adults** / Please pre-book by 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006

## **SCOTTISH SPORT & CULTURE**

### **GIENEAGLES and THE VALMORAL IN EDINBURGH AND SURROUNDINGS**

**Mon 9 April to Fri 13 April 2007**

Experience the luxury of these two magnificent hotels whilst engaging in Scottish sporting activities & visit some of the best sights in Britain.

**Gleneagles:** 2 nights. Activities available include: 18 hole golf courses, golf academy, heath and beauty treatments at the spa (optional), swimming, fishing, horse riding, falconry.

**The Balmoral, Edinburgh:** 2 nights. Visit the Castle, Holyrood Palace, The Scottish Museum, art galleries and the new Scottish Parliament; Shop on the Royal Mile and Princes Street. Theatre trip.

**Educational focus:** Learn or improve how to play golf. Try fishing or horse riding in nature. Learn about 'The influence of the Scots' in a museum.

**£1,395 children and £1,495 adults** / Please pre-book by 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2007

## **THE TROPICAL RAINFOREST ECOSYSTEM**

### **AMAZON RAINFOREST and RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

**a) Amazon Rainforest and Rio - Sat 7 to Mon 16 April 2007**

**b) Amazon Rainforest only - Sat 7 to Thurs 12 April 2007**

**c) Rio de Janeiro only - Thurs 12 to Mon 16 April**

We will be staying in a hotel built in the treetops above the Amazon River in flood within the largest rainforest in the world! We will then contrast this magnificent natural ecosystem with the internationally renowned cosmopolitan city of Rio de Janeiro.

**Activities:** piranha fishing, navigate through the equatorial rainforest by canoe, visit an indigenous tribe, swim in the rivers of the Amazon basin catching, watch and take part on a cultural folk play, jungle trekking, alligator spotting, sunrise tour. **In Rio de Janeiro:** a football game on the beach; visit to Maracana stadium (optional); samba dance; visit the Sugar Loaf by cable car; cycle along Copacabana (optional), Ipanama and Leblon beach; tour to the top of Corcovado Mountain; visit an open air arts and crafts market.

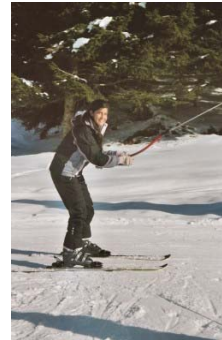
**Educational focus:** the significance of biodiversity as a global resource; environmental stress degradation on a global scale, the impact of tourism on the local community. **In Rio de Janeiro:** the causes and effects of the "favelas" (shanties) and the environmental implications and for those who like football there will be an opportunity to play it with a real Brazilian style!

**a) £1,490 children and £1,590 adults**

**b) £1,150 children and £1,350 adults**

**c) £ 990 children and £1,160 adults**

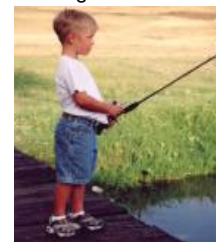
Please pre-book by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006



First time skiers and snowboarders are welcome! Swimming, walking and stretching are good ways to get fit for this winter sports week!



Gleneagles Golf: The Queen's Course



From age 4 and above



Edinburgh Castle



navigating the Rio Negro



The Amazon Basin produces 20% of the Earth's Oxygen.



See Rio de Janeiro from another angle! (optional)

## FRENCH LANGUAGE

### PARIS, EURO DISNEY AND MORTAGIN , FRANCE

**Tues 1 to Sun 6 May 2007**

In Paris we will visit the famous Science Museum "La Villette". We then spend a day at Euro Disney where you will study the physics of the roller coaster and the electronics behind the scenes, watch a show in French and learn the history of Disney. In Montargis we will meet our pen-pals at their school as we immerse into the French Language. During a visit to the Chamerolles Castle you will create your own perfume, which you can take home.

**Activities:** explore the science museum, ascend the Eiffel Tower. Horse riding(optional) in the Forest of Montargis, making perfume. Meet your pen pal at school, shop at a traditional market, and go for a "Pique Nique".

**Educational focus:** French Language through History, Arts and Drama, Science and Physics and life experience. Different levels for Primary and Secondary School students. Life skills programme with an individual education plan (I.E.P.) is offered throughout the programme.

**£690 children and £759 adults / please pre-book by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006**



The physics of the roller coaster



The iconic Eiffel Tower

## ITALIAN LANGUAGE

### BOLOGNA, ITALY

**Sun 20 to Fri 25 May 2007**

Visit and study the "Two Leaning Towers" and the "Fountain of Neptune". We will be based at a camp site called "Centro Turistico Citta de Bologna". We will meet our pen-pals at their school. Some of our Italian school friends will be spending some time with us at the camp site where we can go swimming, have a BBQ, play sports and go shopping for local products at the mini market inside the camp site. It's an Italian Language in action programme!

**Activities:** camping, cooking, swimming, shopping at local markets, pottery, sports, visit to the National Picture Gallery and medieval centre of Bologna.

**Educational Focus:** Italian Language and culture through the activities mentioned on the programme, history, arts, PE, math and science. Different levels for Primary and Secondary School students. Life skills programme with an individual education plan (I.E.P.) is offered throughout the programme.

**£690 and £759 adults / please pre-book by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006**



Experience culture and history of Bologna



## SPANISH LANGUAGE

### BARCELONA, SPAIN

**Sun 20 to Fri 25 May 2007**

Catalonia's capital city is an amazing open air museum with its unique architecture, including many fine works by Gaudi. You will be improving your Spanish Language by exploring topics of Catalan life and by participating in hands on activities such as cooking, creating your own mosaic and going shopping at local markets and shops.

We will be based away from the bustle of the city, on the Costa Brava. It offers a wonderful combination of beaches and cultural attractions. This programme is a combination of indoor and outdoor lessons. All visits to cultural sites are designed to provide opportunities for everyone to practise the Spanish Language and learn about the local culture.

**Activities:** make a mosaic during a visit to park Guell, order your "Tapas" for dinner, make your own chocolate, learn guided visit to Miro Foundation, swimming, visit to the Barcelona Football Stadium (optional), outlet shopping (optional).

**Educational Focus:** Arts and Crafts, Art movements (surrealism, Art Nouveau), business studies, maths, video making, Spanish language Literacy.

Different levels for Primary and Secondary School students. Life skills programme with an individual education plan (I.E.P.) is offered throughout the programme.

**£690 children and £759 adults / please pre-book by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006**

Optional meaning not included in the price, each participant chooses whether to participate or not and must pay at destination.

**A detailed programme for each educational trip is available.**

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Make your own chocolate!



The colourful Lizard by Gaudi at Parc Guell

## THE SYMBOL OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY HISTORY AND CULTURE BERLIN, GERMANY

**Mon 21 to Fri 25 May 2007**

Our trip to Berlin will lead us through the most interesting historical features of this exciting and iconic city, and in doing so unfold the history of the twentieth century. Trips, activities and educational input will take us through the incredible changes seen in Berlin over the last century. The centre of the Prussian war machine, the decadence of the 30's, the core of National Socialist Fascism and its atrocities, the divisions of the Cold War and the union of Europe in the latter part of the century. No other city in the world more characterises and bears the scars of this turbulent century.

**Activities:** map reading and orientation, bike riding, historical seminars and student presentation. Educational visits include: Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Checkpoint Charlie museum (the cold war museum), The Reichstag (Parliament), Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz. Farewell dinner at the top of Berliner Fernsehturm revolving tower (267m high).

**Educational focus:** Empire and Decadence, the Second World War – the final solution, The Cold War and the Reunification and the European Union. History and Culture with the practice of the German Language.

**£660 children and adults** / please pre-book by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006

## THE PACIFIC COAST ECOSYSTEM AND SUMMER SPORTS BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

**Sat 14 to Sun 22 July 2007**

Geographically stunning, the British Columbia Province is an amazing outdoor classroom, which offers a variety of sports and a safe contact with nature. We will be based on Vancouver Island and will experience a range of accommodation, from camping on the shores of a mountain lake, self-catering in a cottage overlooking the Pacific Ocean and fully catered high up in the mountains of Strathcona Park. Throughout this time we will enjoy the spectacular scenery of snow capped mountains, crystal clear lakes, rivers and wide-open ocean beaches. On our final night we stay hotel in a hotel in Vancouver giving you the opportunity to explore this wonderful city and do your shopping before travelling back home. This expedition is suitable for children age 7 and above who love summer sports and the natural world! We can also offer a tailor made programme for parents accompanying the group including cultural visits and babysitting.

**Activities:** whale watching, bear watching, biking, high ropes course, rock climbing, hiking, sea and lake swimming, campfires, buying and preparing food including BBQ, shopping and dining at the spectacular "Top of Vancouver" revolving tower.

**Educational Focus:** geography (environmental literacy), the Pacific Ecosystem, coniferous forest, marine and freshwater ecosystems. Life skills including problem solving, self-awareness and acquiring confidence. Team building and a strong emphasis on physical activities and a wide range of sports.

**£1,390 children and £ 1,590 adults** / please pre-book by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007

### HOW TO PRE-BOOK

- 1.) Complete the enclosed **pre-booking form** and send it with a deposit of £200 per person for each trip.
- 2.) Please send a cheque to:  
**SkOLA Travel and Learn Department**  
**Progressive Tours Ltd 12 Porchester Place London W2 2BS UK**  
Please call Debora on +44(0)20 7262 1676 for credit card payment.
- 3.) Once we receive your deposit, we will send you the booking form and detailed information of the trip you have chosen.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Prices include:** shared accommodation (if you require a room/chalet or tent on your own a supplement will be payable if accommodation is available), half board, return flights and pre-paid taxes in economy class (if a place is available in business or first class we can upgrade you for a supplement), all lessons, activities described on the programme, group travel insurance, travel handbook and educational pack, transfers at your destination.
- **Prices do not include:** visas if required, lunch/snacks and drinks, items of personal use, telephone calls or hotel mini bar expenses, optional activities (optional meaning not included in the price, each participant chooses whether to participate or not and must pay at the destination).

**Whilst we make every effort to deliver the above programmes, Travel and Learn reserve the right to replace activities, with similar ones if conditions change.**

**For further information please contact Debora Zanichelli**

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Past and present of Berlin!



Kurfurstendam



Bear and whale watching from the boat



Canoeing plus 2 nights camping by the lake. Campfire and marshmallow in the evenings!