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# Casterbridge Tours

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Customised Educational Tours for your Group

30 years of Excellence in Educational Travel

Over 1500 Schools have travelled with us since 1979

Personal Visits and Presentations

Superior Tour Services across 6 Continents

# B I O L O G Y



Ecosystems

Biochemistry

Evolution

Transport

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Behaviour



## Biology Tours

**W**e have organised biology expeditions and study tours throughout Africa, Asia, South America and Australasia visiting a diverse range of ecosystems: national parks, nature reserves, wildlife sanctuaries and wilderness sites. On tour our programmes will cover a wide range of topics including the core principles of biology, genes and generic engineering, and the effects of the environment.

Travelling to such special ecosystems facilitates study for curious students who are fascinated by examining the structure, function, growth, origin, evolution, distribution and classification of all living things and their habitats. It is also important and rewarding for students to learn about the role humans play in shaping the environment and our relationship to plants and animals and our expert, local guides will target their talks specifically for your group.

Being on location helps students gain a better understanding of science through practical skills that can be carried out on tour to explore topics further. Field trips will include guided walks and discussions about the specialised disciplines of biology: botany, zoology and microbiology.

## Our Mission

Our company's mission is to provide unique and meaningful learning experiences for young people through travel. This philosophy is reflected in our motto,

***'Learn to Travel - Travel to Learn'***

We passionately believe in the educational and cultural benefits of our programmes and the unique concept we have pioneered in the schools' travel industry.

## Our Philosophy

Casterbridge Tours is a British based educational and cultural group tour operator. We were founded in 1979, by educators, for educators. We specialise in customised academic, thematic and cultural touring programmes. We offer tours on six continents including Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia, North America and South America.

Casterbridge is the perfect fit for School, College and University groups interested in a truly enriching travel experience, where a quality programme is the main requirement. Our knowledgeable staff are eager to assist in making sure that all of the goals of the group leader are met. Our Tour Coordinators will work with you to plan, prepare and operate the perfect tour.



# ECUADOR

## Discovery & Adventure Tour

Ecuador has been described as 'South America in a nutshell'. There are four geographical regions - paradisiacal white beaches on the coast, the 'Avenue of Volcanoes' in the Andean Sierras, the emerald Amazonian forests, and the world-renowned Galapagos Islands - described as a 'Paradise of Evolution' by Charles Darwin.

The rainforest is the most sophisticated and complex ecosystem on Earth. Your Lodge is located in one of the few regions of the Ecuadorian Amazon where you can experience very remote pristine rain forest without foregoing your own comfort. The wildlife is never so magnificent, numerous and mysterious as in the rainforest of Shripuno River.

### Suggested Itinerary

#### Day 1 Fly to Ecuador

Fly from London.

#### Day 2 Arrival in Quito

Arrival in Quito and transfer to our hotel. We will then depart to the colonial side of the city to visit the narrow streets, colonial houses, the traditional squares and opulent churches. Afterwards we will drive to El Panecillo, a lookout point, which offers overwhelming views of the city and its surrounding mountains.

#### Day 3 Equator & Hike in Pululahua

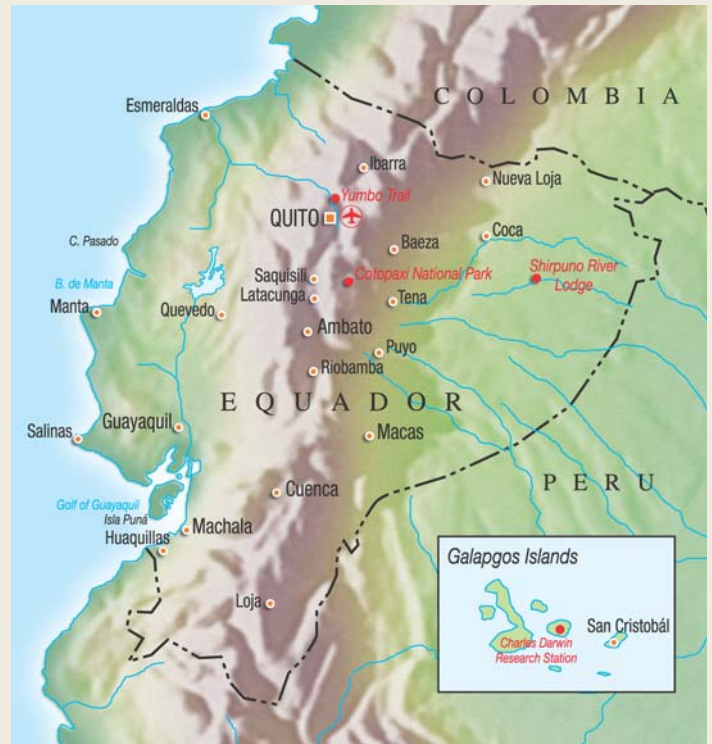
This morning we will head to "La Mitad del Mundo" where the Equator Monument is located and we can jump between hemispheres! After a visit to the nearby Inca ruins of Rumicucho we will hike into the Pululahua crater, a geo-botanical reserve in the huge crater of an extinct volcano.

#### Day 4 Yumbo Trail - Quito

Today we will take a hike through the wide landscape of Pululahua. The trip will take us from areas of traditional Andean agriculture to lush tropical vegetation, passing by eroded volcanic avalanches blooming with wild orchids, cloud forests, deep gorges and clear mountain streams. In the afternoon we return to Quito.

#### Day 5 Flight Quito - Coca - Shripuno River Lodge

Transfer to the airport to fly to Coca in the Amazon basin. Ride by private transportation along the Napo river then navigate downstream by motorised canoe. On the way we have the opportunity to see many birds and sometimes parrots, toucans and also monkeys. Late afternoon arrival at our jungle lodge on the banks of the Shripuno river.



#### Days 6-8 Amazon Rainforest

We will take three expeditions per day: an early morning rowing tour in a canoe on the Shripuno river to observe birds and mammals; walks in the jungle accompanied by a native guide to learn about the flora and fauna and Huaorani culture and the use of their various medicinal plants, excursions in search of mammals, especially monkeys, hikes following new trails, which reveal different aspects of the jungle, where our guide will explain more about the complex system of the rain forest; night walks in the forest to observe insects and other nocturnal animals.

#### Day 9 Shripuno River Lodge - Coca - Flight Quito

Depart by motorised canoe and visit an Indian community, which will be a very interesting cultural experience before continuing to Coca and then returning by plane to Quito.

#### Day 10 Cotopaxi - Quito

We drive to the Saquisilí Indigenous Market, one of the most interesting Indian Markets in Ecuador, as you can see the natives in their typical and very colourful dresses of course selling their products and also their animals. Continuing through the "Avenue of the volcanoes" will bring you to Cotopaxi National Park, to the lagoon Limpiopungo. Here you have a spectacular view of the gigantic volcanic cone of Cotopaxi during a hike around the lagoon.

#### Days 11-14 Fly to Galapagos Islands

This morning we will fly to the Galapagos Islands, a laboratory of evolution. There are few places in the world where it is possible to find such a variety of species, both plant and animal, which show so many degrees of evolutionary changes, in such a restricted area. Each day we will explore different islands with our expert guide, while cruising on our private boat at night. All meals are included on board.

#### Day 15 Transfer to the airport and flight back home

Transfer to the airport

#### Day 16 Arrive back home

Arrive back in UK today.

**Prices From £1995 + £895 Galapagos extension**

**"Swimming with sea lions, sharks and turtles, sharing lunch with Darwin's finches (to a biologist probably the most famous birds in the world), watching macaws dry their feathers in the late afternoon sun after a tropical rainstorm, seeing a tapir swimming in the tributary of the Amazon and watching marine iguanas absorb the last of the day's heat. It's a hard job but somebody has to do it."**

TK, The King's School, Chester

## South Africa



### Wildlife Wonders of South Africa

This Wildlife Tour will take you to a distant world that remains natural and unspoilt. This itinerary provides a genuine African experience and you will visit private reserves and Africa's greatest wildlife park, The Kruger.



**Day 1 London - Johannesburg**  
Fly from London Heathrow.

**Day 2 Johannesburg - Mabalingwe Nature Reserve**  
Transfer to Mabalingwe Nature Reserve. Our Game Drive, in an open four wheel drive Safari vehicle, is with an expert Ranger who will introduce you to many of the animal kingdom's untamed wildlife.

**Day 3 Mabalingwe**  
After our early morning Game Drive we will relax by the pool. This afternoon there is a Hiking Safari through the bush followed by an evening game drive.

**Day 4 Mabalingwe - Pilgrim's Rest - Mount Sheba**  
After breakfast we will travel towards Pilgrim's Rest, a 19th century gold mining town, now a living open-air museum.

**Day 5 Blyde River Canyon**  
On our excursion to the Blyde River Canyon we will enjoy the spectacular view of the canyon and the Three Rondavals from Pinnacle Rock. We will also stop at Bourke's Luck Potholes, where cylindrical holes have been carved by river whirlpools.

**Days 6 - 7 Kruger National Park**  
Depart for The Kruger National Park, justifiably the most famous wildlife park in the world. The Kruger has a greater variety of animals than any park in Africa, including lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino, cheetah, giraffe, hippo, zebra and many varieties of antelope.

**Day 8 Kruger National Park - Dumazulu Cultural Village**  
Drive to Dumazulu Traditional Village, situated in the heart of Zululand. Visitors are able to enjoy an authentic African experience and learn about Zulu traditions.

**Day 9 Dumazulu Village - Cheetah Breeding Park**  
We will visit the Cheetah Breeding Park. The aim of the project is to care for wild Cheetahs and Serval Cats, which have been orphaned or injured in the wild.

**Day 10 St. Lucia Park & Game Reserve - Durban**  
This morning we will visit the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands, one of the world's great eco-tourism destinations. In the afternoon we transfer to Durban for our return flight.

**Day 11 Arrive Home**  
Arrive back in the UK the next morning.

"Our fifth trip with Casterbridge and still as brilliant and breathtaking as the first. The excursions and educational value were excellent, our guide was very good and nothing was too much trouble."

LB, Purbeck School, Dorset

Prices From £2295

## Kenya



### Safari & Science Study Tour

Environmental awareness, conservation activities and field based ecological studies are this tour's themes set amidst an imposing and impressive landscape with abundant wildlife.



**Days 1-2 Fly to Nairobi.**  
Fly from London to Nairobi. On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

**Day 3 Mt Kenya**  
Drive to Mount Kenya. Standing at 5199m, Mount Kenya is situated on the equator and has permanent glaciers. Our walk takes us through thick montane forest where you will study various species of flora and fauna.

**Day 4 Mt Kenya**  
This morning you visit a private sanctuary to see various animal species. Then you visit Sweetwaters for an encounter with primates (mostly Chimpanzees).

**Day 5 Lake Bogoria**  
Today you drive to Lake Bogoria with stunning geothermal activity, and a Farm Stay. Here you will learn about Lake Bogoria's ecosystem and biodiversity and also about bird life, hippos and crocodiles.

**Day 6 Nakuru - Naivasha**  
Depart for Lake Nakuru National Park with a visit to the Hyrax Hill Neolithic site en-route. There will be an afternoon game drive in the park that is famous for its large concentration of pink flamingoes and other bird life.

**Day 7 Naivasha**  
Mount Longonot was created as a result of the volcanic eruptions that formed the Great Rift Valley. Visitors can hike to the rim of the crater or inside to the bottom. Hot springs and steam seep through vents in the solid lava.

**Day 8 Masai Mara**  
After breakfast, depart for the Masai Mara Game Reserve, famous for its large concentration of wildlife as well as bird life.

**Day 9 Masai Mara**  
Wake up early for your first game drive in the Mara. This is followed by an afternoon game drive. Try if you can classify the animals and birds you see.

**Day 10 Masai Mara - Nairobi**  
A morning game drive looking for the big 5 in the Masai Mara. We will visit Masai Villages to see how they live, talk to them and watch some of their traditional dances.

**Day 11 Fly to UK**  
Your flight departs this morning and arrives back in the UK the same afternoon.

"Thank you for organising an excellent tour to Kenya, the educational benefits were outstanding and the tour really lived up to our expectations. We had excellent guides on the safari and we will definitely do this tour again in two years time."

AB, Bournemouth School for Girls, Dorset

Prices From £1995

## Tanzania



### Wildlife & Cultural Safari

Tanzania is the refined essence of Africa, its national parks remain pristine and unspoilt, bristling with wildlife, it's natives beckon you to taste the untamed Africa of your dreams.



**Day 1 Depart From London**  
Fly from London to Kilimanjaro via Nairobi

**Day 2 Arrive Kilimanjaro - Manyara National Park**  
On arrival transfer to your hotel and enjoy spectacular views of Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro. After lunch we're off to Lake Manyara. Our game run will bring us into concentrated elephant country, we may even spot one of the park's famed tree-climbing lions.

**Day 3 Serengeti National Park / Ol Dupaui Gorge**  
This morning we enter the Stone Age and witness the origin of mankind at Ol Dupaui Gorge. We will take a game drive in the Serengeti. During our game drives we're sure to sight a variety of plains games, ostrich, and giraffe, hyenas and jackals, elephants trundle through the woodland and the cheetah is often sighted. We'll also travel the leopard circuit.

**Day 4 Ngorongoro Conservation Area**  
After breakfast we head to Ngorongoro Crater, which is set on the crater rim. Its steep, unbroken rim plunges 2,000 feet to the floor and provides a natural sanctuary to more than 30,000 animals and more than 350 species of birds.

**Day 5 Ngorongoro Crater**  
After breakfast, we'll descend 2,000 feet along a rocky track into the amazing Ngorongoro Crater. There is good game viewing here all year round. Lions may be viewed in the crater at astonishingly close range amid breathtaking landscapes. The rhinoceros population is easy to spot. We'll also view buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, hippos and elephants.

**Day 6 Lake Eyasi - Bush Man**  
We drive to Lake Eyasi where we visit the Hadzabe tribe - Bush Men, and walk with the Guide to the lake followed by a lecture, which will be presented by the guide from the Cultural organisation.

**Day 7 Machame - Cultural Tour**  
After breakfast, we drive to Machame area, a mosaic of beautiful valleys, rivers, waterfalls, farms and the home base of the Chagga people. We will explore the big caves and the natural bridge crossing the Marire and Namwi rivers, which feed a spectacular waterfall.

**Days 8-9 Kilimanjaro/ Departure**  
On our final day we get the chance to do some sightseeing around Mt. Kilimanjaro area. After dinner we transfer to the airport for the return overnight flight.

"We were very pleased, the whole tour was excellent - hotels and lodges, dinners, transport and guides. The excursions and educational benefits were beyond expectations."

JD, Calday Grange Grammar School, Merseyside

Prices From £1995

Call 0800 093 0810 to speak with one of our experienced travel advisors

## Azores



### Adventure In The Azores

The island of Sao Miguel is ideal for those who like walking and nature, with scenes of breathtaking beauty; mountains, creeks and volcanic phenomena ready to be explored.



#### Day 1 Depart UK, Arrive Azores

Fly to Ponta Delgado. Transfer to your hotel in Povoacao for 3 nights.

#### Day 2 Hiking Furnas

We start our walk in the beautiful Furnas, which has numerous volcanic phenomena - hot springs, small geysers and mud cauldrons. We walk along the shore of the Lake of Furnas inside the basin stopping on the way to see the cooking holes. We continue into Furnas, where we spend the afternoon in the famous 200 year old Terra Nostra botanical gardens which are also home to a thermal swimming pool.

#### Day 3 Whale Watching

This morning you can walk to Rocha da Relva along coastal paths to a beautiful viewing point. This afternoon you can go on a whale watching cruise. Sperm and pilot whales are regularly seen as are pygmy sperm and false killer whales. Many different variety of dolphin swim off these warm waters including bottlenose, spotted and the striped dolphin. There are also interesting birds to see as well as Loggerhead turtles, sharks and sports fish such as marlin and swordfish.

#### Day 4 East Coast Tour By Bus

Today we will take a guided tour of the eastern side of Sao Miguel; visiting Nordeste, Tronqueira reserve and Faial de Terra. The eastern coast of Sao Miguel is characterised by an irregular surface area almost totally covered with trees along with a great variety of other lush vegetation. We will also pass "Pico da Vara", the highest point on the island.

#### Day 5 Hiking Fire Lake

This morning we will visit the Gorreana tea plantation for a guided tour. We then proceed to Fire Lake in the centre of the island and the most spectacular of all the crater lakes. Our walk starts at the peak and descends along mountain paths and forest roads to the coast. We are collected and transferred to our hotel in Ponta Delgado.

#### Day 6 Tour Of Sete Cidades

Depart towards the mountains of Sete Cidades. Stop at the Vista do Rei Belvedere, for a magnificent view of the Green Lake and the Blue Lake of Sete Cidades at the bottom of an enormous volcanic crater. You can walk part of the crater and descend into Sete Cidades. We also visit a pineapple plantation to observe how the fruit is cultivated.

#### Day 7 Departure, Arrive UK

Fly back to the UK today.

"We had an excellent tour: flights, hotels, transport and guide all excellent and the educational benefits were up to our expectations."

MD, High School of Glasgow

Prices From £1495

## Costa Rica



### Discovering Costa Rica

This Costa Rica natural wonders itinerary has fun and adventure on canopy rides, river trips and rainforest hikes all in an extremely educational context.



#### Days 1-2 Fly To Costa Rica.

Fly to San Jose. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. At Inbio Park we will hike trails, visit the butterfly garden, the lagoon and aquarium.

#### Day 3 San José - Manzanillo Natura Park

Transfer to Puerto Viejo de Talamanca. At Manzanillo your tour guide will walk you through the Wildlife Refuge's Trails, while giving you an extensive lesson on medicinal plants. The hike takes you into the forest then then up to the coastline.

#### Day 4 Crazy Monkey Canopy Ride

Experience the jungle from the top of the trees, on a Canopy Ride, a system of ten platforms, with cables stretching from platform to platform throughout the forest. The tour will offer breathtaking views and the adventure of a lifetime.

#### Day 5 Biological Station La Selva

Discover and learn about the biodiversity of the tropical rainforest at La Selva Biological Station. This is an amazing park that offers an interactive experience with Nature. We then enjoy a boat ride on the Sarapiquí River.

#### Day 6 Sky Tram - Arenal Volcano

Today take an Aerial Tram ride - cable-cars will whisk us to the lookout point at 4,250 feet. Descend by the Sky Trek...this is a system of zip lines ranging from mountain to mountain. You will then drive to the active Arenal Volcano.

#### Day 7 Cano Negro Boat Trip - Monteverde

The Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge is an area of lakes and swampy land formed from alluvial sedimentation. In this refuge there are five main habitats. You then travel to Monteverde.

#### Day 8 Monteverde Cloud Forest - Sky Trek

Today tour the Monteverde Cloud Forest, with thousands of species of plants, insects, frogs, snakes and great bird watching. Sky Trek is a system of trails, suspension bridges, and zip lines that offers the opportunity to observe tropical vegetation from above the rain forest canopy.

#### Day 9 Monteverde Butterfly Garden - Snake Exhibition

Today we will visit the Butterfly Farm where the focus is on environmental education. The amphibian and reptile zoo is a perfect place to learn about the fauna of Costa Rica.

#### Days 10-11 Monteverde - San José - Departure, Arrive UK

Transfer to San Jose International airport and catch an overnight flight back to the UK.

"Even better than our previous tour - an excellent biological, geographical, cultural, linguistic experience. Rodolpho is an extremely well educated and knowledgeable guide who inspired the students with his ecological interests and passion for conservation."

AH, Portsmouth High School, Hampshire

Prices From £1895

## Canada



### Evolution Of Nature & Culture

This outdoor adventure trip covers the Rockies, Plains and Badlands. Stay under canvas camping out and falling asleep under a star-filled sky.



#### Day 1 Depart UK, Arrival Calgary

Fly from the UK to Calgary. At Heritage Park you step back in time and learn about Calgary's frontier days. Afterwards, you head up to the top of the Calgary tower for commanding views.

#### Day 2 & 3 Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump

At Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump for the next two days you will study and experience Native American culture. Living in your own private teepee encampment, you learn about their history and traditions as you study medicinal plants and survival skills, play games and try some traditional foods.

#### Day 4 Drumheller Badlands

We stop at a Hutterite Colony to learn about the Old World traditions that live on in this region. The next stop is the Atlas Coal Mine where we see the last remaining coal tipple in Canada and then ride one of the old coal trains.

#### Day 5 Royal Tyrrell Museum

This morning you visit a nearby bison paddock. Afterwards, it's time for the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, the largest dinosaur museum in the world and a world-class facility dedicated to the study of dinosaurs. Interactive displays, murals, and skeletons all help bring the past to life.

#### Day 6 Banff National Park

This morning we ride the Banff Gondola. In 8 minutes, the gondolas lift you 2,257 ft. from the valley floor up to the top of Sulphur Mountain (7,369 ft.). At the top we will take a short Hike to Cave and Basin National Historic Site, where the hot springs were discovered.

#### Day 7 Johnston Canyon

Johnston Canyon is one of the most beautiful day hikes in Banff National Park. There are seven waterfalls along your route. As you hike, keep an eye out for mountain goats and bighorn sheep along the canyon walls.

#### Day 8 Walking On A Glacier

Your day begins with a journey to the Columbia Icefields along the Icefields Highway. The Columbia Icefields encompass one of the largest accumulations of ice and snow south of the Arctic Circle, covering an area of nearly 200 square miles. Load up in specialized vehicles for a ride on the Athabasca Glacier.

#### Days 9-10 Depart Calgary, Arrive In The UK

After shopping in Calgary, catch an overnight flight back to the UK.

"Fantastic scenery, excellent hotels, spectacular sightseeing and excellent guides. Thank you for your very good organisation and all pupils rated the tour very good or excellent."

AK, Portsmouth Grammar School, Hampshire

Prices From £1795

# Superior Tour Services

## Flights

Casterbridge has both the buying power and expertise to provide the best flight routings at the best rates. We use scheduled airlines and normally have a block of seats in place for your group before you book with us.

## Comfortable Coaches

Our modern touring coaches are spacious with well-upholstered, comfortable seats with wide windows to give our clients the best views of the passing landscapes, and a professional driver behind the wheel. For smaller groups and on safari tours we will use maxi-vans, minibuses or 4x4 vehicles.

## Knowledgeable Guides

Our range of tours are escorted by an experienced Tour Guide, unless otherwise requested or noted. They will be fluent in English and the local language and provide a high degree of personal attention and service to each group.



## Quality Hotels

A country's culture is often best represented by its own unique accommodation: nature reserves in Africa, log cabins in Scandinavia, rainforest lodges in South America. Wherever and whenever possible, we aim to capture the essence of a country's charm and character by using accommodations that typify these traditions.

## Restaurants

Dining out and sampling local specialities should be one of the cultural highlights of any tour and we like to offer our clients a fine taste of the local cuisine. The restaurants that we select will serve authentic and traditional meals representing each country's typical menu.

## Excursions & Admissions

We generally include up front not only comprehensive daily excursions, but also all expensive admission charges.

## Evening Entertainment

We can incorporate visits to all the major scenic, cultural, historic and general sightseeing attractions as well as offering 'Behind-the-Scenes' tours, Theatre, Concert and Sporting tickets.

# Custom Design Your Own Itinerary - Anywhere in the World!

We are always aware that each school has its own unique aspirations and requirements. Our reputation for excellence is based on our ability to provide unique customised tours that are carefully planned to meet the specific requirements of individual teachers.

We will operate a custom-designed touring programme for your school with as few as 10 participants, although we can also handle groups in excess of 200.

Working closely with one of our Co-ordinators, you can develop a tour which includes exactly the ideal content for your group. Our Co-ordinators have first-hand experience of the areas you will be visiting. Our research and thoroughness is renowned for providing the most specialised and personalised of arrangements. If your tour is dedicated to exploring an academic discipline or cultural theme in depth, our research and materials accrued over 30 years can cover all requirements.

Having operated an unrivalled range of Special Interest Tours throughout the world in the past 30 years, we are always willing to research and plan customised itineraries for groups to any destination.



# Group Leader Information

## Free Places

We offer a completely flexible free place ratio. Our standard on our worldwide tours is 1 free place for every 8 students, but this can vary from 1 free place for 10, or be as low as 1 free place for every 6 participants.

## Quotations

If you wish to receive a quotation for a tour programme you should contact our UK Sales Office. Please provide us with the following information:

- *Special Interest of group*
- *Services required*
- *Anticipated group size*
- *Standard of accommodation*
- *Required thematic content*
- *Dates*
- *Age and fitness level*
- *Free Place Ratio*
- *Preferred destination or itinerary*

We will prepare an individual quotation listing the services included and a price guide for different sized groups.

## Price Range

In certain destinations there can be a large differential in pricing between low and high season travel for both land costs and airfares. Group size and free place ratio are also factors in the final price as are, of course, the inclusiveness of services provided.

The prices shown 'from' on the itinerary pages, will reflect an ideal group size in low season. For your school trip, we will prepare a personalised quotation listing the services provided according to your preference and a price guide for different sized groups.

## Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges

Your quote will show current charges, which are shown on the airline ticket and include UK Air Passenger Duty and Passenger Service Charges & Foreign Departure Taxes and Airport Charges. Taxes and fuel surcharges are constantly changing and if there is any difference in these figures at the time of your final invoice, you will be charged for the additional amount or receive a credit.

## Your Financial Security

The air holidays and flights in our Outbound tours are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 5151. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. For further information, visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk)



**"I used NST on our last trip, there is no doubt that our Casterbridge experience was better – you get what you pay for! The flights, hotels, coaches, meals and guides were excellent, they taught us about the culture and language. Every place we went to exceeded my expectations, and I have high standards from organising many trips in the past. Your company delivered on all its promises. At no stage did we feel we were on our own to deal with anything and that made for as relaxing a trip as you can expect to have with a party of that size."**

*RW, Ipswich School & St Alban's*

*China & Hong Kong*



## What is Generally Included

- 1 Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights.
- 2 Current airport taxes & fuel charges (subject to change).
- 3 Accommodation in Tourist Class hotels with ensuite facilities.
- 4 Breakfast and dinner daily. Lunches in some destinations.
- 5 Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring.
- 6 All activities & excursions as per the itinerary with entry fees.
- 7 A full-time Tour Manager to accompany the group and/or local specialist Guides.
- 8 One free place per 8 paying participants (or requested ratio).
- 9 All applicable taxes.
- 10 Health and Safety checks and assistance with Risk Assessments.

## What is Generally Not Included

- 1 Home country airport transfers.
- 2 Visas (if needed).
- 3 Travel Insurance (optional).
- 4 Lunches unless specified.
- 5 Gratuities.
- 6 Departure taxes if payable in cash.

## Royal Recognition

After our first two decades of operation, Casterbridge was honoured with the highly prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise, and enjoyed a Royal Visit to our international head office in March 2003.



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