

**Bookbag Tours, LLC**  
"Connecting Teachers Around the World"



In today's global economy, school districts are looking for teachers who have a resume cushioned with travels and cultural knowledge so they can better prepare students for globally connected futures, and relate to our students who come from all over the world. Employers expect, and as teachers in this day and age, our livelihood *demands*, that we are culturally engaged human encyclopedias of global teaching techniques.

At Bookbag Tours we believe that because of this, educators are among the first of those who should receive travel opportunities, but sadly this is not the reality. In college, studying abroad is next to impossible for education majors, and in the throws of your teaching career, the only travel opportunities afforded to those in our profession are usually "teach abroad in Thailand for two months!" When summer comes along teachers need 1) a break and 2) meaningful professional development. Teachers and administrators agree that teachers benefit from observing other teachers...What about doing that in classrooms around the world?!

Bookbag Tours is offering opportunities for teachers to travel the world, observing teachers in other classrooms to gain a deeper cultural understanding, acquire new techniques, make connections, and shape their own teaching style and methods. We know from personal experience that seizing this opportunity will give teachers an edge as an educator, or future educator! The experiences we offer will allow educators to grow not only as a teacher, but also as a human being.

### **Our Model**

While traveling with Bookbag Tours, teachers do home stays with local educators in order to establish a working relationship. They spend a minimum of three days observing in the classroom and developing a Project Based Learning opportunity for their students to collaborate with students in other countries. This allows students to work globally on meaningful projects, and establish a better understanding of other cultures and diversity.

### **Our Mission**

We are a company, of current and former educators, that creates unique educational travel experiences, to enhance the teaching skills of our clients by providing services and experiences beyond expectations.

### **Our Vision**

To strengthen our position as the leading educational tourism company providing quality, creative, innovative, competitive, and educational networking opportunities to beginning and veteran teachers.

## **Our Values**

### **Excellence**

We distinguish ourselves through our strong commitment to improve and to inspire.

### **Responsibility**

We commit to fulfil the needs of educators, interested in expanding their educational network and developing the skills of their teaching craft. We will do this through our efforts, maximizing the company's resources.

### **Loyalty**

We are reliable and trustworthy in all our relationships.

### **Respect**

We encourage harmony and warmth between persons, considering human diversity.

### **Readiness**

We are prompt, proactive, careful, and passionate in our role to improve education globally.



**Croydon, United Kingdom**  
**June 18 - June 26**  
**"Project Based Learning; Through International Collaboration"**

**Itinerary**

***June 19th - Arrive London Meet with Host***

3:00 p.m. Meet at Hyde Park Corner for Walking Tour of London,  
Tour includes areas of Buckingham Palace, Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Southbank  
Walk, Globe Theater and Hyde Park

***June 20th - In host school for the school day - 7 hours***

4:00 - 5:00 Session 1 - Day one Wrap  
Evening Free

***June 21st - In host school for the school day - 7 hours***

4:00 - 5:00 Session 2 - Day two Wrap  
7:00 - Play

***June 22nd - In host school for the school day - 7 hours***

6:00 - 9:00 - Summit Dinner - "Project Based Learning, Through International  
Collaboration"

Dinner Schedule:

6:00 - 7:00 - Eat and Socialize

7:00 - 9:00 - Workshop with Guest Speaker on PBL

***June 23 - June 25 -***

***On your own with a 3 Day London City Pass! Go explore and take in the culture!***

***June 26th - Depart London***

## Wrap Sessions (1 hour)

The purpose of the Wrap Sessions is for teachers to dive into developing a Project Based Learning opportunity.

## Day One Wrap (1 Hour)

Objective for Day One Wrap:

1. Identify common areas of curriculum, that would lead to a meaningful PBL opportunity for your classrooms.
2. Choose one topic from your common curriculum that you will develop into a PBL unit of study

## Day 2 Wrap (1 Hour)

Objective for Day two Wrap:

1. Begin developing the Unit of Study
2. Identify delivery tools needed for the project collaboration
3. Identify the desired outcomes for the project

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**Classroom Observation Report**  
**ADEPT Standard 10E**

Professional Development Requirement: Minimum of Four Reports

US Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Number:        1   2   3   4        School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Answer Fully: Use back of sheet or separate sheet if needed.**

1. Describe at least two teaching strategies used by the teacher you would use in your classroom:

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2. Describe an example of technology used that you might implement in your classroom

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3. Describe any classroom discipline strategies that you observed, that you could incorporate into your classroom.

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4. Describe at least two teaching, or classroom management strategies you would like to implement into your classroom.

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US Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_