Vacation Travel Programmes, FAQ 2018

What is included in the cost of each Global Travel programme?

Each trip differs in what is included in the cost. Generally however, accommodation and all scheduled activities are covered. For our trips to India, Malaysia and China, most/all meals are also included in the price, but this is not the case for our trips to Europe.

How much are the group flights?

Group flights are only provided for our long-haul trips outside of Europe, and this cost differs per location. The following prices have been confirmed for the below trips:

- Explore China with Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) - £680 RETURN*
- Discover India with Manipal University - £620 RETURN*
- Experience Asia in Malaysia - £670 RETURN*

*These costs may change but this will be communicated clearly.

What happens with flights if I am travelling from another country?

If you are flying from another country prior to the beginning of the programme, you may choose to book your own flight for logistical reasons. You must tell a member of the team; we will need your flight information so that arrangements can be made with our partners. You will be given the group flight information and you should arrive at the airport before/at the same time the group arrives and leave after/at the same time as the group departs. You may face additional costs to cover the individual arrangements made regarding your airport collections.

Do I need to pay a deposit?

To confirm your place on any of our trips, you will need to pay a £100 deposit which is refundable within a 7 day window. All of our trips have limited places. You can pay your deposit here if you have not done so already.

Can I get financial support?

You can read about the funding available to you at the bottom of the vacation travel web page.
Will I need a VISA?

You will need a visa when travelling on a number of our programmes. If you are a UK citizen however, you will not need a visa when travelling to Malaysia or any of our programmes in Europe.

Information about buying a visa, as this is not included in the programme fee, can be found at https://statravel.thevisamachine.com/. The initial price that is given at this website includes the company’s service fee. You can see a breakdown of the cost, which will tell you exactly how much a visa for that country will cost if you do not go via Statravel.

For non-UK students, visa information may differ depending on nationality, so it is worth researching this yourself. If you have any issues please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide extensive visa support. We can however provide invitation letters as proof if this is required for your visa. Please email globalexperiences@lancaster.ac.uk.

We are more than happy to discuss this with you in more detail if you have any questions, so please get in touch with us at globalexperiences@lancaster.ac.uk.

What sort of food can I expect to be eating?

As part of your Global Experience, you will be able to try new food and immerse yourself in the local cuisine. There is always a choice of meals so you should be able to find something you enjoy, but be prepared to try all sorts of new tastes.

I have dietary requirements, will this impact my experience?

Whilst some countries have a mainly meat diet, there are vegetarian and vegan options in all of the countries we visit. Likewise with any allergies, just make sure you let us know so we can help you find the food you can eat and inform the staff accompanying you on the trip and organising the schedule.

I identify as LGBTQ+, will this affect my experience?

Every student has the opportunity for a Global Experience, but as with any trip to a different country you should be wary of different laws and cultural attitudes. Some countries in which our programmes visit criminalise members of the LGBTQ+ community, therefore, please ensure you have an understanding of the country’s laws and culture. We recommend you visit https://www.stonewall.org.uk/global-workplace-briefings. The website provides briefing notes in the countries our programmes operate.