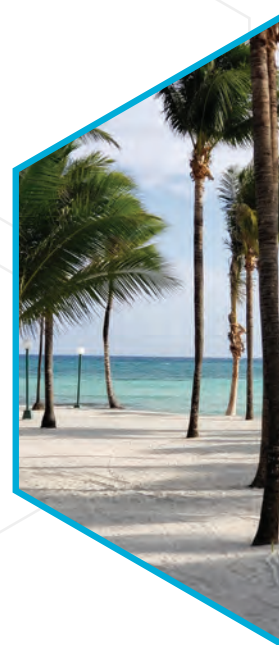


2025

INTERSESSION

TRAVEL STUDY



 **IMSA**
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Principal's Office



Travel Study Opportunities

IMSA is proud to offer the following transformative experiential learning opportunities for students as part of our Intersession 2025 programming. Students interested in participating in one of IMSA's Travel Study programs must review this catalog, particularly the [Travel Study Terms & Conditions](#), and complete the [Travel Study Program Application](#) before 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.



Research and Cultural Experience in NYC

This Intersession program, exclusive to students enrolled in MSI, is an opportunity to engage in a research experience with another STEM school in New York City. Our goal is to partner an MSI class with a cohort at the Bronx Science High School to work on a collaborative research project at first remotely during the fall semester, and then conduct another set of tests collectively at the Manne Institute in the Bronx to complete their project. In addition to engaging in this collaboration, we will experience all that NYC has to offer. This will include cultural activities like a Broadway show, museums, and specialty NYC restaurants. We will also try to visit professional/university research labs in the city, particularly those with connections to our current alumni.

DOMESTIC

Primary Travel Destination(s)
New York City, NY

Tentative Travel Dates

January 10-18, 2025

Prerequisites

Enrolled in Dr. Mark Carlson's Methods of Scientific Inquiry course in Fall 2024.

Student Program Fee

\$2,000

Primary Sponsor

Dr. Mark Carlson, *IMSA Faculty*

Secondary Sponsor

Dr. Evan M. Glazer, *President*



French Immersive Program in Paris

Bonjour! The purpose of this Intersession program (part of my curriculum) is to broaden and improve students' knowledge of French outside IMSA's classroom environment, targeting level French III, IV, and V. It also provides students with the opportunity to increase their engagement with the French language by exposing them to a range of new situations and experiences. This will empower students to acquire the intercultural skills necessary for successful interaction with the French culture.

INTERNATIONAL

Primary Travel Destination(s)

Paris, France

Tentative Travel Dates

January 3-14, 2025

Prerequisites

Must be enrolled in French III, IV, or V during the 24-25 academic year.

Student Program Fee

\$2,900

Primary Sponsor

Anne Kwiatkowski, *IMSA Faculty*

Secondary Sponsors

Anastasia Perry, *IMSA Faculty*



A Taste of Italy: Rome, Florence, and Venice

Ciao! On our Italian adventure, we will spend 11 days traveling around Italy, one of the most beautiful and artistically rich countries in Europe. We will immerse ourselves in art, Italian culture, and culinary delights as we spend time in Rome, Florence, and Venice. We will also have the option of day trips to Cinque Terre (five magical little villages perched on cliffs above the northern coast of Italy) and/or a day tour around Tuscany. Some highlights will include visiting world famous museums, Vatican City, the beautiful Duomo in Florence, and a gondola ride along the picturesque canals of Venice. Before and during the trip, students will be studying Roman architecture, Italian art history, and the intertwined role of religion and politics in Italian culture. In addition, students will learn how to navigate travel in a European country and will be an integral part of the travel planning and navigation for the trip. See Ms. Micklo or Dr. Kind for more information.



INTERNATIONAL
Primary Travel Destination(s)
Italy: Rome, Florence, Venice

Tentative Travel Dates
January 5-16, 2025

Prerequisites
No prerequisites.

Student Program Fee
\$3,650 including airfare, hotels (3 to 4 students per room), entrance to all museums, monuments and exhibits, airport transfers in Rome and Venice, six group dinners, gondola ride in Venice, day trip(s) out of Florence, daily breakfast, travel insurance, gratuities for hotels and tour guides, and all train tickets.

Not included: Passport fees, lunch and/or snacks each day (if desired), four dinners, and personal spending money (for souvenirs, etc.). An international cell phone texting plan is required, but is also not included in the cost of the trip.

Primary Sponsor
Erin Micklo, *IMSA Faculty*

Secondary Sponsor
Dr. Leah Kind, *IMSA Faculty*

Exploring Bavaria: Vienna, Salzburg, Munich

Guten Tag! During our 10 day adventure we will be exploring Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich with an additional day trip to Dachau. We will have 3 days in Vienna, 2 in Salzburg, and 5 in Munich. We will be immersing ourselves in all things Bavaria! Including, but not limited to: visiting all sorts of museums, castles, taking a German cooking class, hiking up in the Alps, ice skating, and much much more!



INTERNATIONAL

Primary Travel Destination(s)

Bavaria: Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich

Tentative Travel Dates

January 6-16, 2025

Prerequisites

No prerequisites.

Student Program Fee

Cost is \$3,000 and includes: Flight, hotel, trains, breakfast and dinner for every day, admission to all activities, and trains between cities.

Not included: Passport expenses, international phone and data plan, lunch each day, and souvenirs.

Any additional funds will go towards purchasing more activities or meals. All values are approximate and we aimed a bit high because of the fluctuating costs in many items as well as conversion rates.

Payment of \$1,200 will be due upon return to campus in the fall. The initial deposit in May will all be going towards reserving flights.

Primary Sponsor

Patrick Kearney, *IMSA Faculty*

Secondary Sponsor

Julie Dowling, *IMSA Faculty*

Pura Vida! Adventures in Costa Rica

Do you like adventure? Do you like beautiful scenery? If so, this is the travel course for you! On this trip you can expect to: zip line through the cloud forest canopy, hike a beautiful volcano, go river tubing, trek through the tropical rain forest, take a dip in natural hot springs, and so much more! On top of that you'll get the opportunity to learn about tropical ecology, see magical creatures, and immerse yourself in Costa Rican culture.



INTERNATIONAL

Primary Travel Destination(s)
Costa Rica

Tentative Travel Dates

January 7-15, 2025

Prerequisites

No prerequisites.

Student Program Fee

\$3,700, includes airfare

Primary Sponsor

Dr. Brian Trainor, *IMSA Faculty*

Secondary Sponsors

Dr. Marta Kaluza, *IMSA ABS Faculty*

Discover South Korea

As you make your way from South Korea's metropolitan capital to its picturesque seaside villages, you'll find that tradition blends into modern-day culture around every turn. See how bustling downtowns like Myeongdong in Seoul and BIFF Square in Busan balance ancient temples and artifacts from the Silla kingdom in Gyeongju.



INTERNATIONAL

Primary Travel Destination(s)

South Korea: Seoul, Busan, Gyeongju

Tentative Travel Dates

June 12 - 20, 2025

Prerequisites

No prerequisites.

Student Program Fee

Not more than \$6,029. (Price may be lowered dependent upon enrollment totals.)

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Facilitated in partnership with Education First (EF) educational tours, including full-time tour director. Specific IMSA representatives will be determined by end of Quarter 1 in Fall semester.

NOTES



APPLICATION



**TERMS AND
CONDITIONS**

QUESTIONS





Lastly, if you have questions about a specific Travel Study program, please contact the listed faculty sponsors. If you have general questions about Travel Study, please contact the Principal's Office at prinoffc@imsa.edu.



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