



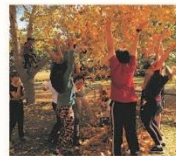
# Travel studies

The CFIS travel studies program supports students to be active global citizens. Destinations are carefully chosen to be safe, to enable students to practice French and Spanish, and to apply and enrich CFIS's science, history and cultural studies curricula. Personal independence flourishes and participation in the CFIS travel studies program is key to developing graduates who feel confident navigating diverse cultures, interacting in multiple languages, leading within their community and making a difference at home and abroad as citizens of the world.



**The CFIS travel studies program develops life-long international connections and nurtures independence, leadership, fluency and cultural understanding for our students—essential skills for global citizens.**

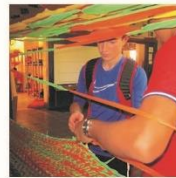
The CFIS travel studies program is one way our students put their knowledge and fluency in three languages into action. Leadership skills and interpersonal relationships are nurtured, and fluency in French and Spanish is fostered alongside cultural understanding and appreciation. Our enriched curriculum comes alive as students visit historical sites, study tropical ecosystems at work, care for local animals, build schools and interact with people from diverse cultures. CFIS's travel studies program is carefully planned and supported by faculty leaders and experts in student global travel and humanitarian work such as Me to We.



In Grade 7, the trip focuses on developing a caring, safe learning environment through team building and broadening students' comfort zones and aptitude for leadership. Activities link with the health and social studies curriculum, and focus on taking initiative, leading humanitarian projects and problem solving.



Grade 8 programming builds confidence in French fluency through immersion in French language and culture. Everything students have learned in Canadian history comes alive alongside modern Francophone culture, music and food. Students experience, some for the first time, the incredible culture and language they are a part of as French speakers.



In Grade 9, students venture further afield to engage with the culture, people and ecosystems of South and Central America. Before completing their Spanish DELE and Diploma Exams in Grade 10, students have a chance to be immersed in Hispanic language, culture and food. Students make a difference restoring ecosystems and supporting local communities through humanitarian work.



Senior high opens a world of possibilities for travel and language studies as the experience, leadership and independence fostered as younger students expands in the important senior high years.

Travel studies destinations for our Grade 10 to 12 students have included southeast Asia, western and eastern Europe and South America. Trip itineraries continue to be purposeful, focused on enriching classroom learning and deepening the cultural and language fluency of each student. In 2016, university tours to destinations in western, central and eastern Canada were added.

