



College Travel Study

January and May terms · spring and summer breaks · any occasion

custom-created exploration travel for college groups of any size

Hand-Crafted . . . on demand.



student group in Padua, Italy (having taken the regional train from Venice for the day)

Explore Up Close, LLC, at a glance

EUC is a family business, started by Chumley Cope in 2004. Chumley grew up in a family curious about “what lay beyond the next ridge” and honed this interest in exploration through his own travels and active pursuits on five continents. Chumley uses this sense of adventure, a keen interest in collaboration, and his knowledge of *the map* to custom-design travel for college and university groups searching for meaningful, beneath-the-surface travel.

Features of EUC travel include the use of local guides for in-depth knowledge of local history and culture; an interest in authentic local dining, family-owned hotels, and getting around like the locals. We value art and music presentations and events, and cultural gems that are off the beaten tourist track. We encourage active engagement of “place,” and physical activity (walking, hiking, cycling, etc.) for fun, health, and a different perspective.



Services

Explore Up Close *hand-crafts* each and every travel project to the precise specifications of professors / travel leaders. EUC can create detailed travel itineraries from the most basic idea or request . . . or from the most thorough and precise. EUC can also make all arrangements for self-guided travel (for select itineraries).

Make it easy on you: EUC can do all the travel work, while you do what you do.

Where to? The possibilities are . . .

Name your request – nothing is out of the ordinary. Recent requests include:

“I want my students to follow Mendelssohn’s 1830 Grand Tour of Italy, using his letters home as the blueprint for the itinerary . . . ”

“It’s a biology trip to Central America. We want to explore rivers and forests – and avoid busloads of American tourists.”

“Our theme is Appalachia, and I want my students to take a series of field trips – both day-trips and overnights. Do you have some ideas?”



“I want the students to see Egypt . . . to learn something about antiquity, but also about Egypt’s modern history.”

“Spain for spring break . . . Madrid and Sevilla, plus a couple of days on the beach somewhere.”

Explore Up Close recognizes that student travelers make some of their favorite and most profound discoveries when they have free time to explore on their own.

What people say:

“I thought the planning was perfect: we were active, but we weren’t too rushed; we felt like explorers, not ‘tourists.’

Since the hotels were so centrally located, our students could explore the old city in their own small groups whenever they had some ‘down time.’ They would quickly discover their favorite cafés, plazas, and boutiques, and



thoroughly soaked up ‘just being there.’ It was an all-around great experience and I would highly recommend EUC to anyone.”

Zig Reichwald, Converse College {veteran of EUC interim term trips to Italy and Argentina}

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