



Hand-Crafted Exploration Travel . . . for school groups of any size

All About Student Exploration Travel

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 and his experience as a classroom teacher to custom-design travel for groups searching for meaningful, beneath-the-surface travel.

Explore Up Close specializes in travel to major U.S. student destinations, itineraries in the southeastern U.S., and international student travel.

Services

Explore Up Close *hand-crafts* each and every travel proposal to fit the particular student group, or the precise specifications of the trip leader(s). EUC can create detailed travel itineraries from the most basic and simple idea or request . . . or from the most thorough and precise.

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

Other services and features include:



- custom-created trip ideas and itineraries
- all trip arrangements and guiding
- all arrangements for self-guided travel, for select itineraries
- **the inclusion of trip insurance in every quote** – to protect against student illness, family emergency, and travel delays, postponements, and interruptions

The Popular Trips – New York, Washington, DC, Orlando, and Boston!

Popular – yes . . . and for a reason. Lots to offer, including famously important stories and culture that are part of America's “big picture.”

New York

New York City offers a distinctive slice of American culture – so engaging to southern visitors. Explore America’s historical finance and trade kingpin, arts leader, and most visible and symbolic city. Highlights and features can include:

- *signature* New York: Broadway shows; local eateries; street vendors; the subway
- an emphasis on walking the city like the natives – to experience the *vibe* on the street, and to see the *vertical city*; favorite walking tours: Central Park; Grand Army Plaza to Grand Central Station; Chelsea and the High Line; Harlem; Lower Manhattan to Chinatown (and the Brooklyn Bridge)
- historical background on *how the city was built; how it expanded; and how it works today*: economics; architecture; social history; and logistics
- visits to iconic parts of the city: Central Park; Times Square; Fifth Avenue; China Town/Little Italy; the Financial District/Ground Zero; Greenwich Village
- hotel options: in Manhattan; or an easy commute away in New Jersey
- themed visits: art and music history; city and national history; social history
- the ability to work with your budget



Washington, D.C.

Explore our nation's political nerve-center, and showcase of museums and memorials. Customized trip options include:

- Washington's best: Arlington Cemetery; Capitol Hill; the national mall – museums and monuments; the metro; the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; a Potomac River cruise; Embassy Row and the National Cathedral; Georgetown
- visits with Washington insiders: politicians, lobbyists, and humanitarian organizations
- visits to the National Capitol and Congressional offices
- the monuments, memorials, and what they symbolize
- hotel options in the city (close to the national mall; or a short metro-ride away), or in the suburbs
- excellent ethnic dining opportunities
- schedules that feature the right blend of site visits and active exploration – all at the right “pace”
- special activities in Georgetown and in out-lying areas of the District and the region (including Mt. Vernon, Harper's Ferry, and Antietam Battlefield)



Boston

Let's visit Boston – a dynamic, energetic city with so much history and culture! From Downtown's Freedom Trail to the literary ferment of Concord, Lexington, and Salem; to Plimoth Plantation and the Cape . . .



Trip options/highlights can include:

- a guided walk along the Freedom Trail: Faneuil Hall, Boston Common, Quincy Markets, the Old North Church
- the Minute Man National Historical Park: Lexington Green to the North Bridge (by bicycle, anyone?)
- the homes of Louisa May Alcott, Henry David Thoreau, and Nathaniel Hawthorne
- old Salem Village and Gloucester
- *Plimouth Plantation* and a Massachusetts Bay cruise
- the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution / Martha's Vineyard

Orlando / Florida

Visit Orlando and the area parks . . . and consider including visits to historic St. Augustine, and/or the Kennedy Space Center.

Features:

- Get discounted admission tickets, meal tickets, and inside-the-park lodging, when you visit Disney using a tour operator
- combine the fun of the Orlando parks with the fun of the history and culture of other sites: historic Ybor City / Tampa; Cape Canaveral; St. Augustine
- explore nature: Sea World and Animal Kingdom in Orlando; Homosassa Springs and the Crystal River (manatees, in the winter season)

Southeast Regional Travel and Beyond

Why not track down American history, art history, nature studies and other sciences . . . right here in the Southeast? Reduce trip costs by logging fewer miles, and paying less for food and lodging. EUC's great Southeastern itineraries include:

- multi-day programs featuring Charleston, Savannah, Chattanooga, and Atlanta
- Nature Studies/Ecology/Culture in the Carolina Low Country, or Georgia/Florida
- Colonial and Revolutionary Virginia

- *The Virginia Presidential Tour*
- Nashville – Music City

Or travel outside of the Southeast:

- San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country
- San Francisco
- Puerto Rico



International Student Travel

Travel with a group of any size to any international destination.

Explore Up Close can custom-create your itinerary at a price that leaves the big cookie-cutter companies way behind. We even offer an inexpensive self-guiding option: We set up your trip completely, and call upon local guides for orientation tours and special visits. It's a great way to increase your group's sense of cultural immersion and independence.

Great destinations and features include:

- Costa Rica, Argentina, Puerto Rico
- Spain
- France
- Italy
- Greece
- Germany
- Britain and Ireland
- the right blend of on-the-go activities and down time to unwind or explore in smaller groups
- opportunities to have fun the active way: walking



and hiking; kayaking; guided expeditions and excursions

- multi-night hotel stays; a sane and well-organized trip schedule and pace
- a travel style that emphasizes local culture: foods, getting around, activities
- be your own independent group, regardless of the size

That's right – you won't be “lumped” into an amorphous group of 35 (is that a large island of noisy Americans traveling around Europe's most crowded tourist sites?)

- enjoy a fully customized itinerary
- choose to cycle on traffic-free paths for parts of your trip

EUC will customize every itinerary to your curriculum and budget needs.

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