

ROAD SCHOLAR[®]

The Road Scholar Difference

We're a university of the world - With programs across the U.S. and around the globe, Road Scholar offers the greatest collection of educational travel adventures on earth. Think of us as a university of the world. From Arizona to Antarctica, from Buenos Aires to Bangkok, from the Southern Hemisphere to the Northern Lights, each of our 5,500 educational travel adventures takes learning to a new dimension.

Focus on experiential learning - Road Scholar programs are experiential learning adventures, not travel tours. Road Scholars gain richer information than “the Eiffel Tower is 986 feet high.” The knowledge they gain during a Road Scholar experience is deep, thought-provoking and delivered by “faculty experts” on the site and/or the subject.

Not-for-profit - Road Scholar is a not-for-profit organization created for the enrichment of all older adults. We work hard to keep prices down and provide financial assistance to help offset the costs for those with financial constraints. We don't judge the success of a program by profitability alone – we may make a decision based on educational value and the experience of our participants.

Engaged and intellectually curious participants - Road Scholar programs create a vibrant learning dynamic by bringing together a cohort of voracious lifelong learners. The chemistry resulting when participants learn from one another, from the program leader and from the subject experts and locals met along the way distinguishes Road Scholar.

Camaraderie & Friendships - Whether traveling with friends, with a partner or as a solo female traveler, Road Scholars are embraced by a warm, inclusive community that bonds easily over shared interests and a love of learning.

Serving “Boomers & Beyond” - Road Scholar creates learning adventures geared to specific groups of lifelong learners, so that each demographic can embark on an unforgettable learning experience.

Insider's Perspective - Road Scholar adventures take participants inside a destination or topic to provide an authentic learning perspective. They investigate hidden aspects of cities that only the most seasoned locals know about and often explore museums and historic sites when those locations are closed to other visitors.

Passionate alumni Loyal Road Scholars feel they belong to a rich learning community and are members of a Road Scholar class (the year of their first program). They align themselves with our mission, philosophy and values. Our excellent Net Promoter Score illustrates the loyalty that our participants feel for our organization.

Value - The all-inclusive nature of our programs provides great value and encourages Road Scholars to return for other adventures. Our savvy participants recognize that they could not duplicate the value we offer on their own.

Group leaders & instructors - Road Scholars arrive on a program as strangers and leave as lifelong friends. Our group leaders help make this possible by creating a safe, inspiring and welcoming environment. Our instructors offer insights that can't be found in guidebooks. Road Scholars learn from leading experts like Nigel West, one of the world's foremost authorities on Cold War espionage, and James D'Alessandro, an accomplished author, screenwriter and filmmaker.

Customer service - Road Scholar Advisors immediately put callers at ease and make them feel that they are in the best of care. They are experts in the 5,500 learning adventures we offer.