The Road Scholar Difference

Road Scholar is America’s first and the world’s largest education and travel organization dedicated to serving baby boomers and beyond. From our modest beginnings in 1975, we have grown to offer nearly 5,500 programs throughout the United States and in more than 150 countries around the globe. The world is our classroom and we anticipate that almost 100,000 participants will join us this year on educational adventures.

The core of Road Scholar is the academic integrity of our program content and the unmatched value of our all-inclusive pricing. Over the years, others have come on the scene offering tours designed to look like Road Scholar, but none match the depth of the Road Scholar educational experience or our exceptional value. All Road Scholar programs include:

- Informative lectures by leaders in their field;
- Course-related field trips with special “behind-the-scenes” access
- Excursions to significant local attractions – all included in your program cost. Road Scholar does not permit selling “optional tours” at an extra cost to our participants;
- Enrichment activities such as cultural events and performances;
- Accommodations, usually in comfortable hotels, conference centers and inns;
- All Meals, except where specifically noted. Some programs in areas with exceptional dining options exclude a small number of meals from the program cost so that our participants can explore local restaurants on their own; these exceptions, however, are noted “up front” in our program description – there are no hidden costs;
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program;
- A Group Leader to accompany you through the program to handle all logistics;
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees;
- The Road Scholar Emergency and Travel Assistance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies.

When you add up all the elements that are standard on our programs, Road Scholar is measurably the best value for people who want more than a vacation. As a non-profit educational travel organization, Road Scholar provides opportunities to learn as you explore the world, whether near to home or far away.