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About Ed-Ventures

Over 100 years of experience

Ed-Ventures has been in business for over 30 years. Our staff has over 100 years of collective experience and has organized over 1,000 tours to international destinations across the globe and on five continents.

Ed-Ventures customizes each tour

Tell us where you want to go, what your special interest is, how long you want to be away, etc, and we will tailor the trip to your specifications. Our tours range from low-budget student tours to five-star first class tours and everything in between.

Multilingual staff

French, German, Spanish and English are spoken fluently in our office. Other languages are spoken at a functional level.

Expertise to arrange tours anywhere in the world

Collectively, our staff has covered most of the globe many times over. Not only that, but members of our staff have resided abroad in places as varied as Central America, China, Germany, Honduras, India, Mexico, the Middle East, New Zealand, Spain and Sri Lanka.

Membership in the National Tour Association

NTA membership requires adherence to strict guidelines and standards. Ed-Ventures is covered by a Professional Liability and Errors and Omissions policy as established by the association. The association also opens us up to partners in regions of the world with which we do not have firsthand experience.

Our tour price reflects the true price

Our tours are almost always all-inclusive. We include the price of all accommodation, transportation, sightseeing/admissions, tour guides, taxes/fees and most meals. We don't believe in surprising our clients with unexpected additional expenses while on tour.



**The world is like a book
...and those who do not
travel read only a page!**

Mark Twain

Services

Tour Coordinator/Sales Representative

Our tour coordinators and sales representatives will work with you to determine where to go, what to see, how long to be there and how much to spend. If you're just getting started and need ideas in deciding where to go, we can supply you with brochures and sample itineraries to help you. Your tour coordinator will work with your group every step of the way—until you're back home at the conclusion of your tour.

Airfare Specialist

Our airfare specialists work with airfare consolidators and the airlines to secure the lowest airfare possible.

Graphic Designer

Our graphic designer will design a customized brochure and registration form for your tour to be given to all interested parties. We routinely advertise our tours in local newspapers and other publications.

Billing Department

Our billing department will receive all registration forms, deposits and payments. Tour participants will be billed according to the agreed upon payment schedule.

Assistance with Informational and/or Pre-Tour Orientation Meetings

If you would like to host an informational meeting for potential members of your group, and/or a Pre-Tour Orientation Meeting, Ed-Ventures staff will provide an informative and visual presentation on the tour and be available to answer any questions.

Assistance in Partnering with Other Groups

Sometimes a group is too small to form a workable group tour. Ed-Ventures can help you in "partnering" with another small group interested in travelling to the same destination.

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Statement of Philosophy



Larry Larsen, CEO

It is the overriding philosophy of Ed-Ventures, Inc., to offer programs of high quality, acquaint the traveler with people, cultures and history of the countries visited and to instill in the traveler the desire to continue learning about peoples and cultures of the world.

It is our desire that the traveler returns home from a stress-free tour, enriched by the experience, having made new friends abroad, and ready to travel again. To that end the staff at Ed-Ventures will go the extra mile to ensure each tour is a success.

Partnering

The per person cost of a tour comes down with more participants. It costs the same amount to hire a tour bus regardless of whether it is full of people, or half full. *Partnering* involves matching up two small groups who on their own would not form a viable tour group. Ed-Ventures can help you find a group to partner with.

Hub and Spoke Tours

A Hub and Spoke Tour is one where accommodation is kept at one location for several nights and day trips and excursions are taken from there. This reduces some of the constant packing up and unpacking that traditional tours can require.

Special Interest Tours

Ed-Ventures specializes in special interest tours throughout the world. Many of these have taken the form of performance groups. We have arranged international trips for community, elementary school, high school and university musical groups. Other groups have been arranged with a specific business or field of expertise interest in mind.

Educational Tours

Ed-Ventures has several former educators on staff. We work with educational institutions to provide student tours ranging from the casual Spring Break trip to the for-credit academic tour.

Testimonials

AN ALPINE ADVENTURE

"A short note to tell you how wonderful our trip to the Alpine Countries was. That part of Europe is absolutely spectacular, full of history, beautiful scenery, castles, museums and of course meeting people from another part of the world is always fascinating. Our group was wonderful in every way, considerate of each other, happy, friendly and fun loving. Alan Hargreaves, our escort was knowledgeable, knew the countries well and spoke German fluently which all added to the ease and enjoyment of traveling. He was considerate of each and every one of us, always available to answer questions or help us in whatever way he could. I would rank him at the top among escorts we've had in the past." ...Esther Flodin, Bloomington Travel Group

THE BEST OF NORWAY

"We recently completed a thirteen day trip to Norway that your company helped set up. Everything about the trip was fantastic. We want you to know that we are highly recommending you to all who we share about our trip." ...John & Anita Aamot

SCANDINAVIA

"You guys do Scandinavia better than anyone! If we do it again, it will be with you." ...Joanne Gardner

A NURSING GROUP TO EUROPE

"As I mentioned earlier, the health-care and business visits planned were the best Ed-Ventures has done yet. You seem to have a habit of exceeding our expectations. The visit to the Hospital Robert Debre was the piece de resistance! They welcomed us warmly, had prepared extremely well for us, took us very seriously, and treated us like professionals. The talk, the tour of pediatric and radiologic areas, the Q & A with a half-dozen nurses and administrators were first rate. Everyone loved this visit. Whoever set this one up deserves a raise..." Pat Brennan, Ph D, General Education, Clarkson College

CLINICAL OTOLOGICAL RESEARCH TEAM TRIP TO FINLAND

"I would like to send a final word of thanks for all of your help (and patience) in arranging the trip to Finland for our Otolologic Research Team. I truly appreciate your professionalism and your endless help. Please pass this message on to the entire team who assisted Dr. McElveen's secretary, Deb Kennedy, and myself through countless phone calls and e-mails regarding itinerary changes, questions, etc. We truly appreciate you! THANKS! ...Angela M. Eisenhardt, CME Director, Carolina Ear Research Institute

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MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS

"As parents of one of the MST students that you chaperoned to Honduras recently, we would like to extend our sincerest 'Thank You.' The trip was well organized and planned. The agendas, contacts and information packets were awesome. You and your staff should be proud of the quality of work you do in providing such an awesome experience for our youth...Brenda said that she could not have imagined the trip without your assistance and guidance."...Darron and Judy Judes

MISSION TRIP TO COSTA RICA

"Greetings to all, especially to our faithful shepherd, Paul—just wanted to say “muchas gracias” to all of you for a fantastic trip. The work project and mission experience was so much more than we could ever have dreamed. This was truly life changing for each of us.

And then we had the opportunity to see the beauty of this wonderful country through the eyes of an enthusiastic student and an enthusiastic and experienced bus driver. We had the opportunity to add things to the trip, and to be more flexible with our tour. What you do in terms of tours is very unique, and very much appreciated by our group. Thank you so much” ...Janet Wilcox

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TOUR

"We thank you for your dedication, hard work and excellent planning for our World War I & II Memorial Tour. All your skills made it a grand tour!" ...Ed & Edna Gutman

CENTRAL EUROPE WALKING CLUBS

"Thank you for a wonderful trip!! This has been an experience surpassing all our expectations. Your knowledge of the history of the areas we visited greatly enriched our experience."...Will and Jane Raudabaugh

BRITISH ISLES TOUR

"What an organization! Thanks for taking care of us on a most memorable trip!"...Carol & Don Wahl

ALASKA

"Our special thanks for organizing our recent Alaska trip. We will have so many wonderful memories of this dream come true vacation. We also really enjoyed meeting and getting to know our travel group. Each day was so well organized and a pace we liked. It's now fun to share our experiences with others who have been to Alaska—and I think we had the best!" ...Mark & Mary Kindseth

ITALY

"I want to thank Ed-Ventures for all the work you must put into planning and organizing your tours. The recent tour that I took with your group was fantastic. The guides were very knowledgeable, I especially loved the family-run hotels, the meals were wonderful. I so enjoyed Venice and our ride on the Grand Canal, the boat and train rides to Cinque Terre, the hills of Tuscany, the art museums in Florence, the medieval walled cities, and of course wonderful Rome. I want to let you know what a great job your company does, and that I will certainly be traveling with you again."...Carol Voss

