



Travel Smart: Tips for Your Trip



Money



If you find yourself wondering “What should I do about spending money?” don’t worry. We’ve got you covered! We created these tips with you in mind!

How much money should I send?

With World Classrooms – unlike most other student travel companies – your tour price is all-inclusive, meaning from the time you land at your destination until you return, ALL of your student’s meals are covered. Since all necessary costs are covered, extra money is only needed for souvenirs and incidentals like a Starbucks stop! We generally suggest \$25 to \$30 per day.

What about traveling to/from the tour destination?

Be prepared to send a sack lunch or extra money with your student for a quick meal while on the road to/from your destination. Meals in transit are not generally covered. Your group leader will be able to provide you with more specific information at your departure meeting.

How should I send money?

A pre-loaded credit card or a debit card is a great way to safely send the money with your student. We also recommend bringing some cash along just in case it is needed. Some cards will charge an ATM withdrawal fee, so be sure to check for free withdrawal places and educate your son/daughter on keeping cash withdrawals to a minimum. Also, many card programs include emergency cash or replacement card services in case of loss or theft, so be sure you know how to contact the company in the unlikely event that something happens.

Where should my student keep his/her money?

The best travelers always divide and keep their money in separate locations. Don’t carry all of your cash on you – take only what you think you will need for the day and leave the

rest safely locked in your suitcase or in a room safe at the hotel. Even when you are out sightseeing, keep some money securely in a front pocket and other money in a more difficult to reach location, such as safely zipped into an inner pocket in your purse or backpack. While not common, to avoid pickpockets, it is good practice to always hold your bag close in crowded public places and keep it in front of your body.

What’s a budget?

Travel affords students opportunities for learning on a number of different fronts, and how to make a budget is one of them! Before departure day, take some time to go over money. Talk about the total amount your student is bringing and divide that into dollars per day. As you explain setting daily limits and stopping to consider the price before making a purchase, your student will grow in understanding foundational principles for managing personal finances.

How can I prevent overspending?

In addition to setting a budget, it is a good idea to think ahead of time about how many souvenirs you will want to purchase and budget accordingly. Did grandparents help fund your trip? If so, bring them back a thank you gift from your travels. Will you be spending several days in one city? It is a good idea to check out what’s available, but if possible delay purchasing your souvenirs until close to the last day when you can determine which ones you really do want.

What about tips?

Most tour companies ask for tip money after signing up, but with World Classrooms, all gratuities for your drivers, guides and Tour Director are included in your tour package!