# How to get started

To get started with this non-formal activity the first thing to do is to know “your audience”.

The teacher selects the places to visit according to the students’ interests and according to her/his personal aptitude and knowledge.

The teachers in our school that organize cultural visits know very well and love the places that they plan to share with their students.

As everything in life, it turns out very well if your are passionate about what you share.

The activity is discussed and communicated to the students by the teacher during class.

The activities are usually free of charge for the students and participation friends and family is also encouraged.

**Outdoor visits**

In some cases, for the outdoor visits not a lot of planning is necessary.

For instance if you just plan to visit the fruit and veg market, just know the opening and closing hours.

The same happens if you visit some areas where you want to show some monuments and/or some typical shops.

Study your itinerary ahead, have an historical background of what you are showing and some curiosities related to the place.

**Museums and exhibitions.**

If there is an exhibition you would like your students to see, the teacher will organize it ahead making a reservation in order to have a guide and making sure that the guide knows that the students are learning the language so that he/she can use a simpler vocabulary.

**In class**

***Before the visit***: the teacher explains what they are going to do and to see and according to the activity gives (or it becomes a chance to use) specific vocabulary that they are going to use or have learned.

***After the visit***: comments and communication is encouraged after the visit. It also becomes a moment to socialize and to share pictures taken during the activity.