



**THE OLDEST PUBLIC MUSEUMS** opened in Rome during the Renaissance, starting with the Capitoline, the oldest of them all, in 1471. I recently explored a “new kid” on the museum block—the Acropolis Museum, in the shadow of the Parthenon. This beautiful glass museum tells the story of *all* museums—specifically, the way collections of artifacts mysteriously end up miles from where they started, in places like London and Paris.

The “scandal” of the Acropolis Museum is still a hot topic: Plaster-cast replicas of the Parthenon marbles are displayed in place of the originals, which were spirited away by Lord Elgin in the 19th century and sit a thousand miles away in the British Museum. Even Lord Byron took issue and wrote a poem of protest. It seems a shame that some kind of reconciliation couldn’t be achieved, but therein lies the problem with museums. More or less everything came from somewhere else and most of the time there was a

shady deal. You could say it’s a reflection of history in general—intrigue, treason and plot! It’s one of the many reasons I love to travel: You learn something new every time.

See you out there somewhere!

*Peter Jones*

Peter Jones  
ACIS President



# Eye-opening

## LIFE-CHANGING

## seriously fun educational travel

Maybe it’s stepping outside your hotel and realizing you’re steps away from an ancient Roman ruin. Perhaps it’s being up to your elbows in fresh dough as you try to make the perfect baguette. Or laughing your way through twisting cobblestone streets on a “Culture Quest” scavenger hunt.

At ACIS, we believe the most rewarding part of travel is the “wow” moments—the ones that stay with you for a lifetime. Every aspect of the trips we offer is designed to make those moments possible. Ready? **Let’s go.**





We get it right.  
You get the

*experience of a lifetime!*

>>> Traveling with ACIS means traveling with confidence, knowing we've taken care of every last detail. And when you feel confident, you and your students are free to dive in and enjoy every exciting, educational minute.



#### STRAIGHT-A SERVICE

Our U.S.-based international program consultants will help you choose the perfect itinerary, customize it to fit your educational goals, and get your students on board. As for the logistics—that's their job, not yours.



#### HOTELS IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL

We'd never waste your time on long bus rides from your hotel like some companies do. You'll stay in 3- and 4-star, centrally located hotels minutes away from the sights.



#### THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST TOUR MANAGERS

Knowledgeable, enthusiastic and energetic, our tour managers are experts at integrating learning and fun. And if for any reason you're not satisfied at any point on your trip, they'll bend over backward to make it right.



#### UNFORGETTABLE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Our signature Cultural Connections are built into every trip: immersive, hands-on experiences that offer a true window into the people and culture. For many students, they're the highlight of the trip.



#### REAL MEALS

We choose quality, authentic restaurants where you get a real taste of the local cuisine. Fast food and cafeteria-style hotel meals are *not* on the menu with ACIS.



#### MORE INCLUSIONS

Timed entrances to popular museums, excursions to significant historical sites, Cultural Connections—with ACIS, students pay less out of pocket and get more out of their trip.

### THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE DETAILS

"Small" details can make the difference between a so-so trip and a knock-your-socks-off experience. Before you choose a tour company, be sure to ask:

- > How far are the hotels from the sights?
- > Will we have a tour manager who is a partner in education—not just a tour guide?
- > Which meals, attractions and excursions are included in the price?
- > What happens if there's a problem, or I'm not satisfied?

If you're not happy with the answers, think hard before you sign on the line.

For a complete checklist of factors to consider when choosing an educational travel company—and how ACIS delivers—visit [info.acis.com/checklist](http://info.acis.com/checklist)





“Best 10 days  
of my life!”

— Kimberly Naiker, Participant

>>> Year after year, ACIS earns rave reviews from group leaders and students alike. In 2012, 98% of group leaders rated their tour good to excellent. And 77% of them plan to travel with ACIS again. But their words say much more than the numbers ever can.



“Even other  
travel companies  
*bow their heads*  
when I tell them  
I travel with ACIS!”

— Janet Castro, Group Leader, California

“ACIS uses the most  
*experienced tour guides*,  
the most *central hotels*, and the most  
*creative itineraries* to give  
the best tours that money can buy.  
I have experienced some of my greatest  
teaching moments while on ACIS tours.”

— Pamela Meier, Group Leader, Minnesota

“ACIS is, hands down,  
*the best of the best.*  
I wouldn't trust my students to anyone else.”

— Jim Minor, Group Leader, Florida

“ACIS makes traveling  
with students so easy.

From day one, they're there to help you plan  
your trip and are always available to answer  
your questions, no matter how small.”

— Danica Attanasio, Group Leader, Maryland

“ACIS has always provided the most  
*thoughtful, thorough and  
conscientious support,*

from the moment a tour is selected  
until after our return.”

— Nicole Naditz, Group Leader, California

“ACIS Tour Managers are organized,  
knowledgeable and flexible—  
they're simply *bursting with energy*  
and information.”

— Peggy Kinney McHugh, Group Leader, Pennsylvania

“I can't imagine taking a trip with  
high school students unless  
*ACIS had our backs!*”

— Burgi Antezana, Group Leader, Washington

## THE ACIS SERVICE GUARANTEE

We think you'll love your trip with ACIS. But if for any reason you don't think it rates "good" or "excellent," we'll invite you as our guest to our next Global Conference in London. We'll also give you a \$1,000 scholarship for your next ACIS tour. No questions asked and no strings attached.



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## 3 Easy Steps to Planning Your ACIS Trip

### 1 MEET YOUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CONSULTANT.

Call us at 800-888-ACIS and we'll assign you an expert international program consultant, who will help you choose and customize a trip and guide you through the planning process.

### 2 GET THE WORD OUT AND GROW YOUR GROUP.

We'll provide you with marketing and communications tools plus proven strategies for winning school board approval, informing parents and recruiting students for your trip.

### 3 PACK YOUR BAGS AND GO!

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