

EARTH EXPLORE

ECO ADVENTURES TO
PLANET EARTH
SINCE 1995

Glaciers/Waterfalls/
Wildlife Safaris/Geysers/
Sequoia Groves/Humpback
Whales/Archaeology/
Coral Reefs/Cultural
Treasures/Raft Adventures/
Kayak Journeys/Snorkel
Discovery/
Volcano Investigations/

**EXPERIENCE THE
EXTRAORDINARY**
2009-2010 PROGRAMS

**Outdoor & Environmental
Education**
from the not for profit
Earth Explore Foundation

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It was a wonderful and exciting
experience!
Lianna Simmonds



STEP OUT WITH US.

THE WORLD AWAITS YOU.

It's never been more important to understand Planet Earth.

As the nation's foremost educational program combining nature, culture and the environment, Earth Explore Adventures has taken thousands of students and teachers on memorable journeys into the natural world, unlocking the mysteries of the planet, and revealing our connections to the world outside our doors.

Earth Explore is big time adventure, in truly remarkable places. It's an opportunity for incredible learning and growth. We see and do amazing things, while expanding our understanding and appreciation of the planet we call home.

"It was one of life's highlight experiences! Earth Explore's commitment to excellence provided a program where wonders of the world were discovered by students under the direction of experts. Fantastic!"

Sandy Mansfield, WA Teacher



Our students are led by their own teachers, from their own schools. The adventure and learning that takes place fuels lifelong friendships, and often inspires new interests that carry well into the future. Importantly, all of our Adventures provide students with opportunities for academic credit, and service learning hours.



LEARNING HAS A WHOLE NEW LOOK.

IT'S CALLED THE REAL WORLD.



At Earth Explore we believe there is magic in learning hands-on. We also believe that the most beautiful places on Planet Earth, are also the finest places to discover it.

Humpbacks, Alaska

"This is such an amazing program, one in which we were honored to have been selected to participate. Earth Explore exceeded my son's expectations. Robert has more confidence and the amount of learning experiences was amazing."

Kim & Ray Hall



"She loved it! She can't stop talking about her adventures. Leann had an educational experience that will follow her throughout her adult years. This is an excellent experience and adventure for any child."

Ross and Karen Morehead

AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME
SHOULD PROVIDE THRILLS, LEARNING,
AND INSPIRATION.

With Earth Explore you dive in with all of your senses, actively exploring the earth's most amazing places. You learn about history, culture and science. And in the process discover how the world works, and how extraordinary our planet can be.

"This trip is something he will never forget. He is more confident and comfortable with being on his own. He was thrilled with the entire experience and wants to go again."

Peter and Lori Boice



"Thank you so much for letting my daughter be a part of this experience. She has memories that will last her a lifetime!! Amazing!"

Wendy Sweeney

OUR JOURNEYS BRING REWARDS.

THAT LAST.

You care about our planet. So do we. That's why we created our Adventures to Planet Earth. Because it's not only cool to care, but important to get out there and discover all that makes our world so special. You'll make lots of friends, have unbelievable experiences, and return with new knowledge and interests.



"I would absolutely recommend the program. It was such a positive educational and social opportunity of a lifetime at a young age. Responsible behavior was expected and it was an awesome group of kids."

Marilee and Jeff Lindahl

PEACE OF MIND FOR PARENTS

Earth Explore and the Earth Explore Foundation maintain a comprehensive commitment to safety and educational excellence.

This commitment is reflected in everything we do.

Adult Leadership

Our Leaders are classroom teachers that parents already know and respect. Confidence begins on day one.

24 Hour Staffing

During the travel season, Earth Explore maintains 24 hour staffing, insuring that any contingency that may arise is handled quickly and efficiently.

Pre-Travel Preparation

Unlike other programs, Earth Explore participants take part in a series of preparation session meetings stressing safety, team building and travel skills.

Travel Managers

Our Travel Managers handle all on-site logistics and travel details. Teachers are focused solely on their students.

Adult to Student Ratio

Earth Explore maintains the lowest adult to student ratio of any similar program in the nation. Our ratio averages 1 to 6 during travel.

Exclusive Partners

The not for profit Earth Explore Foundation allows exclusive access to the finest partners, and the most rewarding and educational activities for our students.

"This program encompasses all things that I would wish or hope for any young person. The students really seemed to build their confidence, independence and knowledge base. We had a great time!"

Alina Henniger, VA Teacher

EXPERIENCE AN EARTH EXPLORE ADVENTURE.

How to get going in three easy steps!

Step One: Fill out a Student Application, and give it to your teacher. Or simply apply online. You can also invite a friend or sibling to participate.

Step Two: Visit earthexplore.com and look around! Print important information, like your program newsletter, academic credit course, and fundraising information. And check out our pictures and videos of students in action.

Step Three: Attend your upcoming group meetings with your teacher and meet your fellow Earth Explore travelers.

THE EE FOUNDATION. MISSION-BASED SETS US APART

The not for profit Earth Explore Educational Foundation is at the center of our amazing adventures. The Foundation's mission is to encourage and make possible educationally enriching study in the outdoor classroom. We know that what touches the hand reaches the mind in a way that can't be duplicated. Our Foundation's access to exclusive partners and activities assures each student an unforgettable and rewarding Adventure to Planet Earth.

CREDIT? OF COURSE

Earth Explore programs are highly educational, and every one of our adventures qualifies for academic credit for both students and teachers. This guarantees that you are choosing not only a fun adventure, but the finest learning experience possible.

EXPERIENCE AND MORE

Earth Explore has been immersing students and teachers in educational outdoor adventure for more than a decade. Safety is our top priority. Our teachers are principal-recommended, and our students adhere to a set of guidelines that insure safe, rewarding experiences, time after time.

TEAM BASED SUPPORT

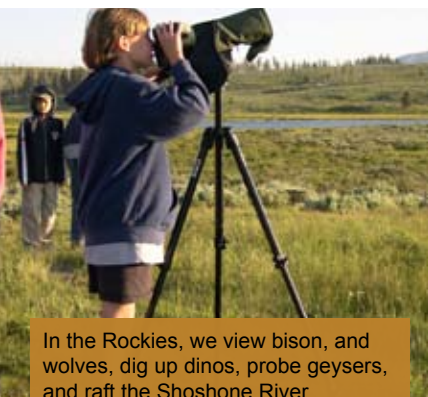
Earth Explore provides an Education Coordinator, Logistics Manager and onsite Travel Manager. This means that every step of the way our groups are supported by professional, highly competent travel experts, with years of educational and logistics experience.



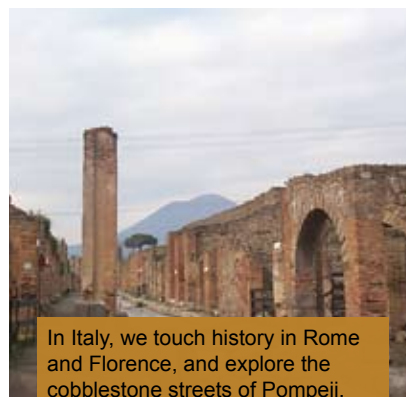
On Hawaii's Big Island, we probe coral reefs, explore the mysteries of Kilauea volcano, and discover Hawaiian culture.



In Alaska we touch glaciers, ride the Alaska Railroad, and view grizzly with experts in Denali Park.



In the Rockies, we view bison, and wolves, dig up dinos, probe geysers, and raft the Shoshone River.



In Italy, we touch history in Rome and Florence, and explore the cobblestone streets of Pompeii.

BIG ISLAND ADVENTURE

Hawaii's Big Island is unique. A tropical paradise full of science and cultural discoveries. Hosted by the University of Hawaii, we journey to ancient temples to learn how Hawaiians once lived, snorkel coral reefs to explore climate change, and visit the world's most active volcano, Kilauea. We step into the rainforest to explore its amazing plants and animals, and gaze at the highest waterfall in the Pacific. And we come to understand one of the most beautiful and fragile places on Planet Earth.

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY ON HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND TRAVEL ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrival Hilo

Depart gateway city. Arrive Hilo, Hawaii. Lei greeting on arrival, then transfer to University of Hawaii for check-in at the Hale Kehau dorms. Dinner at the Hale Kehau Cafeteria, followed by evening orientation. Introduction of University staff, and discussion of schedule.

Day 2 Hilo-Marine Science

Orientation on near shore marine species, then transfer to Onekahakaha Beach Park for hands-on activity in natural lava lagoon. Discussion of tidepool ecosystems. Following lunch, transfer to Richardson's Ocean Park/Marine Center for program on marine ecology, and outrigger canoeing at the Hilo Bay Canoe Shack, with the University Canoe Club. This evening we have a geology orientation in preparation for visiting Kilauea.

Day 3 Hilo-Hawaii Volcanoes

Morning departure for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Stops at Kilauea Visitor Center and Volcano Observatory, followed by a hike into the fern forest. Exploration of volcanic formations including lava fields, fumaroles, and lava trees. At Nahuku Lava Tubes we will walk through an underground lava tube. Afternoon visit to Mauna Ulu Cinder Cones. Evening introduction to Hula, with instruction from a Kumu Hula, or master Hula teacher.

Day 4 Hilo-Astronomy and Kupuna Activities

Hands-on program at the fabulous new 'Imiloa Astronomy Center for a look at constellations, and how native Polynesians used the stars in navigation. Later today we visit the Ke Ola No Na Kupuna Center, for an amazing few hours with Hawaiian kupuna, or elders.



Day 5 Akaka Falls and Rainforests-Kona

Today we depart Hilo, headed for Kona. On the way we enter the rainforest at Akaka Falls for an amazing look at this rainforest preserve. On a jungle trail we discover exotic plants and animals, and view Akaka Falls, at 400 feet the highest in all the Islands. In the afternoon we arrive at Haupuna Beach for fun in the sun and swimming. Late afternoon arrival and check-in at Kona.

Day 6 Kona-Coral Reef Adventure

Transfer to Fair Wind catamaran on Keauhou Bay for reef snorkeling adventure. Explore rich and colorful reef ecosystems of Kealakekua Bay Marine Park. The catamaran has a waterslide and view boxes and we enjoy breakfast and lunch on board. In the afternoon we return to the hotel to prepare for our exciting Island Luau.

Day 7 The Place of Refuge-Hilo

Morning visit to famous Pu'uhonua O Honaunau, or Place of Refuge, a temple and sanctuary in traditional Hawaiian culture. Program on Hawaiian royalty, history and culture. Viewing of sea turtles. This afternoon we return to Hilo with stops enroute. Check in at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Day 8 Return Home

Morning activities in Hilo may include a visit to the Pacific Tsunami Museum and famous Rainbow Falls before we catch our flights home.

Activities and the order in which they occur may vary from those proposed due to travel dates or local scheduling. Please refer to detailed schedule issued in May.

8 Day Adventure Program
\$2395 plus airfare
June departures

TRUSTED ORGANIZATION

Since 1995, Earth Explore has provided programs that are educational, fun, and life-changing. We partner with world-renowned outdoor education organizations. Our programs have earned praise from public and independent school teachers, parents and students alike.

STRUCTURE & SUPPORT

Our staff are educators, and we understand the needs of teachers. We provide fully structured pre-departure materials, as well as unparalleled 24 hour support in the field.

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY

Our experiential cross-disciplinary approach means the learning goes deep. Our programs are based on National Education Standards and use adventure to insure students are engaged, excited and learning with all of their senses.

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