

# 30 Places to Explore



**1** Normandy Beaches

"I couldn't believe I was calmly standing where so many soldiers had risked their lives on D-Day." - **Madeline Bonds** (11)



**2** Japanese Host Family

"We got to stay in a Japanese home with a host family! I am still communicating with my host family today!" - **Anna Kate Hamilton** (11)



**3** Asheville, NC

"The Biltmore House was gigantic and so much fun to visit." - **Caroline Upchurch** (11)



**4** Peru

"Feeding the homeless and doing evangelism in Peru." - **Claudia Moore** (10)



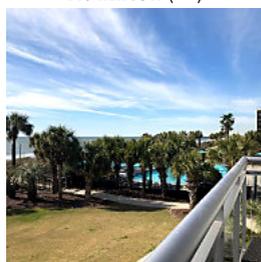
**5** US Capitol

"I'd never seen it in person, and I like big things." - **Luke Finney** (6)



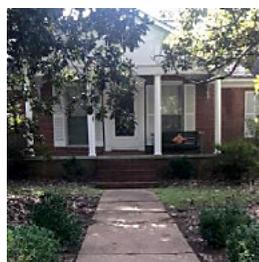
**11** Eiffel Tower

"The most interesting thing I saw was the Eiffel Tower at night." - **Rachel Harris** (10)



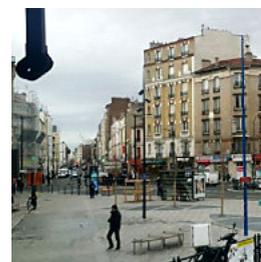
**12** Myrtle Beach, SC

"The view from our hotel was amazing!" - **Ella Hambrice** (10)



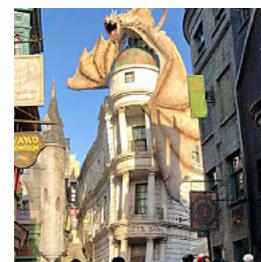
**13** Home

"The best thing I did was probably catch up on sleep because I was extremely tired." - **Sara Aburto** (11)



**14** Paris, France

"The cities were beautiful, and the history was interesting to hear." - **Micah Taylor** (11)



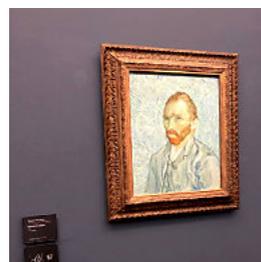
**15** Gringotts Bank

"It was literally so cool. Everything that they built looks exactly like it does in the movies. It's truly a magical place to be!" - **Olivia Hanby** (9)



**21** Asakusa

"Asakusa Temple was absolutely gorgeous and showed us one of our first glimpses of Japanese culture in the form of religion." - **Leah Timmons** (12)



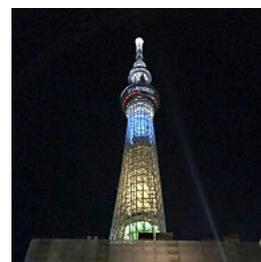
**22** Musée d'Orsay

"I thought the art in Musée d'Orsay was so beautiful. I enjoyed getting to see the works of greats like Monet, Renoir, Degas, Gauguin, and Van Gogh." - **Courtney Cochran** (11)



**23** Gulfport, FL

"The most interesting thing I saw was a kite that looked like a shark." - **Aaron Gholson** (9)



**24** Tokyo Skytree

"It is one of the tallest buildings in the world, and from inside it, we could see the gorgeous view of the city of Tokyo." - **Allison Hanby** (11)



**25** Chattanooga, TN

"I got to see former TCPS students Will and Hank Leathers." - **Wesley Sumner** (10)

Travel Club

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Amy Priest (9)

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# /Students Explore Faraway Places over Spring Break/

Each year, Ms. Wilhite organizes a group of students who travel to European countries over spring break. This tradition was kept by taking a group of fifty students and parents to England and France this year. Likewise, each spring, the sixth grade travels to Washington D.C. to learn about the United States' own culture and history. However, Europe and Washington D.C. were not the only unique places explored by students this spring break.

In September, Mr. Hill announced that TCPS was invited to send twenty-three students to Japan as a part of the "Kakehashi", or "bridge", project between the governments of Japan and the United States. Immediately interested, students began drafting essays, desperately hoping to be chosen for the trip. After he was chosen, **Liam Medlock** (9) said, "It was an awesome feeling to

know that I was going to Japan. I have always been a big fan of the culture and anime, so it was really cool to see all the things I have seen on TV."

Implemented so that the students could develop an appreciation for the culture and history of Japan, the students were taken to the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama, where they visited Buddhist shrines and temples, three different museums and two popular outdoor shopping strips. Furthermore, one day, each student was paired with another student from Yokosuka Sogo High School and was able to experience a typical school day in Japan.

Though it is upsetting to leave these foreign countries, each beautiful site visited, interesting fact learned and sweet memory collected in Europe and Japan will be remembered forever.

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**6** Kamakura, Japan

"The grandmother I was staying with helped me get dressed in the kimono. The kimonos were gorgeous with many colors." - **Sophie Harrison** (10)



**7** Space Mountain

"My family ran straight to it one morning and were some of the very first people to ride it that day!" - **Sara Frances Wolfe** (12)



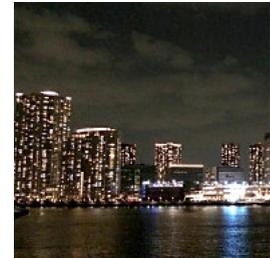
**8** Yokosuka High School

"My buddy took me to all of her classes, and I got to see that Japanese high schoolers are very similar to American high schoolers." - **Mallie Powell** (12)



**9** French Market

"I liked looking at all the little shops." - **Dailee Frans** (9)



**10** Tokyo, Japan

"Walking around Tokyo at night and seeing all the lights." - **Sarah Elizabeth Long** (10)



**16** St. Malo, France

"Saint Malo is so pretty and I love the history of it and long story short would literally love to live there." - **Erin Harrison** (10)



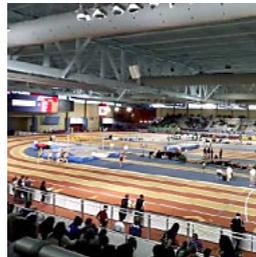
**17** Washington Monument

"From anywhere in the city you could see it." - **Hannah Parks** (6)



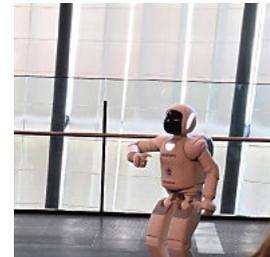
**18** Notre Dame

"It was beautiful." - **Anne Taylor** (9)



**19** Birmingham, AL

"My family and I went to the NCAA track and field championship; we saw some of the best runners in the country competing at their best." - **Evan Warnick** (12)



**20** Science Museum

"I enjoyed seeing the artificial intelligence and how it is advanced." - **Anna Lowrey Herrod** (12)



**26** Mount Vernon

"It was so peaceful, and it was so pretty. And, it had beautiful colors everywhere." - **Lilly McCarley** (6)



**27** Soji-ji Temple

"Buddhist monks led us through zazen meditation and gave us a tour of the temple grounds along with a detailed explanation of its history." - **Jackson Harrell** (12)



**28** Bible Museum

"It was really cool, and it had a lot of historical stuff." - **Lily Watson** (6)



**29** Meiji Shrine

"The shrine's architecture, the nature surrounding it, and the overall stillness of the place was truly beautiful." - **Elizabeth Gaines** (10)



**30** Lincoln Memorial

"You could see all the reflecting pools, the Washington Monument and the White House behind it." - **Elianna Darby** (6)



Mick Austin (9)

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