



FAQ's for Group Travel Leaders

If your particular question is not one of those addressed below, please contact us directly at 1-800-541-7506 or website@travel.com and we'll be happy to assist you.

How is Seminars International different from other customized group travel providers?

Seminars International is unique in having the capability to leverage over forty years of experience in creating customized travel programs on seven continents. Our long-standing relationships with partners worldwide and deep staff expertise ensure that each and every program we help develop, whether it is faith based, performing arts or special interest, meets your logistical and intercultural demands.

Where is Seminars International located and in what locations does it provide customized group travel opportunities?

Our headquarters is in Chicago, Illinois, and we also have regional offices in Arizona and in Minnesota. From these centers, Seminars International has the ability to craft your custom-designed, performing arts, faith-based or special interest experience to any international destination from Antarctica to Norway and everywhere in-between.

What services does Seminars International offer for pre-departure and abroad?

We provide you with a wide range of services grouped by the stages in your program process: Custom Design, Pre-departure, While You're Abroad and post travel Program Evaluation. **Please [click here](#)** for a full list of the services we offer within each stage.

Does Seminars International have experience with providing opportunities for community based learning or volunteering?

Yes, we do. We have helped arrange opportunities for community based learning and volunteers across the world with non-profits, community or governmental organizations, as well as private institutions. We will work with you to determine the best options to fulfill the educational, cultural and service objectives of your group.

What can Seminars International do to help meet our program budget needs?

We are very proud of our strong reputation for helping develop innovative group travel programs with a commitment to guaranteeing the best value for our clients. We have over 40 years of experience behind our suggestions for program cost reductions and can offer a lengthy list of cost saving ways to economize on a tight budget. We provide for our clients tiered pricing levels which are dependent on the number of participants. Group leader benefits can include having their costs built into the price offered to each participant. On the administrative side, we are the one source for all deposits and payments and work closely to ensure that your budget needs are met while satisfying your organization's requirements regarding invoicing, payments and other financial obligations.

How does Seminars International handle fluctuations in currency values?

Seminars International purchases currency futures to protect our quoted prices.

Can Seminars International assist with excursions, extracurricular activities and unique intercultural experiences?

Absolutely! We work with you to identify and plan all aspects, not just the transportation and hotels, but also many extracurricular activities, excursions, speakers or unique intercultural experiences which might enhance the focus of the program. These events can include local cultural tours, social gatherings with local people or athletic or performing arts events to name just a few.

Can Seminars International work with an organization to enhance health, safety, security and risk management protocol?

We consult with universities, colleges, schools, faith based organizations, performing arts groups and other organizations throughout the United States to make sure each participant traveling on one of our international programs has a procedure in place regarding health, safety, security and risk management. We are proud of our ability to be responsive to all emergency needs, wherever they may occur. Our strong network of international partners gives us access to local resources to assist with a variety of emergency situations. We are able to keep in touch with our international programs 24/7 through our emergency assistance number. [Please click here](#) to see our Health, Safety and Travel Insurance suggestions.

What group sizes can Seminars International accommodate?

We normally do not go below 15 participants in an effort to maximize group rates and we can go up to any needed group size. Our average program size is 20 participants. We also support you during the recruitment and registration phases with proven strategies to help increase enrollment.

When should I start planning our international program?

We highly recommend beginning the initial planning 10 to 13 months out from date of departure. This will also allow you to begin promoting your program about 8 months ahead of time. [Please click here](#) for additional details about our suggested planning timeline. [Contact us](#) to begin planning an unforgettable overseas experience now.