Travel is proven to broaden the mind, enrich the soul and educate us about new places and other cultures. At Saint Mary's School we believe it is important to offer our students opportunities to expand their horizons and enhance their understanding of the people and places that comprise our exciting and complex world. Designed to provide students with meaningful learning experiences that build on and enrich their Saint Mary's School education, the educational travel program offers a range of experiences from which students may choose, including service trips, academic exchanges, cultural excursions and history trips.

For more detailed information including deposit amounts, applications, and deadlines for all of the opportunities noted below, please visit the Educational Travel page on the website or contact Caroline Costello at ccostello@sms.edu or 919-424-4051.
Saint Mary’s School
Boston History and Literary Tour
Boston, Mass.
Fall Break 2016

Program Highlights:

• Visit national treasures, explore historic sites, and learn U.S. history in one of the nation’s influential cities
• Explore Boston’s Freedom Trail.
• Learn why by the mid-19th century Boston earned the nickname “The Athens of America,” while exploring the stomping grounds of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, and Nathaniel Hawthorne.
• Get a taste of today’s Boston city and culture.

Program Details

Length: Five days
Dates: October 21-25, 2016 (Fall Break)
Approximate Cost: $900
Ethiopia Service Trip with Cherokee Gives Back
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Spring Break 2017

Program Highlights

- For 11th and 12th grade students only
- Experience the culture of Ethiopia through opportunities that give insight into daily life in Addis Ababa.
- Explore the economic hub of a developing country, as well as areas outside of the city that showcase the natural beauty of the country.
- Collaborate with partners to assist in serving men, women, and children of the city in a variety of ways.
- Learn how different organizations throughout the country are working to serve and teach women valuable, practical skills, while also empowering them to be leaders to ensure a better future.

Program Details

For 11th and 12th grade students only
Length: 10 days
Dates: March 17-26, 2017 (Spring Break)
Approximate Cost: $2,500 – 3,000 (depending on airfare)
Program Highlights

- Meet and work with different female champions in their field like the Executive Director of DREAM Project Catherine D’Laura or Kim Beddall, founder of Whales Samana. Together with numerous volunteers, Ms. D’Laura works to change the lives of over 6000 children a year; Ms. Beddall developed the first commercial whale watching company in the area.
- Snorkel around the reefs of the Sosua Bay.
- Participate in a Global Exchange with students from local schools and programs.
- Work on community projects with local organizations as you learn about their culture and country.
- Explore the colonial zone of Santo Domingo.

Program Details

Length: Eight days
Dates: June 12-19, 2017
Approximate Cost: $3200
Australian Educational Exchange
St. Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School
Perth, Australia
Summer 2017

Program Highlights:

• Five-week exchange for two rising 10th graders selected through an application process.
• Live with and go to school with students at St. Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School and then host a student from the school for five to six weeks at the start of the 2017-18 school year.
• Learn about the culture and the life of those living in Western Australia and experience the day-to-day life of a student at St. Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School.

Program Details

Length: Five weeks in Perth, Australia and five weeks hosting in the U.S.
Dates: Summer of 2017
Approximate Cost: $3000 - $4000