

GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



OVERVIEW

As sustainability becomes an increasingly global agenda, a program in sustainability will prepare students to meet the challenges of balancing human development with environmental prospects. Real-life applications of this can range from the application of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals to geothermal energy resources. Through this lens, students can engage with concepts that seek to support future generations and resources in some of the world's key ecosystems.

TRENDING SUSTAINABILITY DESTINATIONS

- › **San Jose, Costa Rica**
 - One of the world's most biodiverse regions, Costa Rica has integrated sustainable practices in key industries like agriculture and tourism. Already producing over 90% renewable energy, both tourists and locals have adapted to these changes, making Costa Rica a hub for sustainable recreation and ecotourism.
 - › *Suggested City Pairing: Panama City, Panama*
- › **Cape Town, South Africa**
 - The city has made strides to implement wind energy strategies, sustainable transportation such as cycling routes, and individual efforts to grow vegetables and use solar panels. Students can explore penguin beaches and the natural beauty of Table Mountain alongside academic experiences that delve into social movements and environmental action.
 - › *Suggested City Pairing: Casablanca, Morocco*
- › **Reykjavik, Iceland**
 - Iceland boasts 100% renewable electrical energy since 2012, with Reykjavik ranking as the most sustainable city in the world. It has ambitious carbon-neutral goals for the next decade, and students are invited to discuss a sustainable future with a nation leading the world.
 - › *Suggested City Pairing: Copenhagen, Denmark*



- › **Vancouver, Canada**
 - Vancouver was appointed the most sustainable North American city in 2016 and implemented their Greenest City Action Plan to continue the trend. In this forward-thinking city, students can learn first-hand about the innovation of America's neighbor in the north while taking in renowned scenery and indigenous culture.
 - › *Suggested City Pairing: San Francisco, California*
- › **Panama City, Panama**
 - Panama is home to rainforest climates, species unique to its forests, as well as the globally significant Panama Canal. In visiting with experts and making stops at its world-famous sites, students will explore the relationship between economic commercialization and sustainable development in this unique destination.
 - › *Suggested City Pairing: Santiago, Chile*
- › **Seoul, South Korea**
 - Seoul leads Asian sustainability efforts by utilizing technology for better transportation, urban development, and citizen behavior. Students will explore the city's greenspaces, mountain parks, and museums to pair with their academic exploration into this city's sustainable innovation efforts, such as its waste-free smart city.
 - › *Suggested City Pairing: Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

SAMPLE ENGAGEMENT TOPICS

- › Protecting Biodiversity while Promoting Economic Growth and Development
- › Smart Cities: Public Infrastructure as a Means of Achieving Greater Environmental Sustainability
- › Environmental Policy and its Impact on Local Business Operations
- › Cultivating a Love of the Outdoors: How Recreation Can Lead to Environmental Protection
- › Ecotourism: The Transformation of the Tourism Industry in Light of Sustainable Development
- › Exploring Local Waste Chains in Today's Sustainable Cities

TIME FRAME

- › 7-10 days in country
- › 4-6 unique organizational meeting and experiential learning opportunities
- › 2-4 days of cultural engagements

HOW IT WORKS

- › Each program has a dedicated Curriculum Coordinator to customize educational experiences to meet your learning objectives
- › During the months preceding your program, your Curriculum Coordinator works with you and company partners in-country to curate engagements within key destination industries
- › Engagements typically last 1.5 – 2 hours, encompassing a strategic presentation by the host organization, Q&A, discussion, and a tour (where possible)

Our aim is to customize each and every program to your learning objectives, and we encourage you to discuss your specific destination and theme ideas with your Program Development Manager.