

Sustainability and Migration in Bangkok

Delivered by Pagoda Projects and SDG Move





PAGODA PROJECTS IS AN AWARD-WINNING* FACILITATOR OF GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES.

We facilitate internships and student mobility programmes, both in person and online, on behalf of government funding initiatives, companies and our university partners.

Why? To create positive outcomes for students and our strategic partners, such as improving employability, intercultural fluency, student satisfaction, internationalisation of the curriculum and widening participation.

Together we can build a better and more equitable future by providing all students with the international experience and skills they need to prosper.

OUR 50+ EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT PARTNERS INCLUDE:





















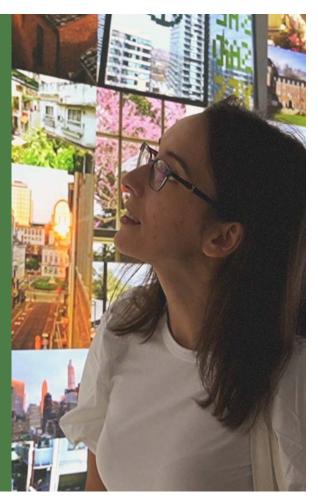




PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

THE PROGRAMME WILL LAST 3 WEEKS AND IS SPLIT UP INTO THE VIRTUAL WEEK (ACROSS 5 DAYS) AND THE FIELD TRIP (14 DAYS):

- Virtual Week (Online)
 a) Carbon Literacy Training
- 2) Field Trip (Thailand)
 - a) Visits and Activities
 - b) Group Project
- 1. a) Carbon Literacy Training will take place online, during the Virtual Week prior to the field trip. Materials have been accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project. By incorporating Carbon Literacy training in this programme, we aim to equip participants with an educational foundation on the importance of cultivating a low-carbon culture, and how to action this in their day-to-day lives.
- Students will travel by air to Bangkok to spend 14 days learning about key issues in sustainable development in Thailand with an academic components and select field trips supported by SDG move.
- 2. b) Students will work together on group projects, before presenting their findings at the end of the programme.



"I would definitely recommend this programme to anyone, studying anything. Even though I study Criminology I feel I have learned so much about sustainability as well as getting to visit a new country and experiencing the culture."







THAILAND IS SECOND IN ASIA FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE FIRST ASIAN COUNTRY TO ADOPT THE UNESCO SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL PLEDGE NATIONWIDE.

The United Nations and the Royal Thai Government have been cooperating for more than 75 years to achieve inclusive and sustainable development in alignment with national priorities and plans.



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1 WEEK VIRTUAL

Students will complete comprehensive Carbon Literacy Training (CLT) developed specifically for an Asia-Pacific audience and accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project. Pagoda's team of qualified Carbon Literacy Facilitators will deliver the training and support the students in their journey to becoming qualified as Carbon-literate.

Following CLT and prior to departure, all students taking part in the 2-week in country component will be required to successfully submit a pledge that demonstrates their understanding of the training and changes they are committing to in relation to leading a more sustainable life, as well as key impacts they can support in others.





2 WEEKIN COUNTRY

The two-week in-country component consists of a two-week group study tour developed and delivered by Pagoda Projects. Students will travel to Bangkok, Thailand where they will be greeted and looked after by the Sustainable Global Experience (SGE) Bangkok Team.

SDG Move

SDG Move was established by the Thailand Research Fund (TRF) in cooperation with the Faculty of Economics at Thammasat University, to act as TRF's Strategic Research Issue Unit (SRI Unit).

It functions to review the progress of SDG research and implementation at a global level - identifying gaps and proposing research areas for funding consideration by the TRF each year. SDG Move works within the government sector, in particular, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC), the National Statistical Office (NSO) and the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy (ONEP). It also works in the private sector (particularly UN Global Compact Network Thailand) and Civil Society Organizations and networks.

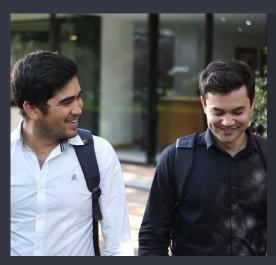


KEY THEMES



SUSTAINABILITY

This programme explores key themes in sustainability affecting Thailand including Sustainable Tourism, Biodiversity and Food Security. With support from the UN, Thailand is promoting investment in low-carbon enterprises by supporting SMEs to adopt energy-efficient practices and use low-carbon technologies. We will educate on, and adopt a low-carbon approach throughout the programme.



MIGRATION

The UN made inroads on inclusive migration policy and strategy by launching the Thailand Migration Report, a joint UN collaboration that assesses the challenges faced by migrants as well as progress in protection and inclusion to inform future policy. The report demonstrates the importance of migration in Thailand and the region, looking at social and economic dimensions and the role of the UN in technical advice and advocacy.



ADDITIONAL THEMES

- Asylum System
- Human Rights
- Health

KEY UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)















CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

During their Carbon Literacy Training, students will develop an understanding of humanity's impact on the climate and discuss actions that can be taken in response to climate change.

THE KEY TOPICS COVERED ARE:



- THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE
- THE ECONOMY AND CLIMATE CHANGE
- THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON SUSTAINABILITY
- PATHWAYS TO A ZERO-CARBON WORLD: EXPLORING SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS
- INDIVIDUAL VS SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS: DOING OUR FAIR SHARE
- PATHWAYS TO A ZERO-CARBON WORLD: EXPLORING INDIVIDUAL SOLUTIONS
- CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATIONS
- THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES
- TAKING ACTION

Students will reflect on what they've learnt and are encouraged to submit an official pledge to the project. This represents the students' personal promises to fight climate change and denotes an action (or actions) they are prepared to take in order to reduce their carbon footprint - individually, and as a member of society.

Upon completion, students will become certified in Carbon Literacy and receive a certificate which they can show to future employers. This certificate demonstrates their commitment and competency when it comes to sustainable development.

FIELD TRIPS

1: OVERNIGHT TRIP TO PETCHABURI PROVINCE DAY 1

VISIT "BAAN TAM SUEA", A SUCCESSFUL MODEL OF COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM, AND EXPERIENCE ECO-TOURISM ROUTES VIA "CARBON NEUTRAL COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM".

VISIT "LAEM PHAK BEA ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT" () WHICH IS SOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO SOLID WASTE, WASTEWATER AND MANGROVE FOREST REHABILITATION. HERE STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT BIODIVERSITY BY EXPERIENCING THE MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM ON THE FOREST NATURE TRAIL.



2: OVERNIGHT TRIP TO PETCHABURI PROVINCE DAY 2

VISIT BAAN DONG HUAY COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE TO LEARN ABOUT AGRICULTURAL TOURISM. UNESCO RECOGNISED PHETCHABURI PROVINCE FOR ITS NETWORK OF CREATIVE CITIES IN RELATION TO FOOD IN 2021 (UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK-UCCN). NOW IT'S IN THE PROCESS OF A 5-YEAR ROADMAP (2022-2027) UNDER THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK GUIDELINES TO BUILD ON ITS IDENTITY IN RELATION TO BECOMING A KEY PRODUCER OF 3 OF THAILAND'S MAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: SALT, PALM SUGAR AND LEMONS. THE BAAN DONG HUAY COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE MODEL SUPPORTS LOCAL FOOD SECURITY WHILE BRINGING LOCAL AGRICULTURAL STAPLES TO MARKET.



3: PHASICHAREON DISTRICT DAY TRIP

LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITH SIAM UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (RCCD). RCCD HAS BEEN BEING COOPERATING WITH ORGANISATIONS ACROSS MULTIPLE SECTORS IN ORDER TO REVITALISE COMMUNITIES ALONG THE PHASICHAREON CANAL. SIAM UNIVERSITY HAS MADE KNOWLEDGE AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SOCIETY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY. STUDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VIA BOAT, VISITING SEVERAL KEY EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SITES SUCH AS BANG LUANG COMMUNITY MUSEUM, KHLONG LAT MAYOM FLOATING MARKET, A TRADITIONAL PUPPET SHOW THEATER AND MORE.



4: AYUTTHAYA PROVINCE DAY TRIP

THIS IS A CULTURAL DAY TRIP TO LEARN ABOUT THE OLD ANCIENT CAPITAL CITY OF THAILAND AND VISIT IMPORTANT HISTORICAL SITES IN AYUTTHAYA HISTORICAL PARK, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE LOCATED IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY. THE HISTORIC CITY OF AYUTTHAYA, FOUNDED IN 1350, WAS THE SECOND CAPITAL OF THE SIAMESE KINGDOM. IT FLOURISHED FROM THE 14TH TO THE 18TH CENTURIES, DURING WHICH IT GREW TO BE ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST COSMOPOLITAN URBAN AREAS AND A CENTER OF GLOBAL DIPLOMACY AND COMMERCE. TODAY, AYUTTHAYA IS AN INTERESTING MIX OF OLD AND NEW, CHARACTERISED BY MAGNIFICENT HISTORICAL SITES SCATTERED AROUND THE CITY.



5: BANG KOR BUA, SAMUT PRAKAN DAY TRIP

THE BANG KOR BUA COMMUNITY LIES IN THE PHRA PRADAENG DISTRICT, SAMUT PRAKAN PROVINCE. THE COMMUNITY'S WAY OF LIFE IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE RIVER UPON WHICH IT RESIDES. THE AREA IS KNOWN FOR THE MULTITUDES OF LOTUS FLOWERS GROWING IN THE LAM PRADONG SWAMPS. THIS TRIP PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND NATURE ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE CANAL, TRAVELLING BY BOAT TO ADMIRE THE BEAUTY OF THE TON JAK TUNNEL AND HELPING TO COLLECT GARBAGE IN THE CANAL BEFORE WALKING UP THE HILL TO SEE THE SCENERY OF THE CHAO PHRAYA RIVER. STUDENTS WILL TRY THEIR HAND AT LOCAL HANDICRAFTS, MAKING A HERBAL COMPRESS BALL, TIE-DYED CLOTHES FROM NATURAL COLOURINGS, AND VISITING WAT CHAK DAENG, A CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE TEMPLE IS KNOWN FOR THE RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BOTTLES INTO USEFUL PRODUCTS SUCH AS ROBES, BLANKETS, HATS AND SHIRTS.



6: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM VISIT AT PLEAN YOD TARN COMMUNITY

STUDENTS WILL BE WELCOMED WITH A FRESH COCONUT JUICE AND AN INTRODUCTION SESSION ABOUT PLEAN YOD TARN COMMUNITY. HERE THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT ORGANIC FARMING, SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO THE VARIOUS SPECIES OF COCONUTS, AND HOW COCONUT SUGAR IS STILL TRADITIONALLY PRODUCED. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF NECTAR COLLECTING FROM COCONUT FLOWERS, PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO TASTE THE VARIOUS COCONUT PRODUCTS AND EVEN MAKE COCONUT ICE CREAM THEMSELVES.



7: PA TUM POTTERY FACTORY TICKET & KOH KRET ISLAND (HOME OF MON TRIBE)

THERE IS MUCH HISTORY AND CULTURE CONCENTRATED WITHIN THIS SMALL, ARTIFICIAL ISLAND, CREATED FROM A CANAL DUG BETWEEN TWO CURVES IN THE CHAO PHRAYA RIVER. MOST OF THE RESIDENTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF THE MINORITY MON HILL TRIBE PEOPLE. STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY VIA TRADITIONAL POTTERY MAKING. THE ISLAND ALSO FEATURES WAT PORAMAI YIKAWAT, WHICH IS THE LAST TEMPLE IN THAILAND TO HAVE PRESERVED BUDDHIST PRAYERS IN THE MON LANGUAGE.



8: URBAN STUDIES LAB SESSION

OUR HOST COMPANY, URBAN STUDIES LAB, WILL DELIVER A SESSION, "UNSEEN COMMUNITIES AND UNTOLD STORIES: NANG LOENG. BOTTOM UP APPROACH TO ACHIEVE SDG 11 AND BEYOND". URBAN STUDIES LAB IS A BANGKOK-BASED PRIVATE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND CONSULTANCY, FOUNDED IN 2018 BY A GROUP OF URBAN PRACTITIONERS AND ACADEMICS FROM SOME OF THAILAND'S TOP HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. USL DRAWS ON ITS BROAD RANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE FIELDS OF URBAN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, TO OFFER A UNIQUE AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO URBAN STUDIES AND CONSULTING.



9: AUSTRADE/ NZ EMBASSY SESSION

DEPENDING ON THE COHORT, THE RELEVANT DIPLOMATIC OFFICES IN BANGKOK HAVE AGREED TO HOST A SESSION AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TO EXPLAIN KEY FUNCTIONS AND BILATERAL ISSUES AFFECTING THAILAND AND THEIR HOME COUNTRY. FURTHER ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND FROM BOTH COUNTRIES MAY BE POSSIBLE. DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY.



10: CROSS CULTURAL FOUNDATION - SPEAKER SESSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

CRCF WORKS WITH POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, AND MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES. THEY SERVE THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF TORTURE, ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE, AND ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF AUTHORITIES. THESE ARE OFTEN POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, LIKE RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. THEY ALSO SERVE AND SUPPORT THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF VICTIMS, MANY OF WHOM BECOME VOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES. WE WILL HEAR ABOUT HOW THAILAND IS CHANGING IN RELATION TO FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AS WELL AS THE SENSITIVE TOPICS THAT REMAIN PREVALENT TODAY.



11: WANGREE FRESH FIELD TRIP

WE WILL VISIT THE FUTURE OF FARMING VIA AN URBAN FARM FACTORY STARTUP, WANGREE FRESH, TO LEARN ABOUT CLEAN AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION. THE STARTUP CONSISTS OF A HIGHTECH, HIGHLY-AUTOMATED, COMMERCIAL GROWING INDOOR VERTICAL FARMING SYSTEM WHICH AIDS THE STEADY PRODUCTION OF HIGH-QUALITY VEGETABLES ALL YEAR ROUND. IT DOES THIS BY ARTIFICIALLY CONTROLLING THE CULTIVATION ENVIRONMENT (E.G., LIGHT, TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY, CARBON DIOXIDE CONCENTRATION, AND CULTURE SOLUTION), ALLOWING FARMERS TO PLAN PRODUCTION, USING MOBILE PHONES FOR MONITORING AND CONTROLLING THE FARMING SYSTEM REMOTELY.



Note - Field trips may change but will be substituted with an alternative if necessary.



ACADEMIC COMPONENTS

- Lecture & Discussion of Thailand sustianable development [1]
- Lecture & Discussion of Thailand SDGs and its progress
- Basic Thai culture and langauge [Part 1]
- Lecture & Discussion of Thailand sustianable development
- Lecture & Discussion of Thailand SDGs and progress
- Basic Thai culture and language [Part 2]

GROUP PROJECT WORK

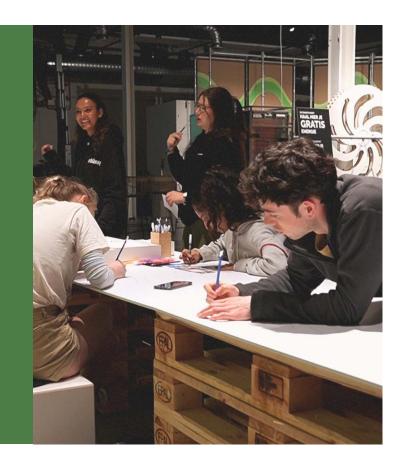
A KEY ACTIVITY DURING THE FIELD TRIP IS AN ENQUIRY-BASED LEARNING (EBL) GROUP PROJECT AND PRESENTATION.

EBL assignments encourage students to 'learn through experience' and develop their understanding of sustainable development by asking questions and applying this knowledge to real life scenarios. It's a great opportunity for students to put key skills and theory into practice.

STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED GROUPS WITH WHOM THEY WILL COMPLETE A PROJECT OF THEIR CHOICE, BASED AROUND THE PROGRAMME THEMES

For example: "The impacts of migration brought about by climate change", "Educating stakeholders on sustainable tourism in remote regions", "Sustainable fishing and mass migration".

Students will be given time to work on their project during the programme and present back to the SGE Bangkok Team to summarise their findings.









PROGRAMME OUTCOMES 6. V

- · Gain knowledge of the UN's SDGs as a framework for understanding climate issues
- · Develop an awareness of sustainable business practices and unethical greenwashing tactics
- Apply conceptual understandings of sustainability to real life situations
- Develop a wide range of skills for the workplace, including our eight key competencies:



Career Development



Leadership



Teamworking





Critical Thinking



Communication



Professionalism



Digital Competency

CARBON LITERACY TRAINING OUTCOMES

- O GAIN A CERTIFICATION IN CARBON LITERACY, CONTRIBUTING TO A MORE CLIMATE-LITERATE SOCIETY
- O DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF CARBON PRODUCTION AS A KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO CLIMATE CHANGE
- O ESTABLISH ACTIONABLE OUTCOMES FOR REDUCING CARBON PRODUCTION AT HOME, WORK AND IN EVERYDAY LIFE
- O BUILD CORE SKILLS IN ONLINE LEARNING, CRITICAL THINKING, ORGANISATION AND COMMUNICATION
- DEVELOP CONFIDENCE IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOW TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST IT

"It really was a lifetime experience that I will carry with me, somthing that I will put on my CV and use throughout my career. I am so grateful to my University for funding the programme and to Pagoda for organising it!"





CAI DAVIES
ENGLISH STUDIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE STUDENT



THE PROGRAMME, INCLUDING ALL FLIGHTS WILL BE OFFSET BY AT LEAST 200% AS STANDARD.

INCLUSIONS:

- O CARBON LITERACY TRAINING (CLT)
- O CARBON LITERACY CERTIFICATION FEES
- O ACCESS TO PAGODA PORTAL AND RESOURCES
- O ACCOMMODATION INC. ALL ASSOCIATED BILLS*
- O ALL PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES
- O ENTRY FEES
- IN-COUNTRY LOGISTICS
- O HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE
- O ACCESS TO PAGODA ALUMNI NETWORK



Based on samesex twin sharing or 4-bed dorm sharing

EXCLUSIONS:

- O FLIGHTS
- O FOOD & DRINK*
- O ANY COSTS FOR ACCOMPANYING STAFF



Except where detailed on the itinerary i.e. welcome dinners/special lunches, cooking/tasting sessions



"The biggest problem is the sense of urgency people don't seem to have on affecting climate change. But of course if you are not aware then you dont realise just how important this is. So, creating awareness in people who are going to then spread the word, is vital. And that is what Pagoda and this project does."





JULIET KEENAN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN TECHNOLOGY STUDENT



TRAVEL Travelling Sustainably

FOR STUDENTS NEEDING TO TRAVEL INTERNATIONALLY FROM AUSTRALASIA, AIR TRAVEL IS ALL BUT INEVITABLE.

The means of travel is out of our hands but the way we approach it is not. We tackle air travel head on, refusing to hide from the impacts and educating our partners and participants on greener choices.

We recommend students fly direct, opting for airlines operating more eco-friendly aircraft. This means choosing newer aeroplanes such as the A321Neo, A350 XWB and Dreamliner 787 which use more efficient fuel by which students can reduce their potential CO2 emissions by up to 25%. Air New Zealand, Cathay Pacific, Malaysian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines and Virgin Australia are some international carriers who give the option of such planes.



OUR STUDENTS CAN ALSO TRAVEL IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT PAGODA WILL OFFSET ALL EMISSIONS BY AT LEAST 200% AS STANDARD, BY INVESTING IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS PROJECTS AND OTHER CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS ADMINISTERED BY GOLD STANDARD.

Established in 2003 by the WWF and other international NGOs, Gold Standard continues to contribute to sustainable development projects which are recognised by carbon market and climate change politics scholars as a prime example of voluntary standards.¹

Many people may also not be aware that CO2 emissions per capita are comparable to travelling solo by car, which is normalised in many parts of every day life. Whilst air travel gets the brunt of the negative publicity for carbon emissions, it is lesser known that by travelling regularly by car (especially diesel engines) we are causing a lot more damage overall than opting to occasionally fly in economy. Whilst it is true that reducing the amount of any kind of travel we do will be better for the environment, students on the SGE Thailand programme are travelling for the purpose of making better environmental choices for life.

Because these outcomes will be realised long beyond the scope of the programme, we can proudly state that we are not only doing everything we can to mitigate the direct impacts of air travel for our groups, but that we are creating a more sustainable future for all.



SUPPORT Travelling Safely

THE PAGODA AND SDG MOVE TEAM WILL PROVIDE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS ON THE PROGRAMME.

In week one, they will receive online guidance from our friendly team to ensure they successfully complete their Carbon Literacy Training, and receive all necessary predeparture information predeparture information.

On the field trip, students will be accompanied by our collaborative programme leaders who are fully qualified in first aid and mental health. Students will be picked up from their accommodation each day for their activities and dropped off safely in the evening.

Comprehensive travel and health insurance is included for every participant travelling abroad on a Pagoda Projects programme. Full policy details are available on request.

Our student marketing team will dedicate time, budget and resources to recruiting students to the programme. Colleges will also receive a personalised marketing pack, complete with student marketing materials, video promotions and information sessions. Our account managers will also provide regular application updates, reports and comprehensive feedback.



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