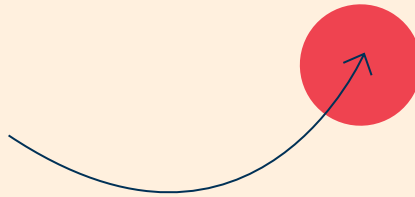




THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABU DHABI
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

2026 - 2027

Our Values



Our Promises

Create Your Future

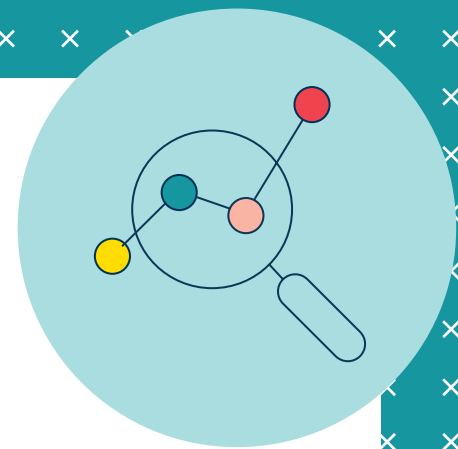
Your child will leave our school with everything they need for success - whatever they choose to be or do in life.

Nurturing Global Citizens

Community is at the heart of our school. In our welcoming, inclusive, and multicultural environment, students are empowered through the best of British and international curricula to develop the skills, confidence, and global outlook they need to succeed in today's interconnected world.

Unlock Your Child's Potential

Our highly qualified and passionate teachers know your child and personalise the learning experience to reflect their strengths and interests, guiding them towards their goals and preparing them to achieve and thrive in the next stage of life.





*It was my first DofE trip ever; and I had so much fun!
I learnt a lot of useful things and got better at
working in a team. It was amazing and (even though
it was tiring), I can't wait to do it all again!*

BIS Abu Dhabi Year 9 student,
DofE Bronze Award



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At The British International School Abu Dhabi, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom walls. Our transformative programmes, collaborations and experiences nurture our students talents, unlock their potential and inspire them to go further than they ever thought possible.

We offer our students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of residential school trips – both within the UAE and beyond - where they can explore new cultures, learn new languages, and broaden their horizons. We understand that as a parent, you want your child to have the best possible education and life experiences, a chance to dig deeper within themselves, to find resilience and develop their leadership capability. A residential school trip can provide just that.

When traveling abroad and immersing themselves in a foreign culture, students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world around them. They gain valuable communication and problem-solving skills, as well as a sense of independence and confidence.

Our trips aim to offer action-packed experiences, that will challenge and inspire students of all ages. From hiking and rock

climbing to rafting and skiing, we provide a wide range of exciting activities that will get students out of their comfort zones and into the great outdoors. Experienced instructors will lead students and teach them essential outdoor skills. Along the way, students will learn about the environment and the importance of conservation, gaining a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Our residential school trips are carefully planned to ensure that students have a safe and enjoyable experience. We work with reputable travel companies and local guides to provide a comprehensive itinerary that balances educational and cultural experiences with fun and relaxation.

We believe that a foreign school trip is an investment in your child's future and we offer a range of destinations across Europe, Asia and Africa. It can inspire them to pursue new interests and passions whilst also developing the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly globalised world. We encourage you to consider this opportunity for your child and look forward to answering any questions you may have.





LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Education is about much more than lessons and qualifications, important though they are. We offer our students experiences designed to be fun, challenging, inspiring, and motivating.

BOOKING PROCESS

Open this [form link](#) and complete your child's details for their preferred trip(s).

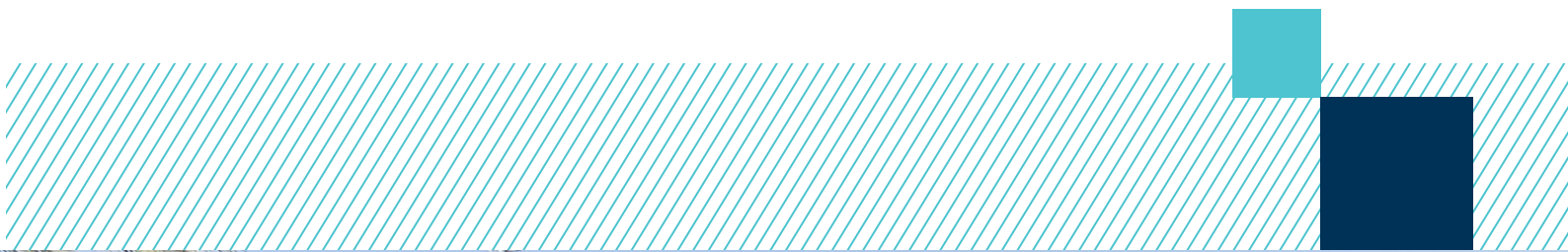
Upon receipt of your declaration of interest, the Trips Team will review all submissions on a first-come, first-served basis. Subject to availability, you will receive a notification confirming your child's conditional place on the trip(s), together with the confirmed trip costings. Please note that this notification does not constitute a confirmed place at this stage.

A deposit payment will then be required by the end of the academic year, and a deadline for payment will be communicated. Once the deposit has been received, your child's place on the trip will be secured. If the deposit is not paid by the stated deadline, the place may be offered to the next student on the waiting list.

It is important to note that deposits are used to secure airline tickets and, in some cases, take advantage of early-bird discounts offered by third-party providers.

Once your child's place has been confirmed, the Trip Leader will contact you with comprehensive trip information and details regarding payment of the remaining balance at the start of the academic year.

Please be advised that refunds are not permitted once deposits have been paid.



YEAR 7 AL AIN ADVENTURE TRIP

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A high-energy outdoor experience set in a dramatic mountain environment, this residential trip challenges students to step beyond their comfort zones. Based at the Albarni Jebel Hafeet Hotel, students will take part in a thrilling programme of activities including white-water rafting, bodyboarding, kayaking, ziplining and aerial obstacle challenges.

From navigating fast-moving water to tackling heights on aerial courses, students will test their determination and adaptability in a range of adrenaline-focused experiences. With guidance from expert instructors, they will learn to manage risk, support one another and celebrate personal achievements, all while building a strong sense of independence.



YEAR 8 KHORFAKKAN ADVENTURE CAMP

A perfect blend of coastal adventure and outdoor discovery, this residential experience introduces students to new challenges in a stunning natural setting. Based at the Oceanic Khorfakkan Resort, students will explore a range of land and sea experiences including snorkelling, giant paddleboarding, raft construction, survival challenges and beach-based activities.

Through a carefully designed programme, students develop teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills while enjoying time outdoors with their peers. Guided by experienced instructors in a safe and supportive environment, the trip encourages independence, builds confidence and creates lasting memories away from home.

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*The ski trip was the best!
It was my first time away from
my family, but I had the best
time skiing with my friends.*

BIS Abu Dhabi
Year 9 Student

LES ELFES SKI TRIP, SWITZERLAND

YEAR
8 - 10

This Swiss Alps residential offers our students a unique opportunity to experience an international adventure while developing independence, confidence and resilience. Staying in the traditional village of La Tzoumaz within the renowned Verbier ski area, students will receive high-quality ski or snowboard instruction tailored to their individual ability, from complete beginners through to more experienced skiers.

The experience goes far beyond time on the slopes. Travelling abroad together encourages students to take responsibility, adapt to new environments and build strong, supportive relationships with their peers. Through shared challenges and achievements, they develop confidence, teamwork and a genuine sense of accomplishment. Evening activities such as sledging, ice skating and team challenges add further depth, making each day both enjoyable and rewarding.

For many students, this represents an important step in their personal development, an opportunity to grow in independence, build lasting friendships and return with new skills, greater self-belief and memories that stay with them long after they return home.



LANGUAGE, CUISINE & CULTURE TRIP, MADRID

Come along on an unforgettable trip to Madrid! Spain's vibrant capital offers an enriching experience. Students will immerse themselves in Spanish culture and language through interactive lessons and engaging activities. They will explore iconic landmarks such as the Royal Palace, Prado Museum, and Retiro Park, while savouring authentic Spanish cuisine and practising their language skills in real-world settings. Madrid's lively atmosphere, rich history, and welcoming locals make it an ideal destination for developing both language proficiency and cultural understanding.

Beyond the classroom, the experience is brought to life through a Flamenco dance session and a hands-on Spanish cooking class, as well as opportunities to explore creative and outdoor spaces across the city. Students will also visit Atlético de Madrid's stadium and may experience the excitement of a live La Liga match, creating a dynamic programme that blends culture, sport, creativity, and adventure.



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UMRAH TRIP, SAUDI ARABIA

GIRLS
YEAR
10 - 13

BOYS
YEAR
7 - 13

This unique educational and spiritual journey offers students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Islamic faith, history and culture while visiting the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah. Staying in five-star accommodation within walking distance of the holy mosques, students will undertake a guided Umrah experience while exploring important religious and historical sites.

Highlights include visits to the Kiswah Factory of the Holy Kaaba, the Museum of the Architecture of the Two Holy Mosques, Mount Uhud, the Seven Mosques, Qiblatain Mosque, the Prophetic Biography Museum and the Revelation Exhibition. Students will also learn about the significance of Hajj and Umrah through visits to Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifah, alongside guided tours of key Islamic landmarks.

This trip provides a meaningful opportunity for spiritual reflection, personal growth and a deeper appreciation of Islamic heritage, allowing students to strengthen their faith while sharing a memorable experience with their peers.



SURF & SUSTAINABILITY TRIP, SRI LANKA

YEAR
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Combining adventure, cultural immersion and environmental stewardship, this unique expedition offers students the opportunity to experience the best of Sri Lanka's stunning coastline and vibrant communities.

Students will develop their surfing skills with expert local instructors, take part in beach conservation projects, visit local schools and engage with community initiatives. Along the way, they will learn about Sri Lankan culture through traditional cooking classes, cultural performances and visits to important historical sites, including Galle and the Tsunami Memorial.

Highlights also include visiting a turtle sanctuary, participating in a beach clean-up programme and enjoying unforgettable experiences such as sunrise surf sessions, beachside bonfires and friendly sporting activities with local students.

This inspiring trip encourages environmental awareness, global citizenship and personal growth while creating memories that will last a lifetime.



SPORTS TRIP, SRI LANKA

This exciting 8-day tour offers students a unique opportunity to represent BIS Abu Dhabi in football and netball fixtures while experiencing the rich culture, natural beauty, and community spirit of Sri Lanka. Students will compete against local teams, build international friendships, and develop valuable skills through sport.

Beyond the matches, students will explore Colombo and Kandy, visit the famous Temple of the Tooth, learn about sea turtle and elephant conservation, enjoy a river safari through mangrove forests, and engage with the inspiring Foundation of Goodness community project. The tour also includes beach time, a seaside BBQ, and cultural experiences at a tea factory and spice garden.

Combining competition, adventure, cultural discovery, and personal growth, this promises to be an unforgettable experience that will create lasting memories both on and off the field.



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ARTS TRIP, JAPAN

YEAR
9 - 12

Japan is an incredible country to experience, and through the lens of art, it becomes something even more special. From bold contemporary design to centuries-old traditions, students will explore a culture where creativity is part of everyday life.

This journey takes students from the energy of Tokyo to the craftsmanship of historic towns, giving them the chance to engage directly with Japan's artistic heritage. Students will learn Taiko drumming, take part in a traditional tea ceremony, attend a live Kabuki performance and experiment with creative workshops including manga, calligraphy and textile design using vintage kimono fabrics. Along the way, they'll visit iconic locations such as Shibuya Crossing, Asakusa, Akihabara and Tokyo Tower, and experience travelling on the famous bullet train.

More than just a visit, this is a chance for students to see the world differently, to be inspired, to try something new and to grow in confidence through a completely immersive cultural experience.



HISTORY TRIP, BERLIN

This 7-day immersive History tour to Berlin takes students on a powerful journey through time, exploring Germany's transformation from Imperial power through the rise and fall of Nazism to its division during the Cold War, with Berlin at the centre of these events. Based in the heart of Berlin, they will experience a carefully designed programme of expert-led walking tours, museums, and key historical sites that bring classroom learning vividly to life.

Key highlights include visits to iconic landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag Building, alongside thought-provoking exploration of Nazi history at the Topography of Terror and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Students will also explore Cold War history at Berlin Wall sites and the DDR Museum, gaining insight into life in both East and West Germany. The programme balances powerful historical learning with cultural experiences, including time at Berlin's Christmas Markets and key city districts. This is a highly engaging, curriculum-linked experience designed to deepen understanding, encourage reflection, and inspire a lasting interest in modern European history.





The Duke of
Edinburgh Award
Adventurous Journey is a
life-changing experience.
An opportunity to discover
new interests and talents.
A tool to develop essential
skills for life and work.
A recognised mark of
achievement; respected
by employers.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD, ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a prestigious programme designed to equip young people with essential life skills and experiences. One of the most exciting components of the award is the adventurous journey, a multi-day outdoor expedition that tests resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

Students will embark on a practice and qualifying Duke of Edinburgh's Award adventurous journey, where they will be challenged both physically and mentally.

The Bronze and Silver expeditions take place in the stunning mountains or deserts of the UAE, giving students the opportunity to explore the beauty of nature while putting their outdoor skills to the test. Over the course of the expeditions, they will face a variety of challenges, from steep climbs to desert crossings, working together to overcome obstacles and reach their destination. Throughout the journey, they will demonstrate navigation skills and make decisions based on changing weather conditions and terrain.

For students progressing to the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, an extraordinary opportunity awaits: a two-week expedition to the rainforests of Borneo. From navigating dense jungle terrain and building camps to collaborating with a local community on a meaningful project, this journey is the ultimate test of resilience, leadership, and global citizenship. With activities ranging from white-water rafting to coral reef exploration, the Gold expedition offers not only adventure but also the chance to make a lasting impact, both personally and in the wider world.



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In addition to the physical challenges, students have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and develop important life skills. They learn the value of teamwork, communication, and resilience in challenging situations, while also strengthening their problem-solving abilities as they work together to achieve their goals.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award adventurous journeys are unforgettable experiences, offering students the opportunity to grow personally and academically while developing skills that will serve them for life.

Please note: These activities are only available to students enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme.

Email dofeia@bisad.ae for more information.

NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION RUN TRIPS

SERVICE EXPEDITION, TANZANIA

This life-changing expedition gives students the opportunity to work alongside our partner charities in Tanzania, supporting sustainable community projects that improve educational opportunities and wellbeing for local children and families.

Through hands-on service work, students develop leadership, resilience, teamwork and independence while gaining a deeper understanding of global citizenship and cultural awareness. Students also collaborate with fellow Nord Anglia students from around the world, building lasting friendships and shared experiences.

The expedition includes a two-day educational safari in Tarangire National Park, where students will learn about Tanzania's unique wildlife, ecosystems and conservation efforts.

A truly rewarding experience, this expedition combines meaningful service, cultural immersion and personal growth.



YEAR
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STEM TRIP, SINGAPORE

Discover innovation in one of the world's most advanced and sustainable cities on this exciting STEM-focused expedition. Through hands-on workshops, interactive exhibits and visits to leading research and technology hubs, students will explore how science, technology, engineering and mathematics are shaping the future.

Highlights include the Science Centre Singapore, the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, Fusionopolis, Jurong Innovation District and the National University of Singapore, where students will gain insight into cutting-edge research, sustainable engineering and coding. Students will also take part in a biotechnology workshop at the STEM Inc DNA Learning Lab and experience Singapore's world-renowned approach to urban design and sustainability.

Beyond STEM, students will explore iconic landmarks such as Marina Bay Sands, Gardens by the Bay and the Merlion, while also experiencing Singapore's rich culture, history and vibrant city life.

This inspiring trip combines academic enrichment, innovation and cultural discovery, making it ideal for students with a passion for science, engineering, technology and sustainability.



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COST AND DATES

Trip Title	Year Group	Approx. Cost	Proposed Date
Al Ain Adventure Trip	7	£1500	7th - 8th or 9th - 10th December (1 night)
Khorfakkan Adventure Camp	8	£2000	7th - 9th or 9th - 11th December (2 nights)
Les Elfes Ski Trip, Switzerland	8 - 10	£13,000	5th - 12th December (7 nights)
Language, Cuisine & Culture Trip, Madrid	9 - 12	£14,700	7th - 12th December (6 nights)
Girls Umrah Trip, Saudi Arabia	10 - 13	£7000	1st - 6th December (5 nights)
Boys Umrah Trip Saudi Arabia	7 - 13	£7000	7th - 11th December (5 nights)
Surf & Sustainability Trip, Sri Lanka	10 - 11	£11,500	6th - 12th December (6 nights)
Sports Trip, Sri Lanka	9 - 12	£12,000	4th - 11th December (7 nights)
Arts Trip, Japan	9 - 12	£17,900	4th - 12th December (8 nights)
History Trip, Berlin	9 - 12	£11,000	5th - 11th December (6 nights)
Service Expedition, Tanzania	10 - 11	£11,500	24th Nov - 4th Dec (7 nights)
STEM Trip, Singapore	9 - 12	£14,200	6th - 12th December (6 nights)

The Duke of Edinburgh Award - Adventurous Journey

Trip Title	Year Group	Approx Cost	Proposed Date
Bronze Practice	9	€1250	7th - 8th November (1 night)
Bronze Qualifying	9	Full Bronze programme includes 2 x adventurous journeys, North Star costs, and DofE fees	9th - 10th January (1 night)
Silver Practice	10	€1350	26th - 28th November (2 nights)
Silver Qualifying	10	Full Silver programme includes 2 x adventurous journeys, North Star costs, and DofE fees	15th - 17th January (2 nights)
Gold Practice	12	€17,000 TBC	4th - 6th February (2 nights)
Gold Qualifying	12	Full Gold programme includes adventurous journey costs, DofE fees, flights to Borneo, insurance, activities & accommodation	21st June - 5th July (14 nights)

Note: All DofE information will be shared and confirmed with students and parents in the new academic year.



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