

# Chazen Global Study Tours

## May 2026 Study Tour Information Session

Study Tours

Japan

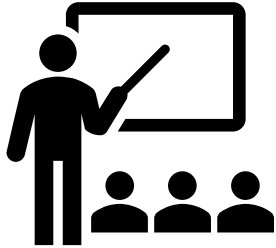
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# What are Chazen Global Study Tours?

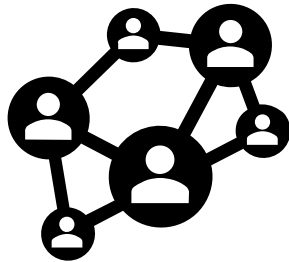


- One of the highlights of the CBS experience – has changed the trajectory of some students lives
- Intense mix of business and culture visits – not a vacation, but an incredible opportunity to see a country from a different perspective
- ALL company visits are mandatory – we expect you to participate
  - The **Study Tour Code of Conduct** you will sign stipulates that if you do not adhere to this policy, you may be removed from trip at your own expense and prohibited from future Chazen Travel programs
- A chance to make lifelong friendships
  - Culture of the tours is inclusive – get to know your fellow classmates!

# What are the benefits of Chazen Global Travel Programs?



- Complement your coursework
- Gain unprecedented first-hand experience of foreign business culture and better understand how the US fits within global contexts



- Build your industry knowledge and discover potentially beneficial business practices
- Broaden your intercultural competency and understanding



- According to Graduate Management Admission Council's, the most desirable skills corporate recruiters are looking for from business school grads in 2024 are:
  - Problem Solving
  - Communication
  - Strategic Thinking

# What is the difference between Chazen Global Study Tours and Chazen Global Immersion Programs?

Global Study Tours	Global Immersion Program (GIP)
Not for credit	For credit
Selection is through <b>Chazen Tour Matching</b> system	Selection is through CourseMatch
Student-run and initiated	Faculty-led
No class sessions	Class sessions prior to immersion and deliverable due after

- Study Tours and GIPs do not interact in terms of preference – if you receive a spot on a Study Tour, this does not impact your chances of receiving a spot on a GIP (and vice versa)
- If you have any questions regarding the GIPs and CourseMatch selection process, please email Jennifer Morisco ([jt2121@columbia.edu](mailto:jt2121@columbia.edu))

# Example of a Study Tour Schedule

Legend:	Cultural Activities	Group meals	Company Visits	Free Time			
(30m blocks)	Sunday, March 17, 2019	Monday, March 18, 2019	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	Wednesday, March 20, 2019	Thursday, March 21, 2019	Friday, March 22, 2019	Saturday, March 23, 2019
7:45	Meet at Hotel Lobby		Meet at Hotel Lobby	Meet at Hotel Lobby	Meet at Hotel Lobby	Meet at Hotel Lobby	
8:00			Commute	Commute	Commute	Commute	Meet at Hotel Lobby
8:30	Commute (1h 45m)						
9:00		Check out Hotel	MetroBuildings + Site Visit (Multifamily development project) (Tacubaya)	Marinos + Site Visit Project Blas Pascal (Luxury For-sale Apts) (Polanco)	Intelimetrica (Proptech) (Polanco)	Dahnos + Site Visit Tereo Parque Central (Mixed Use) (Naucalman)	Commute
9:30	Hierva el Agua	Oaxaca City Tour		Commute	Coffee Break - Intelimetrica		Coyoacan Neighborhood Tour (Include Frida Khalo's house, Trotsky's House, Walking tour) (Coyoacan)
10:00			Commute - Lunch Box	Meetings with recent Alumni Alexander - 1745 Properties Carlos Glender - Revitas (Polanco)	Castillo de Chapultepec (Polanco)	Commute (snack)	
10:30	Commute (1h 15m)	Lunch at Azucena Zapoteca (Oaxaca City Center)	Thor Urbana (Retail developer) (Lomas Altas)	Lunch at Publico Comedor with Carlos & Alexander (Polanco)	Commute	Sordo + Mexplorer (RE Funds) (Polanco)	Lunch at La Calaca (Coyoacan)
11:00		Commute (30m)	Commute	Commute	O'Donnell (Industrial dev.) (Polanco)	Commute	
11:30	Lunch at Tierra Antigua	Monte Alban			Lunch with O'Donnell (Polanco)		
12:00	Commute (30m)	Commute (45m)	CBRE (Research) (Lomas de Chapultepec)	Morgan Stanley (IB) (Bosques de Las Lomas)		LUNCH at Entremar (Polanco)	Tour Centro (Zocalo, Cathedral, Templo Mayor) (Centro Historico)
12:30	Commuter (30m)	San Bartolo Coyotepec	Commute to Hotel	Commute to Hotel and Optional: drop off at La Condesa for independent walking tour	Anthropology Museum (Polanco)	Commute to Hotel	Commute to Hotel
13:00	FREE TIME (option: Artisan Market & Benito Juarez Market. Both in downtown Oaxaca)	Airport Drop Off	Free time	Free time	Commute to Hotel	Free Time	Free Time
13:30	Tule Tree						
14:00	Commute (30m)						
14:30	paenque and mezcal tasting (btw Totitlan & Tule)						
15:00	Commute (30m)						
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19:30	Taxi to Criollo						Commute
20:00							
20:30	Welcome Dinner at Criollo						Farewell Dinner at Casa Virginia (Roma Norte)
21:00							
21:30	Taxi back from Criollo						Commute back to hotel (Tra

# Who goes?



- Full-time MBA students

Please note: **Consider conflicts such as recruiting, classes (Block Week – this trip conflicts with the first May Block week, so you must sign up for the tour knowing that you will not be able to take the class, MBA/non-MBA, and personal events as you must attend the entire program – arriving late or leaving early may result in you being banned from future Chazen programming.**



EMBA, PhD, and MA students are not part of the Chazen Tour Matching; if there is space available, they may be able to join a trip, but must provide a letter from their OSA office stating that the trip does not conflict with their classes

If you are graduating before the trip finishes, you may not participate on the tour



- A faculty member and sometimes a staff member (costs covered by the Chazen Institute)
- Tours range from 20-30 participants
- Students with holds on their accounts are unable to participate in Chazen Study Tours
- No significant others and no shadowing allowed

# What does it cost?

## *Budgets will include<sup>+</sup>:*

- 4/5 Star Hotels (double occupancy) unless otherwise noted
  - Note: we will do our best to accommodate roommate preferences, but this is not guaranteed; you sign up for the trip knowing you may be roomed with someone who is not your first choice
- Local transport
- Breakfasts and some lunches and dinners
- Some cultural activities

+Faculty and admin costs are not included in the per person student budget. These costs are borne by the Chazen Institute

## *Not Included:*

- Students will be responsible for booking for their own international flights, associated visa costs, recommended and required vaccines (i.e., Yellow Fever), additional meals, and any optional activities. Sometimes the associated costs can add up, so please do personal research and talk to the leadership team.

## *Can I increase my loans for travel?*

- No, since study tours are not for credit and paid via credit card.
- [Chazen Travel Fund](#) awards may be applied to Chazen Study Tours. If you did not receive a grant or missed this application period, you cannot select that you are a Chazen Travel Fund recipient. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> year, you can apply for next year when applications open in Summer 2026 and use on trips starting in Fall 2026.

# How do I sign up?

<https://travel.business.columbia.edu>



Opens at  
2:30PM!

## Chazen Tour Matching:

February 5, 4pm – February 10, 4pm

- Selections are based on **preference**
  - Similar to CourseMatch
  - Available trips will be listed in “Open Selection Rounds”
  - Only select tours you want to travel on, because when you’re selected for a trip and offered a spot, you’re dropped from all other waitlists
- One round, no add/drop or waitlist
  - You can add or change your ranking any time during the matching round



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[Maps and Directions](#)

# What does Chazen Tour Matching look like?

<https://travel.business.columbia.edu/>

- You can click on “More Details” for each trip to look at information decks and for links to recorded info sessions
- **Selecting your trip:**
  - 1 is “most preferred”
  - Please leave a tour “unranked” if you are not interested in traveling
  - If you assign a numerical value, you will either be offered a spot (*this may not be your 1<sup>st</sup> or even your 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked trip!*) or added to waitlist
- Results are released the day after the matching period ends
- After results are released, you can drop yourself from trips at any time; you can add yourself to any waitlist

## Open Selection Rounds

For each selection round you may rank tours in order of preference, with 1 being the highest preference. If you do not wish to select 'Unranked'. Rankings may be submitted or updated throughout the ranking period.

### December 2023 Tours (Selection period open until Sept. 11, 2023, 4 p.m.)

Chile: Santiago (12/16/2023 - 12/23/2023)

Organizer: Ana '24 & Jeff '25

Tour Dates: December 16 - December 23

Student Contact: [Ana@cbs.edu](mailto:Ana@cbs.edu)

[December 2023 Information Session Recording](#)

[More Details](#)

Rank \*

Unranked

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Mongolia: Ulaanbaatar (12/24/2023 - 12/31/2023)

Organizer: Arban '24 & Kulan '25

Tour Dates: December 16 - December 23

Student Contact: [Kulan@cbs.edu](mailto:Kulan@cbs.edu)

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# What happens if I get a spot?

- Successful matches will receive an automatic email with information on how to pay a **non-refundable** deposit (\$1,000). The deadline from receiving to pay is 48-hours – see website

## Current Tour Assignments and Waitlists

### Fall 2024 Tours

You have been assigned to the Study tour to Rome (Rome, Italy) tour. A deposit in the amount of \$1500.00 is due in 1 day, 23 hours (Aug. 13, 2023, 4:19 p.m.). Please submit your deposit.  
If you are having issues with payment, please report the issue.

There are currently no Chazen Tours available to rank.

- When you click on “**Please submit your deposit**” you will be brought to the registration page and then the CyberSource payment page
- If you have trouble with the registration page/CyberSource payment page, you MUST use the “**report the issue**” option in the Chazen Matching system – emails to Chazen will not pause the payment deadline
- If you don’t pay the deposit, you will forfeit your spot (it’s helpful to let us know as soon as possible if you no longer want to participate – we can then move to the next person sooner!)
- Once you’ve paid the deposit fee, you are considered on the tour and *will not get your deposit back*

# How does the waitlist work?

- As mentioned previously, **when you're matched for a study tour and receive an offer, you're automatically dropped from all other waitlists.**
- You can see your waitlist position on the Chazen Matching page. This changes frequently.

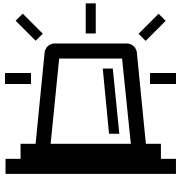
## Spring 25 Study Tours - Testing MS: Japan (Tokyo)

You have been placed on the waitlist for the Chazen Study Tour to Japan (Tokyo). You are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the waitlist. Should a spot open up, we will email you. Please note that if you are offered a spot, you must confirm it by submitting your \$1000.00 non-refundable deposit within 48 hours.

If you wish to leave this waitlist [click here](#) at any time to be removed (doing so helps save time and ensures that we notify only students who are interested in attending).

- If you're on multiple waitlists and prefer one trip over the other, we recommend you drop from the less desired trip.
  - Ex: You're waitlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position for the Japan Study Tour and in the 10<sup>th</sup> position for the Kenya Study Tour. Your first choice is Japan and this is the trip you really want to go on. However, we may move more quickly through the Kenya waitlist, leading us to offer you a spot on the Kenya Study Tour first. This means you would be dropped from the Japan Study Tour. If you're only interested in traveling to Japan and want to prioritize this trip, we would recommend you remove yourself from the Kenya Study Tour.

# What do you mean by “non-refundable” deposit? – Part 1

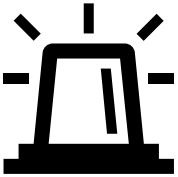


- Leadership teams have tight planning schedules – the deposit is non-refundable because you’ve used it to ensure trip viability and competitive rates
- Swapping seats, switching trips, and/or selling seats is not allowed – this puts unnecessary strain on the leadership teams and undermines the selection process



- **PLAN AHEAD: Conflicting schedules is NOT an acceptable excuse to drop from a Study Tour!** *There are no exceptions* for CBS and non-CBS classes, recruiting, interviews, weddings, student activities, conferences, internships, personal travel, etc

## What do you mean by “non-refundable” deposit? – Part 2



- Please do your due diligence and make sure your passport allows you to get visas from the countries we are visiting (check with your consulate and TraVisa.com is another good resource). Chazen can only support **tourist visas** (providing a letter stating you are a current student); we cannot support business visas or any other type of visa; if you decide to move forward after we’ve recommended you drop due to visa difficulties, this would not be considered an exceptional excuse



- We recommend that international students consult the ISSO regarding to travel outside of the US. Columbia Business School will only support travel in accordance with recommendations from [the ISSO](#)
- Keep this in mind if you sign up for our travel programs – it is important to be considerate and flexible. All international travel involve risk. We try our best to plan a safe trip with positive experiences, but everyone’s risk tolerance is different. Unless the trip is canceled by the school, this will most likely not be considered an exceptional excuse
- Tours may be canceled due to low enrollment – in this case your deposit will be refunded

# How do I withdraw after I've paid my program fee?

- Refunds (deposit/final payments) will only be made in the following exceptional instances:
  - Illness that would prevent your travel
  - Family emergencies (such as death or serious illness of immediate family member)
  - Military service
  - Court appearances, such as jury duty
  - Visa denial – documentation of a concerted effort to obtain a visa must be provided; Chazen will not accept last-minute denials or drops after our recommendation to be removed from the trip
- Requests must be made in writing and supporting documentation is required
- Refunds will be made less any non-refundable fees/expenses already incurred
  - NOTE: if you withdraw after the final payment deadline, you may be responsible for the full cost of the study tour.

## *How do I review all this information later?*

- You will be receiving a Community email with similar information about the Chazen Tours Matching system and the ECHO recording link for today's session
- You can look at each group's information deck in the Chazen Tours Matching system
- You can check the Matching round information (including upcoming rounds) and access study tour information (ECHO recordings, trip decks, dates, student contacts, etc.) through the Chazen website here:
  - <https://business.columbia.edu/chazen/students/chazen-global-study-tours>

# Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Chazen Institute:

If you're interested in leading a Summer 2026 Study Tour or a 2026-2027 tour, we will have upcoming information session in the Spring semester.

If you're interested in general study tour information, stop by the Chazen office and discuss your trip!

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