

Rhetoric School Travel Opportunities

Fall 2026 to Spring 2030

The Rhetoric School is excited to announce a regular series of trip opportunities for Rhetoric students, led and chaperoned by our excellent faculty and staff. Generally, the rotation will be as follows:

- **England:** Travel to London, Canterbury, Oxford, and other locations; visit churches, theatres, and other sites important to the literary, artistic, and cultural heritage of English speakers. This trip is available every other year (odd years) during the summer after a student has completed 9th or 10th grade.
- **Colorado (Covenant Outdoors):** Backpack and camp in the Rocky Mountains with an experienced wilderness guide. Learn about the land and wildlife of the area, about safe and ethical outdoor practices, and about how to enjoy God's creation with a worshipful attitude. Offered every summer for students who have finished 9th, 10th, or 11th grade.
- **Italy:** Travel to Florence and Rome; experience the rich culture of classical, medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque art and architecture. Practice your Latin on inscriptions old and new. Available yearly during spring break to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.
- **Central or South America:** Recent trips have included Costa Rica, Peru (2024), and the Galapagos Islands (2026). In addition to cultural and historical study, this trip will often include an element of nature study or service to the local community. Available every other year (even years) during spring break, for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Future years may include other non-European destinations.
- **Austria:** Travel to Salzburg and Vienna with the Rhetoric School Choir to sing at the annual Advent festival. Experience the cultural heritage of the cities of Mozart. Available to choir students only, including freshmen, every four years, starting in November 2026. Students are encouraged not to register for Choir just to go on the trip, but rather to demonstrate their commitment to the program and love of choral music throughout the year. Freshman attendees may be asked to commit to a second year of Choir after the trip.

Note that registration will occur about a year before each trip. Trip leaders will email all eligible families to invite them to an information session. For example, if your child is hoping to travel to England the summer after her 9th-grade year, you will register for that trip during the spring semester of 8th grade.

Trip Details

The below table is for your planning purposes. Costs, dates, and leaders are subject to change.
For questions, please reach out to the designated contact person.

Date	Frequency	Trip	Contact	Approx. Cost*
June 2026	Every summer	Colorado (Covenant Outdoors). For students who have just finished 9th, 10th, or 11th grade.	Phil Gibson	\$1100
November 23-30, 2026	Every four years	Austria. Rhetoric Choir students.	Shelbi McMullen	\$4500
Spring Break 2027	Every spring	Italy. 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.	Amber Whitehead	\$4000
Summer 2027, 12 days	odd-numbered summers	England. Students who have just finished 9th or 10th grade.	Brett Tohlen	\$4500
Spring Break 2028	even-numbered springs	Central or South America, or other non-European destination. 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.	Karla Adams	\$5000

* Note: The cost listed above includes travel, activities, and most meals. It is prudent to plan to send a student with pocket money as well.