

Overseas Trips Guidelines

Overseas trips are an opportunity to develop a range of appropriate skills that cannot always be developed fully within the classroom environment. Trips are highly enjoyable occasions and hosts/organisers frequently comment on the excellent standards of Dubai College students.

To ensure overseas trips are successful the following principles are applied:

- During standard overseas trips Dubai College operates an approximate staff- student ratio of one member of staff for every ten to twelve students. An appropriate gender balance of staff will accompany the trip. Depending upon the type of trip, some expert staff may be drawn from the organising company.
- All overseas trips are fully risk assessed and reputable companies only are used.
- Parents will be provided with relevant information about the trip before departure and an appropriate means of communication during the trip.
- During the trip normal Dubai College school rules will apply and all involved in the trip are expected to be outstanding ambassadors for the school and Dubai.
- Students are supervised throughout the trip, although, at times, the direct supervision may be carried out by a third party (for example ski instructors).
- Students may be given free time and the amount of this time will be dependent on the age range of the students. The free time might consist, for example, of a hour of shopping in a town. If this is the case a clear geographical area will be established and students will have the contact details of members of staff and will know where to locate them. Such 'free time' will be risk assessed by the accompanying members of staff beforehand. The periods of 'free time' will be identified in the trip's literature.
- In normal circumstances students will **not** be allowed to undertake activities which involve entering water. If they do enter water an additional full risk assessment will be undertaken and appropriate safety measures put in place.
- The school will follow the Dubai law with regard to the consumption of alcohol. Therefore, regardless of local laws or customs in the territory being visited, no student may consume alcohol. Smoking is also prohibited.
- If a student does not behave appropriately, members of staff on the trip may exclude them from certain activities and take other appropriate action in line with the policies of the College. If behaviour causes a significant concern to accompanying staff the student may be flown back to Dubai at the expense of parents. On returning to Dubai the College may take additional action in line with school policies.