Chazen International Study Tours
Winter 2015-16 Study Tour Information Session

Study Tours:
Argentina
India
What are the benefits of a Chazen International Travel Program?

- Complement your coursework
- Broaden your intercultural competency and understanding
- Build and strengthen your relationships with your peers
- Expand your practitioner network
- Enhance your industry knowledge
- Gain first-hand experience of a business culture
- Discover potentially beneficial business practices
- Stay at the forefront of an ever-globalizing world
What are they like?

- Intense! A mix of business and cultural visits
- Expect about 2 business meetings each business day, which works out to 8-10 throughout the trip (depends on the length of the tour and the visits themselves)
- Students are expected to attend the entire tour and be active participants
- ALL company visits are mandatory
## What is the difference between Study Tours and Global Immersion Programs?

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<th>GIPs</th>
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<td>Selection is through Chazen Bidding using Chazen bid points</td>
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<td>Student-run and initiated</td>
<td>Faculty-led</td>
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<td>No class sessions</td>
<td>Class sessions prior to immersion and deliverable due after</td>
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<td>Balance of culture and business</td>
<td>More thematic and heavier focus on business</td>
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<td>Usually involves travel to multiple cities</td>
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Who goes?

- Full-time Business School students (no significant others); a faculty member and sometimes a staff member.
- Tours range from 20-40 participants
- Students with holds on their accounts are unable to participate in Chazen Study Tours
- No shadowing company visits, please
What is the schedule?

- Student organizers will show you tentative itineraries at this point with targeted companies.

- Many companies will not confirm until closer to the travel dates, but these are based on personal contacts and previous tours.

- Leading up to the travel, each tour will have a pre-departure meeting with the latest schedule.
What does it cost?

Budgets will include:

- Hotels (double occupancy)
- Local transport
- Breakfaats and some lunches and dinners
- Some cultural activities

Not Included:

- Students will be responsible for booking for their own international flight

Can I increase my loans for travel?

- Generally no since study tours are not for credit. Students are only able to increase their loan eligibility for a study tour if they register for an associated independent study, under the guidance of a faculty sponsor. Contact the Office of Student Affairs for more information
How do I sign up?

Dutch Auction Bidding System

- lowest price that all bidders are willing to pay is the “clearing price” for everyone

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<td>15 People Bid 800 points</td>
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<td>10 People Bid 500 points</td>
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<td>40 available spots</td>
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Group A
- Everyone gets a spot and a refund of 200 points

Group B
- 10 of the 15 people are selected randomly and charged 800 points
- The 5 remaining people are placed on the waitlist

Group C
- Everyone is placed on the waitlist
What is the bidding process?

- Everyone gets 2000 upfront lifetime Chazen bid points (separate from BOSS bid points)
- One round of bidding: **September 15, 10am – September 21, 4pm**
- Results released by noon on September 22
- You can bid anytime during this bidding period
- You can bid on more than one study tour
- There will not be an add/drop round or waitlist round
  - Waitlist decided by bid amount
- If the study tour doesn’t fill after both rounds, students can sign up on a first-come, first-serve basis by emailing [chazen@columbia.edu](mailto:chazen@columbia.edu) (no bid points needed)
- No swapping is allowed
http://chazentours.gsb.columbia.edu

Overview

After consulting with the GBA and listening carefully to feedback from students, the Chazen Institute has modified its study tour bidding process to provide a more equitable way for students to bid for these tours. The new bidding process replaces a lottery system in which students who won spots on tours were chosen by chance. The dramatic rise in
What do I do after I get a spot?

- Successful bidders will have 48 hours to pay a **non-refundable** $500 deposit

- If you don’t pay the deposit, you will forfeit your spot and your bid points will be refunded to you

- Once you’ve paid the deposit, you are considered on the tour and will not get your deposit or bid points back if you drop (except in exceptional cases)

- Check for conflicting block week courses, Global Immersion Program classes, on-campus recruiting, and other activities **BEFORE** signing up for a study tour (these does not count as an exceptional circumstances)
How do I withdraw after I’ve paid my deposit?

- Withdrawal creates extra work for organizers and also increases the costs for students on the waitlist.

- Refunds of bid points/payments will only be made in the following instances:
  - Personal, medical, and family emergencies
  - Military service
  - Court appearances, such as jury duty
  - Visa denial

- Requests must be made in writing with supporting documentation.

- Refunds will be made less any non-refundable fees/expenses already incurred.
What are the differences between Chazen and BOSS bidding?

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<td>No extra bid points for completing a study tour</td>
<td>Extra bid points are rewarded for completing an elective</td>
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