

SECONDARY TRIPS

MBIS
MAADI BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Learning Beyond the Classroom



2026-27
BOOKLET



**EXPLORE.
DISCOVER.
ACHIEVE.**

EXPERIENCE



INTRODUCING TRIPS WITH MBIS

Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to present this year's MBIS Trips Booklet, providing an overview of the residential trips available during the coming academic year. The booklet is designed to help families plan ahead and identify the opportunities best suited to their child. Trips are listed in chronological order and clearly indicate which students are eligible to participate. Please note that prices are approximate at this stage and may vary depending on exchange rate fluctuations and final student numbers.

We also strongly encourage students to take part in their Year Group residential trips alongside their peers. These experiences allow students to explore the diverse landscapes of Egypt while developing independence, resilience and interpersonal skills — all without the need for visas or international travel.

All MBIS trips are carefully planned and risk assessed in line with the highest British and International standards. Our external providers are thoroughly vetted by experienced trip leaders to ensure both quality and safety, allowing families to feel confident that student wellbeing remains central to every experience we offer.

Stephen Rogers

School Principal

WHY TRIPS?

At MBIS, we are committed to delivering a strong character education alongside academic success. Our trips provide opportunities for students to develop leadership, resilience and wellbeing beyond the classroom. Through shared challenges and new environments, students build confidence, independence and teamwork skills. We are proud to offer a wide range of carefully curated, enriching experiences that are inclusive and provide excellent value for money.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each of our journeys offers an opportunity for personal growth and development, accompanied by new experiences that are both enriching and memorable for everyone involved.



BESPOKE EXPERIENCES

At MBIS, itineraries are adapted to meet the needs and interests of each group. All trips are underpinned by thorough risk assessments and careful planning, ensuring that safety, safeguarding and student wellbeing remain our highest priorities at all times.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

At MBIS, our goal is to provide a variety of day trips and residential experiences that are accessible and engaging for all students, both within Egypt and beyond.



LEADERSHIP

Travel provide students with the chance to take on leadership roles beyond the classroom, encouraging them to push their limits and acquire valuable life experiences.



ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Subject knowledge can be enriched and expanded through experiences beyond the classroom. Our trips are designed to complement the curriculum and offer exceptional learning opportunities.



GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Students can immerse themselves in diverse cultures while also creating opportunities to interact with the local community. Volunteering activities allow students to make a tangible difference to the environment or people's lives.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

School trips provide students with opportunities to grow in ways that cannot always be achieved within the classroom. Away from their usual routines and the distractions of daily screen time, students are encouraged to engage fully with the people and environments around them.

Experiencing new places, taking part in shared activities and facing unfamiliar challenges helps students to develop confidence, resilience and independence. They learn to adapt, communicate effectively and work collaboratively, building important life skills that support both academic success and personal wellbeing.

These experiences also strengthen relationships between students. Time spent together outdoors, exploring, problem-solving and achieving shared goals helps to build friendships and a stronger sense of community.

Most importantly, our trips give students the opportunity to reconnect with the real world — developing self-awareness, creating lasting memories and returning with a renewed sense of confidence and perspective.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MBIS trips provide a valuable platform for developing leadership in action. Away from the familiar routines of school, students are given opportunities to take on new roles, make group decisions and support their peers through shared challenges. These moments encourage initiative, responsibility and the ability to think clearly under pressure — key qualities of effective leadership.

Such experiences also contribute meaningfully to students' personal profiles beyond school. Demonstrating leadership, teamwork and resilience in unfamiliar environments provides strong, authentic examples for university applications, CVs and future interviews. Students are able to reflect on real situations where they have shown adaptability, communication and problem-solving, helping them to stand out in increasingly competitive pathways.

Importantly, time away from the pace and distractions of everyday life also gives students space to reflect on their future aspirations. Whether during a challenging trek or through conversations with friends and teachers, these moments often encourage students to think more deeply about their goals, values and the kind of person they wish to become.

By combining challenge with reflection, these trips ensure that students not only grow in confidence but leave with meaningful experiences that support both their personal development and future ambitions.



TRIP CALENDAR

TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

ALEXANDRIA

EL GOUNA

MARSA ALAM

BAHARIYA OASIS

THAILAND

ASWAN and LUXOR

ITALY SKI TRIP

ENGLAND

FRANCE

TRIP CALENDAR

TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Year 7

Alexandria
France
Ski Trip

Year 8

El Gouna Camp
France
Ski Trip

Year 9

Aswan and Luxor
France
Ski Trip
England

Year 10

Marsa Alam
Ski Trip
England

Year 11

Ski Trip
Bahariya Oasis

Years 12&13

Thailand
Ski Trip
Bahariya Oasis

Year 9 and Year 10

SEPTEMBER

ENGLAND

25th September to 2nd October 2026

Expected Cost: 1950 GBP



The annual England trip offers students an authentic taste of British life, based in the beautiful Midlands town of Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace, and a gateway to the scenic Cotswolds; and Bristol, a city that has been built on maritime history and is a real cultural melting pot. These picturesque locations provide the perfect base from which to explore some of England's most iconic historical and cultural landmarks.

Days out and excursions are extremely varied, taking in the best of the arts and sciences. Highlights of the trip include a live Shakespeare performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, a dazzling musical, and visits to Warwick Castle, automotive and aerospace museums, as well as seeing some of the famous sights in London. Mealtimes are also a memorable part of the experience, with students sampling classic English favourites such as fish and chips or picnics in the park as well as spectacular breakfasts at the hotel.

With a rich and varied itinerary designed to appeal to all interests, the trip promises something for everyone—whether you're a history buff, theatre lover, or simply curious to explore life in another culture. This is a side of England many tourists miss, but one that captures the true heart of British heritage.



Year 8 EL GOUNA VILLAGE CAMP

OCTOBER

4th October- 7th October, 2026

Approximate Cost - 26 000 EGP



In association with Carpe Diem, one of Egypt's leading activity providers, we offer Year 8 students an exciting introduction to residential camp life.

Based at El Gouna Village Camp, students stay in bunkhouse accommodation and enjoy evenings around the campfire, creating a memorable outdoor experience.

Each day is filled with engaging land- and water-based activities designed to challenge and include all students. Led by the experienced Carpe Diem team, activities may include kayaking, wakeboarding, zip lining, assault courses, boat building and team games, all delivered in a safe and supportive environment.

This residential provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop independence, build confidence and resilience and strengthen friendships, while stepping outside their comfort zone and enjoying new experiences away from home.



Years 11-13

NOVEMBER

BAHARIYA OASIS

**4th November- 7th November,
2026**

Approximate Cost - 23 000EGP



A new addition to our trip calendar offers examination students the opportunity to take part in a short but high-impact experience. Designed by our own trip team, this domestic adventure allows students to explore new and challenging environments without the need for flights or visas.

The trip takes students into Egypt's Western Desert, including a stop at Bahariya Oasis and a physically challenging desert trek. Students will experience Bedouin culture first-hand, camp under the night sky, and explore the unique flora and fauna of the desert.

Timed to coincide with the peak of the Taurid meteor shower and a new moon, students will benefit from exceptional stargazing conditions in one of Egypt's darkest environments. Running over a weekend ensures minimal disruption to learning, while still offering valuable time beyond the classroom. Geography and Science students will have opportunities to apply fieldwork skills, and all students will benefit from time in nature, returning to their studies refreshed and invigorated.

Led by our experienced school expedition leaders, this is an outstanding opportunity not to be missed.

Year 7

NOVEMBER

ALEXANDRIA

17th to 19th November, 2026

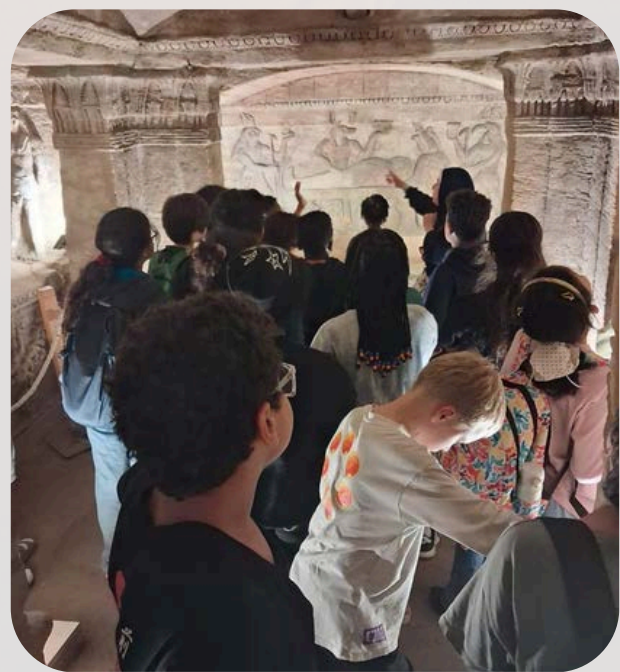
Approximate Cost 18 500 EGP



This is the first residential trip offered to students in Secondary School, and we strongly encourage all Year 7 students to attend. During the trip, students will visit a range of historical sites and attractions in and around Alexandria, including Qaitbey Fort, the Greco-Roman Museum, the Catacombs and Odeon, the Library of Alexandria and the Alamein War Cemeteries, alongside a programme of enjoyable evening activities.

The trip brings history to life in a memorable and engaging way, giving students the opportunity to explore important historical locations while creating lasting memories with their classmates. It also supports students in developing independence, strengthening friendships and deepening their understanding of topics studied in class.

Students will stay in hotel accommodation in shared double or triple rooms and will travel to and around Alexandria using school-arranged transport.



JANUARY

Years 12 & 13

THAILAND

3rd to 13th January, 2027

Approximate cost 2000 GBP

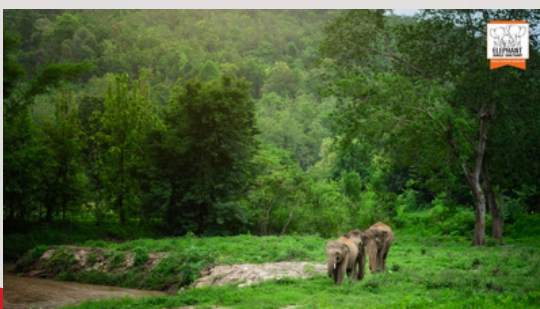
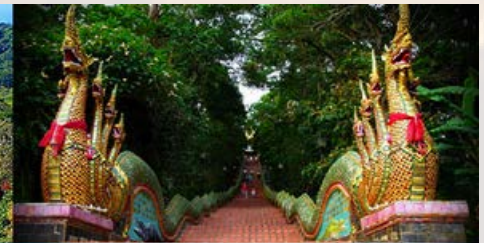


Our Thailand Cultural Experience offers Sixth Form students a unique opportunity to explore a new continent while developing independence, global awareness and real-world skills. Over ten days, students travel between Bangkok and Chiang Mai, experiencing a rich blend of culture, history and adventure. Highlights include visiting iconic landmarks such as the Grand Palace and floating markets, taking part in a Thai cooking school, and exploring vibrant city life. In Chiang Mai, students engage in meaningful experiences at an ethical elephant sanctuary and discover traditional culture through local markets and mountain visits.

The programme is designed to enrich learning beyond the classroom, with opportunities for cultural immersion, teamwork and personal development, as well as experiences that support university applications.

This unforgettable trip combines travel, culture and purpose, creating lasting memories and a deeper understanding of the wider world.

To minimise disruption to learning, we encourage Sixth Form students to select only one international trip, as each involves time away from school.



FEBRUARY

Years 7-13

SKI TRIP

The annual MBIS ski trip is a highlight of our trip calendar. We're excited to offer students the opportunity to join our unforgettable school ski trip to the French Alps!

Whether your child is a complete beginner or an experienced skier, they'll receive expert instruction tailored to their level while developing confidence and independence on the slopes, learning in small groups and accompanied by their teachers.

Beyond skiing, this trip encourages resilience, adventure, and personal growth through travel to a new country and immersion in a unique cultural experience. With plenty of fun, friendship, and learning beyond the classroom, it's an opportunity your child won't want to miss!

If your child has not secured a place for this year's trip, make sure that you look out for the next opportunity to sign up in the Summer term.

30th January to 6th February, 2027

Expected cost: 2200 GBP (+ ski hire)



Year 9

MARCH

ASWAN and LUXOR

13th to 18th March, 2027

Expected cost: 45000 EGP



Our Aswan and Luxor adventure offers students an exciting opportunity to experience the rich culture, history and natural beauty of Upper Egypt. Led by experienced MBIS staff in partnership with Carpe Diem, this five-night trip provides a taste of adventure travel while immersing students in the unique landscapes and communities of the Nile Valley.

The programme combines fun with challenge, helping students build resilience, independence and teamwork skills in preparation for future expeditions. Highlights include visits to iconic sites such as Philae Temple, Karnak and Medinet Habu, alongside cultural experiences in Nubian villages, camel rides and sailing traditional feluccas on the Nile.

With a mix of camp-style and hotel accommodation, students enjoy an authentic and memorable experience that goes beyond typical tourism. As a key Year 9 experience, all students are strongly encouraged to take part.



Year 10

APRIL

MARSA ALAM

19th to 24th April, 2027

Expected Cost: 42000 EGP

Our Marsa Alam adventure offers students a truly unique opportunity to explore one of Egypt's most stunning coastal environments. In partnership with Carpe Diem, one of Egypt's leading activity providers, this bespoke trip is designed to inspire, challenge and engage students through a rich blend of adventure, exploration and environmental awareness.

Students will experience the natural beauty of the Red Sea coral reefs through snorkelling at Abu Dabbab, where they may encounter turtles and even dugongs, alongside a desert safari in Wadi El Gemal and visits to significant local sites. A key focus of the trip is sustainability, with hands-on participation in conservation activities in the mangroves at Qulaan and Hankorab, directly supporting learning within the IGCSE Biology and Geography curricula.

Combining physical challenge with meaningful environmental engagement, this trip encourages students to develop resilience, teamwork and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

As a key year group experience, all students are strongly encouraged to take part.



MAY

Year 7-9

FRANCE

8th to 13th May, 2027

Expected Cost: 2000 GBP

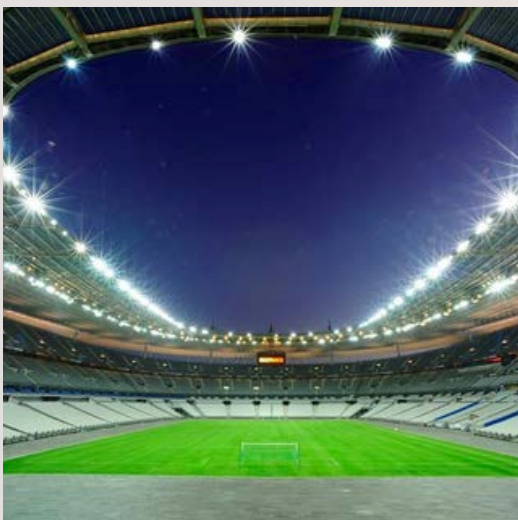
Our Paris Languages and Culture Experience offers students an exciting opportunity to immerse themselves in French language and culture. Over six days, including four days of sightseeing, students visit iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and Disneyland Paris, as well as enjoying a river cruise on the Seine.

Based in a château just outside the city (PGL), students experience authentic French life in a safe and supportive environment. A French-speaking guide supports all excursions, encouraging students to use their language skills in real-life situations and build confidence beyond the classroom.

The programme combines cultural visits with interactive language activities and engaging evening events, creating a balanced and memorable experience.

This trip not only enhances language development but also builds independence, cultural awareness and lasting memories in one of Europe's most iconic cities

This trip is likely to be oversubscribed and so look out for the sign up links.



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INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (the Award) is a Non-Formal Education and Learning framework supporting young people to find their purpose, place and passion in the world. In more than 120 countries, their globally recognised accreditation is available to all 14 to 24-year-olds, inclusive of all backgrounds, locations, cultures and abilities. Through the programme, each young person becomes part of something special while developing their individual interests, universal skills and life ambitions. Founded in 1956, the Award highlights the value of Non-Formal Education and Learning. Today there are consistently over a million young people taking on the Award's challenge to believe in the power of their potential, make a difference in their community and take control of their future. The result? Entire generations of innovators and changemakers who are truly world-ready.



MBIS has been successfully delivering the Bronze award for 2 years and are excited to be supporting the first cohort through their Silver Award this year with a view to encouraging participation in the Gold Award in 6th form in the future.

The Adventurous Journey (AJ) encourages a spirit of adventure and discovery while planning and undertaking a journey with a small team of peers. Teams work together to set a clear and challenging goal that is achievable and defines what activities they will be doing throughout their journey. The AJ requires initiative, communication and perseverance. With suitable training, planning and supervision, the AJ section aims to safely take young people out of their comfort zone and promotes experiencing new challenges in a team setting. AJ dates will be confirmed later in the year for both the Bronze and Silver expeditions.

DAY TRIPS



LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

At MBIS, we believe it is essential for students to engage with the local environment, culture and history that surrounds them. Based in Cairo, students benefit from access to world-famous landmarks, rich traditions and vibrant communities. Through day trips, students step beyond the classroom and experience learning in a real-world context—whether exploring ancient sites, visiting local markets or taking part in curriculum-linked experiences such as business case studies or geography field work.

Many of our day trips are designed to support subject learning, introduce students to potential career pathways and strengthen connections with the local community. Students develop independence, curiosity and observational skills, learning to ask questions and apply their knowledge in unfamiliar settings.

For those new to Egypt, these experiences also foster a strong sense of place and belonging, helping students feel more connected to their surroundings and the wider community.

NEXT STEPS

Trip sign ups will be announced in the school newsletter and by direct mailing from MBIS. Our international trips are often oversubscribed so it is important that if your child is interested in joining a trip, that sign up is completed on time and deposits paid by the deadline. Naturally, many of our trips also have minimum numbers and so insufficient interest may mean that the trip does not go ahead as planned.

Upon sign up, parents will be asked to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure a place on the trip. At the same time, we will ask for trip information packs to be completed and returned to school to allow for flight booking and visa support (if applicable) as well as medical information and payment plans to be agreed. This trip pack will contain all of the information that you need about the trip and detail our terms and conditions, cancellation information and insurance details.

Trip schedules are expected to remain similar each year and so if your child has missed out on a trip opportunity this year, you can plan ahead for the following year.

The school does not profit from trips and all trip budgets are planned very carefully to ensure value for money. The costings quoted here are approximate and allow for exchange rate fluctuations.

If you have any questions or feedback about trip opportunities, please get in touch.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES

As always we have a busy calendar and it is important that students and parents know the schedule of key academic dates, so as to help inform their planning and making choices with regards to specific trips. Please find below the list of key academic dates (this is not an exhaustive list but includes our major academic events):

SEPTEMBER

30th Aug - 11th Sep: CAT4 Testing

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

W/C 29th November: School theatre Production

DECEMBER

JANUARY

17th - 26th January: Year 11 Mocks

FEBRUARY

9th - 15th February: AS/A2 Mocks

MARCH

APRIL

APRIL/ MAY

26th April-13th May: GL Progress Tests (Y7-9) IGCSE & AS/A2 exams (May)

JUNE

13th-17th June: Exam Week (Y7-10) IGCSE & AS/A2 exams (June)



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