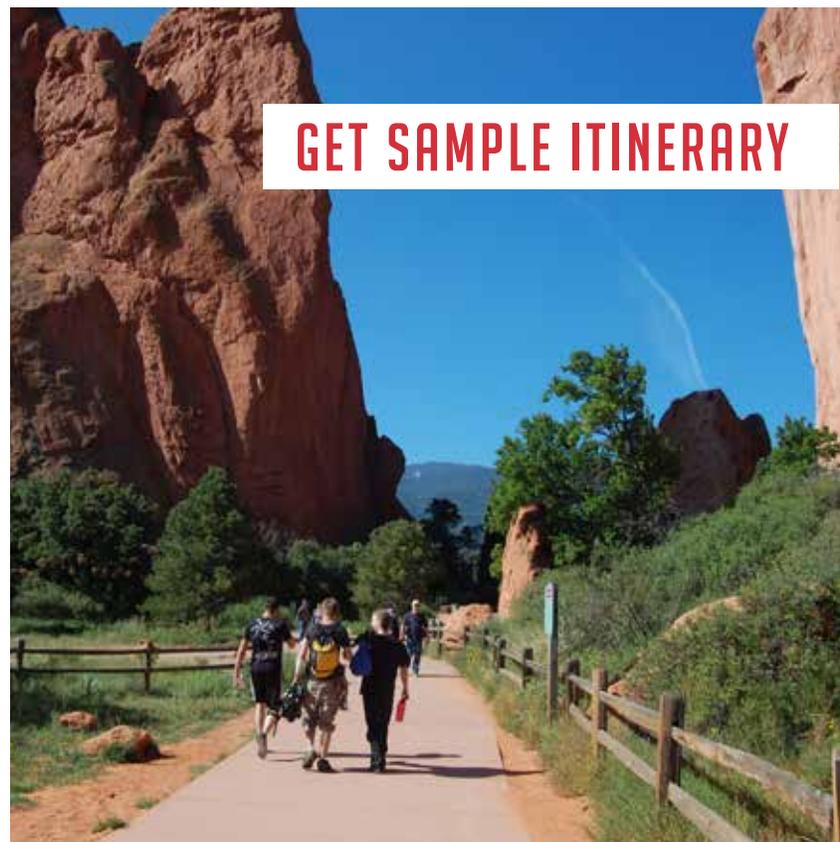


# DIRECTOR'S PICKS TOP 10

We're counting down the top 10 student-friendly destinations to travel with your group. Looking for a performance trip that's fun, memorable, and educational? Need a fresh, new approach to a favorite destination? Tested and chosen by music educators, these are our Director's Picks!

## 10. COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs is literally the home of "America the Beautiful." Nature takes a front seat everywhere in Colorado, and all of the student friendly activities in Colorado Springs showcase its natural wonder. If your students are interested in great outdoor adventure, visit the Royal Gorge, Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.



## 9. LOS ANGELES

You're sure to see stars here- whether it's from the intensity of a Universal Studios ride, Hollywood's Walk of Fame or a movie at one of the vintage movie houses. Other awesome experiences include beaches and museums, Disneyland and Universal Studios, and Soundtrack Workshops.

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## 8. SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio is a small trip that feels big. With three major theme parks, there is no shortage of thrill rides and splash zones. Rich in its Spanish Mission heritage, San Antonio has a historic and cultural significance that pervades the city. Students will remember The Alamo, the Riverwalk, and great Mexican food!

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## 7. DALLAS

Dallas is the quintessential “Texas” experience. BIG rollercoasters, BIG league ball games, BIG performance venues and BIG chicken fried steaks! We love Dallas for its diverse performance options and value packed entertainment choices. Dallas offers a unique and affordable destination to enhance a four year trip plan.

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## 6. BRANSON

Nestled in the Ozark Mountain, Branson was built for family entertainment. Its 76 Country Boulevard is famously lined with theaters. Groups can attend LIVE music shows like SIX and The Haygoods,. Don't miss must-dos: Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner Attraction and Silver Dollar City, an 1800s-themed amusement park.

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## 5. CHICAGO

We characterize Chicago as a “vintage America.” Chicago offers a unique experience similar to Manhattan without the higher price tag. The Windy City is set in an urban landscape with vestiges of its architectural history. Visit museums, stroll Navy Pier or shop the Magnificent Mile. Plus, there’s amazing deep dish pizza!

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## 4. NEW YORK

The Big Apple makes it into our Top 10 because it has so many options to fit any group’s personality and size. Iconic sites include the Empire State Building and sprawling Central Park. Experience Broadway theater, staged in neon-lit Times Square. Students can perform at Carnegie Hall or for visitors at the Statue of Liberty!

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### 3. UNITED KINGDOM

The grandeur of music is surely matched by the country of castles. Bring your students to see Coventry Castle and Winchester Cathedral in the land of rain and green grass. Take a walking tour of one of the largest cities in Europe, London. Enjoy a traditional tea or take in a game of the other football.

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### 2. HAWAII

Hawaii is more than its breathtaking landscapes and tropical white sand beaches. Its local Polynesian culture is warm and charming. We love Hawaii for it's blend of native Hawaiian island history with our own American history defined at Pearl Harbor during World War II. Visit Hawaii and see that it's more than palm trees and pineapples.

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## 1. ORLANDO

Disney World is reason enough for us to proclaim Orlando our most popular destination for student groups. This experience-centered destination offers a theme park thrills, magical moments, variety for all interests and ages, and magnificent performance opportunities.

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