

Uplift

tours and travel

'School Tours with a Difference'



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“Never let anyone come to you without coming away better and happier.”

- Mother Teresa, 1910-1997

We understand the importance of providing both unique travel experiences AND excellent customer service. Enjoy the 'Uplift' difference from the day you make contact with us – our service is refreshingly friendly, efficient, and professional!

Apart from offering our full international travel agency service for individual travel, corporate and leisure markets, we work closely with international charities, care and missions organisations to develop a range of innovative small group journeys and volunteering holidays exclusive to Uplift Tours and Travel, offering rich and uplifting travel experiences available to all age and interest groups.

Our vision and philosophy...

“To uplift the poverty stricken in all corners of the world, regardless of religion, race or ethnic group”

- We actively support a number of international organisations that assist some of the most poverty stricken people in remote regions of the world.
- We believe in putting something back into the world. We do not profit from assisting these care and missions organisations, but aim to assist their worthwhile endeavours, which so often go unnoticed. We contribute funds to each project visited on each group tour, and at the same time, we hope these experiences grow our clients' understanding of the needs of these projects. Often these experiences are life changing for the traveller.

“We are passionate about customer service, offering travel experiences 'with a difference' and making positive changes to people across the world living in poverty. We look forward to helping you make a difference to the world as you discover it!”

- Claire McErlane, Uplift Tours and Travel.

Uplift Tours and Travel is a fully licenced international travel agent (TAG 3265094) and a member of the Travel Compensation Fund. All TCF agencies are subject to strict financial criteria and consumers can be assured their financial dealings are secure.

Why choose Uplift Tours and Travel?

The Uplift difference...

1. Uplift knows travel!

Our professional highly trained staff have years of experience, providing expert service every time. Whether it's a trip to Tassie, or a round the world trip, we will organise your travel plans in a no fuss manner. Many Uplift clients travel to places not on the typical tourist route, so whether you're travelling to Berlin or Benin, we will look after your travel arrangements professionally and efficiently.

2. Your one stop travel shop – including our visa service

We're here for you ... from the moment of inception, to returning to your front door, we will plan your whole trip, taking care of everything for you. And visas ... many travellers loathe organising these! For a small fee, we will organise all your visas and have your passport back to your doorstep without any hassle on your part. It's part of our service commitment to you!

3. Commitment to superior customer service

Uplift is committed to providing unparalleled customer service delivered with professionalism and integrity. We understand the importance of providing excellent customer service, to every client, every time. We further understand the importance of keeping communication lines open and keeping clients up to date with booking progress.

4. Without a travel agent, you're on your own

What would you do if the hotel lost your reservation you had booked on the internet? Who's going to help you? Unfortunately not the hotel - losing you as a customer is no big deal to them. Basically, you're on your own ... If you book through an agent, all you have to do is make one simple phone call, and everything will be taken care of. Will the hotel assist your agent? Of course, because now they're dealing with someone who has the potential to send either hundreds of guests, or no guests at all. It pays to use a trusted travel agent like Uplift!

5. Quality is remembered long after the price is forgotten

Saving money is not just about price, it is more about value. For example, you could save \$100 on a long-haul international flight, but it means you'll have to sit in a dirty, non air-conditioned transit lounge for 14hrs before you continue your journey. Whilst we are happy to book the absolute cheapest for you if you wish, we



will always research best options and advise relevant information which may influence your decision. We will deliver the best value and quality of service, whilst remaining competitive in the market place.

6. Uplift is an independently licensed travel agent

We don't have franchise contracts advising which operators, airlines or hotels we must utilise. What this means to you, our client, is that we have the freedom of choosing the right operator we know is best for you personally.

7. Your money is safe

Uplift Tours & Travel is a member of the Travel Compensation Fund ("TCF"). All TCF agencies are subject to strict financial criteria and consumers can be assured that their financial dealings are secure.

8. Personalised travel documentation for you

Each client is provided with personalised documentation in an easy to follow format, including a complete day by day itinerary and handy travel tips.

9. We're committed to assisting humanitarian organisations

Our vision is 'To uplift the poverty stricken in all corners of the world, regardless of religion, race or ethnic group'. Apart from our complete travel agency service, we are passionate about seeing individuals and communities relieved out of poverty throughout the world. We expose the wonderful work of humanitarian and missions organisations through our Uplift Small Group Journeys, 18-35's Adventure Tours, Volunteer then Relax holidays, and drug and alcohol free Schoolies Safaris.

We understand travel – So you can relax
and just have a great time...

Client Testimonials

The Uplift service difference...

What clients are saying about Uplift Tours and Travel

"Uplift Tours & Travel have been wonderful to work with. With their initiative, fantastic support, great personality/ PR and hard work our workload and stress has been largely decreased. We always know our requests will be answered promptly and professionally. And the best result is great prices for our clients."
Robyn L, Empart (missions organisation).

"My friends and I chose to organise our holiday through Uplift Tours and Travel, as the unique and diverse options they offered really appealed to us and our sense of adventure. We were not disappointed, as we had the ultimate holidaying experience! The professionals at Uplift covered even the smallest details to ensure our trip was hassle free and truly relaxing - everything a holiday should be! On our return and hearing our many stories, all our friends and family wanted to find out about the many Uplift travel options for themselves. We all agreed the trip had been uplifting, and I can't wait to utilise them again!"
Rachel B, Vic.

I just wanted to say thank you to you and the team at Uplift for making Fiji Schoolies the amazing experience it has been for Sarah. She has so many great stories to tell and even more photos to share. Chris and Alisha looked after them very well and made the trip even more special.

Thanks again
Annette P, parent of Schoolies Safari participant.

We couldn't be happier with the level of service and professionalism that Uplift have afforded us, you have a wonderful business. Thank you and your office girls for being so helpful and co-operative as Steve sorted out the best option for USA.
Steve & Michelle A, corporate clients



Megan had such a fantastic time and took something like 1465 photos! I am recommending the trip to all my friends with younger kids. Thanks once again.
Janette E, parent of Schoolies Safari participant.

"The trip to Vanuatu was fantastic! Thank you so much for all that you did to organise and book it for us! Everything in terms of the travel arrangements went so smoothly. The highlight of the trip was, of course, being able to work with the students at Jehovah Jireh Christian School. They were very welcoming and it was such a fulfilling week. The trip to Tanna Island and Mt Yasur was fantastic too!"
Megan T, NSW.

"Hey girls! Wanted to share some feedback on your service ... she's a happy little camper! Here's her quote, 'Tammy from Uplift was wonderful ... I intend recommending this Travel Agency to my Church here also'."
Gary R, Mercy Ships.

Experience the Uplift service for yourself –
and make you own great holiday story

Looking for new School Tours?

Uplift Tours and Travel is your answer

School and college tours to domestic and international destinations that provide students with unique cultural and educational experiences

Arranging a school tour or trip can be a difficult job on its own, let alone trying to get it done between classes

Uplift Tours and Travel is a fully accredited international travel agency specializing in 'experiential travel,' providing unique travel experiences for school groups, all delivered with service excellence.

Educational tours, fun tours, field trips, cultural missions/service based trips ... we can put together the whole trip for you, taking away all the stress and time-consuming work of researching, planning, and putting together a memorable and successful trip for your students. Liaising closely with you, we maintain regular contact from the moment you make contact with us, to the time your group arrives safely home.

We have a wide range of suggested itineraries we can discuss with you, or let us create your own itinerary based on your specific curriculum requirements (eg languages, history, music, geology, and social sciences), or indeed for specific missions/service-based requirements, with the option of including fun activities in the tour.

Our unique cultural missions/service-based tours offer incredible educational and experiential travel opportunities to students. Understanding the importance of the cross-cultural experience for young people, Uplift Tours and Travel have partnered with inspirational international care and missions organisations to offer these unique travel experiences for school groups.

As a fantastic value-add, Uplift can provide you with a range of information required for parents as well.

So if you are considering a combined educational and fun tour to New Zealand, a geology field trip, or a missions trip to Fiji or India, or wherever you want to go and have a fun, productive time providing a meaningful experience for your students, contact the friendly team at Uplift for a refreshingly easy way of organising your next school trip.



Here are just some examples of the unique school tours and some suggested inclusions we can tailor for your school group:

DARWIN TOP END HISTORY

Highlights:

- Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Culture / Adelaide River Jumping Crocodile Cruise
- World War II sightseeing & attractions
- Litchfield National Park
- Territory Wildlife Park
- Swimming at Berry Springs Nature Reserve
- Optional: Why not stay at or visit a hostel which caters for the local indigenous community coming to the city for medical treatment?

NATURAL NEW ZEALAND

Highlights:

- Volcanic Field
- Rainforest Walk
- Maori Cultural Centre
- Traditional Maori Meal
- Jet Boat
- Mountain Biking
- Hells Gate Geothermal reserve
- Waitomo Glow Worm Caves
- (many various itineraries available – please contact Uplift for further info)

EXPLORE KATHMANDU

Highlights:

- Visit local childrens home
- Treks
- River Rafting on Trisuli River
- Nature Walks & Canoe Safari
- Elephant Safari
- Indigenous Tharu village tour

See over for further unique school group tour ideas ...

School Tours continued ...

HISTORIC NORFOLK ISLAND

Highlights:

- Anson Bay Walk / Breakfast Bush Walk
- Murder Mystery Dinner
- Historic Convict Kingston
- Sea kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Horseriding
- Cyclorama / Captain Cooks Memorial
- Sunset Clifftop Tahitian Culture Show

SUPERB SABAH, MALAYSIAN NORTH BORNEO

Highlights:

- Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre
- Rainforest Discovery Centre
- Long Boat Cruise
- Nature Lodge stay
- Tea Plantation
- War Memorial
- World Heritage Park
- Mount Kinabalu
- White Water Rafting

BECKONING KALIMANTAN, INDONESIAN SOUTH BORNEO

Highlights:

- Tribal Childrens Orphanage stay
- Orangutan Wildlife Sanctuary
- Jungle experience
- Bako National Park
- Cultural Village

TEMPTING THAILAND

Highlights:

- Childrens Orphanage visit and/or Tribal Youth Centre stay in Chiang Mai
- World War II Museum
- Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
- Bridge over River Kwai
- Death Railway
- Tiger Temple
- Golden Triangle
- Hilltribe Village
- Elephant Camp
- Grand Palace

ADVENTUROUS AFRICA

Highlights:

- Stay at inspirational childrens home
- Get involved in your own project at the home
- Quadbiking along Nile River
- 3 day Wildlife Safari
- Excellent set up for groups
- Make this a fundraising opportunity for your students

FANTASTIC FIJI

Highlights:

- Paint a local primary school OR
- Visit a home for single mothers and their children or local deaf childrens school
- Suva shopping and markets
- Barefoot Sailing / Navua River Tour / Snorkelling
- Fiji Museum

PICTURESQUE SHILLONG, NORTH EAST INDIA

Highlights:

- Childrens orphanage
- National Park Wildlife safari – spot the one horned rhino
- Experience cultural India's melting pot at Historic Shillong

BATTLEFIELDS TOURS

Tours include:

- The Western Front
- Gallipoli
- Vietnam
- (many various itineraries available – please contact Uplift for further info)

Contact the team at Uplift Tours & Travel to discuss these opportunities and many others!

The Protection of Children: Uplift Tours and Travel is committed to the safety and holistic wellbeing of all children and young people involved in our travel programmes. To ensure that children and young people are kept safe from harm, our staff and volunteers are required to possess a current blue card; agree to adhere to a code of conduct when working with children; and undergo training in child safety. Uplift Tours and Travel takes child protection and safety seriously and consequently has policies and procedures in place to ensure that your child has the best possible experience with us.

A note about Uplift's drug and alcohol free Schoolies Safaris

See our Schoolies option for a meaningful and safe schoolies experience for your students. Visit our website for further information on this ultimate adventure, packed with sun, sand, culture and adventure!

Considering organising your own schoolies group? Contact us for some unique adventures!

Uplift is proud to be associated with ...

SUNED is a member based organisation led by a committee of industry representatives which liaises closely with government on local, state and federal levels. The organisation's mission is to support, promote and grow with the region's industry in a global environment.



Give us a call to find out more

Uplift Schoolies Safaris

Uplift Tours and Travel
is your answer

Explore the hidden wonders of Fiji on our Schoolies Safari adventure around Fiji's magical main island Viti Levu

Everyone has been to the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast. If you have one chance to celebrate the best time of your life, make it special and get on a plane with your friends to a magnificent exotic location!

Here's your answer! Check out our action-packed, all-inclusive, awesome Schoolies Safari to fantastic Fiji! The perfect blend of sun, sand, adventure and culture! You're not stuck in one place, but travel right around Fiji's magical main island Viti Levu, to experience all that Fiji has to offer. You are going to love this trip!

All Safaris are escorted from Australia by a chaplain or youth leader, as well as a local Fijian tour guide and driver, and there will be no drugs or alcohol to spoil the fun.

To see the best of Fiji, celebrate with your friends, and guarantee a truly life changing experience, contact Uplift Tours and Travel. The adventure starts now!

Check out Schoolies Safari Fiji on Facebook or go to www.uplifttoursandtravel.com



“Wow! Such an amazing, jam-packed trip. The activities were unforgettable. I can't express how thankful I am that we heard about it on the radio. I knew no-one else going on the trip but I have made new friends and had an incredible time. I can't say thank you enough!!”

Check out Schoolies Safaris on Facebook
or visit www.uplifttoursandtravel.com



Further Uplift Travel Services

The professional team at Uplift Tours and Travel offer these further travel services

Humanitarian & Missions Travel

Unlike a traditional travel agency, we specialise in the unique needs of humanitarian and mission travellers.

We understand that your travel requirements can take you to some of the most unreachable places in the world, so whether you're travelling to Berlin or Benin, we will look after your travel arrangements professionally and efficiently, leaving you to concentrate on your reason for travelling!

Exposure/Fundraising Tours

Make a difference in the world as you discover it!

Fundraise for your organisation or project with a group holiday with a difference!

A unique Uplift initiative enabling you to raise awareness and funds for the work of your organisation, school or chosen supported project. Visit the treasures of the destination, whilst enjoying the luxury of western standard, clean and comfortable accommodation. Your tour highlight will no doubt be time spent at your chosen project enjoying hands-on activities.

Individual and Corporate Travel

Individual Travel

Uplift Tours & Travel specialises in creating escapes that make dreams come true.

Whether it is for your next family holiday overseas or within Australia, perhaps an adventure trek, a relaxing cruise or a romantic retreat for two, have a chat with our experienced and helpful staff to make your travel dream a reality!

Corporate Travel

Want to raise staff morale while making a difference in the world?

We can transform the traditional business conference into an experience which we guarantee will have your staff talking for months afterwards! Just ask us how.



Further Uplift Travel Services

Innovative Small Group Journeys

Visit inspiring community projects as you explore the treasures of exotic destinations around the world - truly life-changing travel experiences.

These tours are designed for the active traveller (age no limit!) looking for a meaningful travel experience ... not just another group tour. We explore the real country and meet the real people.

Volunteer then Relax Holidays

Torn between wanting to make a difference but need a holiday? Here's your perfect answer.

Make a difference in the world ... as you explore it.

Whether you are a highly-skilled professional, have a medical or trade background, or just willing to assist in any way (Mums and Dads, young people or the more mature, all are welcome!), why not spend half your next holiday assisting some of the world's most underprivileged, followed by a well-earned relaxing break? A great holiday combination unique to Uplift Tours and Travel.

We look forward to providing you with an uplifting and energizing travel experience!



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A copy of our Child Protection policy will be made available upon request.



Managing Risk

Uplift Tours and Travel is committed to establishing an organisational philosophy and culture that ensures effective risk management is an integral part of all of our activities and the management of those activities. Risk management allows Uplift Tours and Travel to take advantage of opportunities to improve its outcomes and programmes by ensuring that any risk taken is based on informed decision-making and on realistic analysis of possible outcomes.

At Uplift Tours and Travel, risks are defined as the chance of anything happening that would impact upon the organisation's ability to ensure safe, enjoyable outcomes for all of our clients.

This policy does not intend to eliminate risk completely, rather it sets a framework to manage effectively the risks involved in all of our activities, to maximise opportunities for enjoyable, educational and enriching programmes, to minimise adversity and to achieve improved client outcomes and organizational outputs based on informed decision-making. Effective risk management requires:

- a strategic focus;
- forward thinking and proactive approaches to management; and
- balance between the cost of managing risks and the anticipated benefits and contingency planning in the event that mission critical threats are realised.

We can provide you with risk assessment documents for specific activities upon request.



The logo for Uplift tours and travel features the word "Uplift" in a bold, black, cursive-style font. The letters are set against a circular background of radiating yellow lines, resembling a sunburst or a rising sun. The word "Uplift" is the central focus of the logo.

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