

# Budget Comparison Worksheet

This worksheet may help you compare costs across programs and create a realistic budget. As you do your research, you will notice that programs vary considerably in cost and features included in the program fee, perhaps resulting from a program's level of student support. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) often need to be paid prior to departure and before the release of financial aid or scholarships.

Expense Description	Program A	Program B	Program C	Notes
<b>Program Fee</b>				
Tuition				
Fees				
Housing				
Meals (Per week? Per month?)				
Confirmation Deposit*				
Application Fee				
Program fee discount?				
<b>Transportation</b>				
International Airfare*				
Train, bus, or domestic travel to site				
<b>Travel Documents and Immunizations</b>				
Passport, visa, photos, entry/exit tax, etc*				
Travel Insurance				
Immunizations*				
<b>Texts and Materials</b>				
Books				
Art or other course supplies				
<b>Housing and Meals</b>				
Housing costs not included in program fee				
Housing deposit or permit*				
Meals not included in program fee				
Housing and meals during breaks				
<b>Essential Daily Living Expenses</b>				
Local transportation (bus pass, subway, taxi)				
Communications (phone card, postage)				
Toiletries and laundry				
Emergency cash				
<b>Spending Money</b>				
Optional excursions or field trips				
Independent travel, entrance to sites of interest				
Souvenirs and gifts				
Social activities				
<b>Total Estimated Cost of Attendance</b>				