

## GLOBAL IMMERSION RETREATS

The Conscious Leadership Institute

Sponsored by the member companies of the [Global Leadership Program](#), *Global Immersion Retreats* explore leadership practices through unique intercultural experiences and settings. This series of programs challenges us to explore and construct models of leadership that effectively bridge multiple worldviews within a global context. They extend our own personal development, and thus our capacity as leaders, through learning about ourselves and others. *Global Immersion Retreat* themes, lectures, and experiences are custom designed. The listing below reflects a few of the programs delivered in conjunction with the Global Leadership Program.

### *Zen and the Art of Contextual Intelligence, Kyoto*

*Zen and the Art of Contextual Intelligence* immerses participants in a unique dimension of Japanese culture that is still prevalent in Kyoto. Within this context, participants work to develop inter-cultural competencies through a series of frameworks and tools. In turn, they explore the concept of cultural identity in relation to the idea of cultural self-awareness and self-reflexive consciousness (contextual intelligence), and thereby discover the key to intercultural adaptation.

Complementing this is an exploration of the relationship between the practice and philosophy of Zen, in intricate component of Japanese culture, to Japan's leadership model and success with kaizen, 6 Sigma, and other continuous improvement methods. Learnings are heightened through practices which represent the soul of Japan's traditional living culture: ryokan stay, kaiseki cuisine, onsen, tea ceremony, and Zen temple meditations.



### *Shakespeare's Henry V, London*

Using great leadership stories from Shakespeare and intellectually robust models from organizational practice; this *Global Immersion Retreat* held in partnership with Mythodrama invites you to develop a new language for leadership – one that motivates and inspires ordinary people to practice extraordinary leadership. Through Henry V's leadership journey participants partake in a series of interactive sessions to explore the nature of inspiration, reflect on sense of purpose, understand different styles of leadership in practice, gain awareness of "inner traitors", and relate learnings to their current leadership challenges. Complementing participant's immersion into Shakespeare's Henry V will be a theatre performance at Shakespeare's Globe.

### *Foundations in Western Leadership, Paestum, Pompeii, & Rome*

The *Foundation in Western Leadership* program explores the influence of ancient Greek and Roman orientations on Western leadership models through a series of dialogues and archeological visits to Paestum, Pompeii, and Rome.

To be successful, leaders need to understand the cultural and historical traditions that underlie their basic operating assumptions in order not merely to add new ideas upon the base of old assumptions. The level of complexity faced in modern organizations and the world at-large needs a post-conventional response, one that can deconstruct current models to create bridges between Western, Eastern, aboriginal, and other relevant worldviews.



Delving into the role of Greek and Roman philosophy and mythology in the development of the Western psyche, this *Global Immersion Retreat* links formative sites of ancient culture to modern Western practices and concepts of hierarchy and organization, individual and collective engagement, present and future action, and models of leadership. Participants discuss the parallels between these ancient practices of leadership and organization in light of the challenges facing today.

### *Indigenous Traditions, Four Corners*

The *Indigenous Traditions Global Immersion Retreat* explores the US southwestern desert and native traditions of the Hopi and Navajo Nations. Through the oral traditions of their people, participants study the culture, society, and leadership model of the Hopi nation with a group of tribal leaders. Expanding these perspectives further, the group camps on Navajo land and meets with local tribe members to discuss tribal rites of passage into leadership positions and concepts on stewardship, in relation to Navajo traditions. Experientially, participants hike and explore the archaeological sites, experience Navajo storytelling, music, and dancing.

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