Blue Dot Educational Tours: Voyager Rewards Program Terms & Conditions

Group Leaders are automatically enrolled in the Voyager Rewards Program upon planning their first Blue Dot tour. Participation is optional and subject to the terms outlined here. Group Leaders may request to be un-enrolled at any time, however no refund is guaranteed. Point values, bonus thresholds, and redemption options are reviewed periodically and subject to change. Blue Dot reserves the right to modify or discontinue any element of the program with advance notice. For current point values and redemption options, visit bluedottours.com/for-teachers/rewards-promotions.

Earning Travel Points

You earn points for every full-paying traveler, for every standard tour day. Points are not awarded for free-place travelers, travelers receiving family or faculty discounts, or travelers who cancel prior to departure. Individual stay-ahead and stay-behind options do not count toward point calculations. Land-only travelers do count toward points.

Points are pending until 30 days prior to your tour's departure and activate at that time. Pending points cannot be redeemed except where specifically noted below.

Point Multipliers

Promotional point multipliers may be offered from time to time and are subject to their own eligibility requirements and deadlines. Multipliers apply to standard point earning only and do not stack with other promotional bonuses unless explicitly stated.

Group Size Bonus

A group size bonus is earned when your group reaches the minimum qualifying threshold of paying travelers, and at each increment beyond that. All travelers must be paid in full by the date specified in your tour agreement for the bonus to be issued. If no election is made before departure, the bonus defaults to points. Bonuses are not retroactive and do not apply to travelers who cancel prior to departure.

Single Room

A complimentary single room may be available to Group Leaders who meet a qualifying group size threshold. Group Leaders who do not meet that threshold may use points toward a discounted single room upgrade. Requests must be submitted by the deadline specified at the time of booking. Single room benefits are non-transferable and apply only to the Group Leader's own tour. Unused single room benefits are forfeited and cannot be converted to points.

Referral Bonus

A referral bonus is earned when a colleague you refer goes on to lead their own Blue Dot tour. To qualify, the referred Group Leader must not have previously traveled with Blue Dot in any capacity (as a Group Leader, co-leader, chaperone, or paid traveler) and cannot be currently planning a trip with Blue Dot at the time of referral. They cannot be a co-leader or chaperone on your own tour. They must enroll a minimum number of full-paying travelers and enroll travelers within two years of the referral to qualify. Only one referral bonus is payable per referred tour.

Orientation Trips

Orientation Trips are available to first-time Blue Dot Group Leaders at no points cost. Qualification is based on enrollment at the time of applying for the trip. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Group Leaders may only attend an Orientation that occurs before their group tour takes place. Each Group Leader is eligible for one Orientation Trip, lifetime. A Group Leader who attends an Orientation Trip is not eligible to attend a Teacher Convention until they have led their own group in a subsequent year. Guests on Orientations require additional full-paying travelers as published. Guests must be 18+. If a Group Leader does not meet the guest qualification threshold, no guest may attend any part of the trip.

Teacher Conventions

Teacher Conventions are available to Group Leaders with sufficient active or pending points. To qualify, you must either have an active tour planned in a future year or have led a tour in the previous 6 months. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and

reservations may close prior to the advertised deadline. Limit one convention per year per Group Leader. One adult guest may accompany you, subject to the guest point requirement. If a Group Leader does not meet the guest qualification threshold, no guest may attend any part of the trip. Guests must be 14 years or older unless the Convention clearly states younger ages are welcome. Convention dates and itineraries are subject to change; enrolled Group Leaders will be notified as soon as changes occur. Once points are redeemed for a convention, they may not be applied to other rewards. Pending travel points can be used for Conventions as long as 250 points or more remain after Convention points have been deducted.

Redemption — General

Only active points may be redeemed for rewards. Pending points cannot be redeemed except as specifically noted. Points have no cash value except as specified in the cash redemption option, are non-negotiable, and are non-transferable. You cannot pool points with another Group Leader. You must lead and travel on your tour to qualify for points and benefits associated with that tour. If you transfer your tour to another Group Leader, that Group Leader assumes all associated points and benefits.

Redemption — Cash

To select a cash redemption, a valid Social Security number is required. Cash redemptions meeting or exceeding the IRS reporting threshold in a calendar year will result in Form 1099 being issued. Cash payments may not be applied directly as a student scholarship and cannot be converted back into points. Maximum cash benefit is $1000 per year.

Redemption — Student Scholarships

Scholarship redemptions must be requested prior to the designated traveler's final payment deadline and are applied directly to that traveler's account. Scholarships may not be used toward enrollment deposits. A minimum of 25% of a Group Leader's total points balance — including pending points — must remain after any scholarship redemption. If the scholarship recipient cancels from the tour, the redeemed points will be forfeited.

Cancellations

If an individual traveler cancels, points associated with that traveler are removed from your account. If you cancel your tour entirely, all pending points are removed including any bonuses or point matching. If points have already been redeemed and cancellations result in a negative balance, you may be invoiced for the value of the redeemed reward.

Point Expiration

Points do not expire for active Group Leaders. If no new tour enrollments or valid referral occurs within 36 consecutive months, points may be forfeited.

Switching from Another Provider

Group Leaders with a documented rewards history from another student travel provider may apply to have matched points and loyalty status. Matching is subject to verification and Blue Dot reserves the right to determine eligibility and apply a maximum match value. Only first-time Blue Dot Group Leaders may be eligible for a points match; match value is determined at Blue Dot's discretion.

Program Changes and Account Closure

Blue Dot reserves the right to modify or discontinue any element of the Voyager Rewards Program, including point values, bonus thresholds, and redemption options. Blue Dot reserves the right to close a Group Leader's rewards account for conduct considered detrimental to the safety, welfare, or integrity of a tour. In that event, accrued points and planned reward trips may be forfeited at Blue Dot's discretion.

Legal and Tax Responsibilities

Group Leaders are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with any school, district, or state rules regarding participation in a rewards program, and for any federal, state, or local taxes associated with redemptions. Blue Dot is not responsible for losses or liabilities unrelated to the administration of the rewards program itself.