

Jan. 21st, 2011 Euro Trip Meeting

49 Days Till Departure & Counting!

Items to Collect Prior to Trip Departure

- Phone Cards – can purchase in Paris but good to have one for airports.
- Tips – Will be collected in advance. The recommended amount is 1-2 Euros per person per day for the Bus Drivers and 3-5 Euros per person per day for the Tour Directors. This will be collected on the final parents/student info night. Date TBD.
- Food – Notice of allergies will be provided to all restaurants but packing some comfort items that are non-perishable is recommended.
- Copies of passport - one to provide to Ms. Grass at final parent/student info meeting and one to stay at home,
- Copies of health insurance policy and numbers if not using Explorica's travel protection. The Tour Director will have this information.

To Do List

- Tour Diary – invite friends and family to follow your trip. Register 30days prior to trip departure and enter their email info here - <https://www.explorica.ca/TourDiaryInvitation.aspx>
- Determine a daily spending allowance with parents.
- Phone tree/email tree – provide one emergency phone number and one email for a phone tree that is being compiled. Email to Ms. Grass – jgrass@elmwood.ca
- Sign Code of conduct form – Hand into Ms. Grass by Feb 31st.
- Communicate to Ms. Grass or Ms. Delanghe experiences that you are interested in having while away including other side tours in your free time.

General Information

Packing

In terms of packing, France is milder in March than in Canada but still can be wet and grey. Temperatures range from 40-55 F. All this to say expect the unexpected! It can be windy, cold and wet or surprisingly mildly warm. Check out weather info here -

http://goparis.about.com/od/parisbymont1/a/Paris_in_March.htm

Footwear – waterproof and comfortable walking shoes. Little need for formal wear. Also will be walking on cobblestone streets.

Clothing – windproof, layers, and waterproof.

Luggage - Each person may bring one carry-on and one suitcase. Checked luggage should not exceed 30lbs. Most airlines allow more than 30lbs, but traveling as a group we have to allow for space on the bus for all bags, so 30lbs is the maximum weight for your suitcase. We recommend the students have 1 checked bag and 1 carry on (like backpack that they can use on tour as well)

Money

In general: ATM and credit cards are widely used throughout Europe and many other destinations. We recommend that you bring some local currency when you depart

Canada. Check with your banks to see what they will charge for withdrawing overseas and to make sure your account works overseas. We do NOT recommend Travelers Checks as they tend to be a hassle depending on where you are — and you still lose a percentage of money when you cash them. Traveler Checks can act as BACK-UP in case an ATM card gets lost or demagnetized. ATM, credit cards and some cash are the best option. There is also the option of prepaid Visas which you can purchase at most banks. For example - Prepaid Visas through the Royal Bank - <http://www.rbcroyalbank.com/visagiftcard/purchase.html>

Other Important Information

Tour Director- Explorica has selected Daphne for our tour. She has done 6 tours with Explorica and has been rated a 3.8 out of 4 by teachers. Some comments from the evaluation are “Very sweet-natured. The kids loved her. She was very fluent in the necessary languages.”, “Knowledgeable, made it all happen flawlessly.”, “Daphne is the best tour director ever! We all loved her. She was very professional, helpful, caring and she went out of her way to make sure everything was perfect. If we go back to Europe we would love to have her again!!”

Flights & Hotel Info

(Subject to Change)

Outbound

3/11/2011 1:35 PM XDS 3/11/2011 3:35 PM YUL (Montreal) (train)

3/11/2011 5:00 PM YUL 3/12/2011 6:25 AM ZRH (Zurich)

3/12/2011 7:30 AM ZRH 3/12/2011 8:55 AM CDG (Paris)

Inbound

3/22/2011 9:40 AM TXL(Berlin) 3/22/2011 11:10 AM ZRH

3/22/2011 12:50 PM ZRH 3/22/2011 4:15 PM YUL

3/22/2011 5:30 PM YUL 3/22/2011 7:30 PM XDS (train)

Accommodations Information

03/12/2011 - 03/14/2011

Hotel B&B Paris St Denis Pleyel

36 Boulevard de la Liberation

Paris St Denis Pleyel, 93200

France

Phone Number: + 33 892702216

<http://en.parisinfo.com/paris-hotels/100284/b-b-hotel-saint-denis-pleyel>

03/14/2011 - 03/16/2011

Hotel Citea Lille Vauban

17 rue Colson

Lille, 59000

France

Phone Number: + 33 320154300

<http://www.citea.com/en/apparthotels/lille/citea-lille-vauban->

03/16/2011 - 03/18/2011

6 rue Abbé Memazurier

Port en Bessin Huppain, 14520

France

Phone Number: + 33 231513650

03/18/2011 - 03/19/2011

Hotel Citea Paris La Villette

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Paris, 75019

France

Phone Number: + 33 144724200

<http://www.hotels-paris.fr/en/hotel/Citea-La-Villette.htm>

03/20/2011 - 03/22/2011

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Berlin, 13127

Germany

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