



Re: Reserve Your Spot Today for The 2011 Humanities March Break Trip!

Dear Interested Parents & Students,

Thank you to those who showed initial interest in our next March Break Trip to Europe. As presented in the meeting on May 31st, this tour of the Canadian Battlefields in Europe is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It has been specifically arranged to coordinate with a commemorative ceremony on Day 4 of the trip to honour fallen Canadian soldiers. Students will be able to participate in this ceremony and enhance their understanding of the actions taken in the past to bring us peace.

We have selected Explorica as a tour company as it has operated successfully for over 10 years, serviced over 150,000 students and teachers and is affiliated with the leading associations in the travel industry such as The Better Business Bureau, The European Tour Operators Association (ETOA) and The Student Youth Travel Association (SYTA). Explorica holds itself to high standards and guarantees their travelers' constant support and safety.

Explorica achieves this through performing rigorous safety checks on every hotel and transportation company they use. They also provide immediate on-tour support and an emergency contact line that is available 24/7. In addition, while on Tour, Explorica has a trademarked tool, the Tour Diary, which allows students to post an online diary of their experiences and parents can check in daily to see hear about student's experiences.

To ensure the traveler is protected and properly supported, Explorica offers optional Travel Protection Plans, which includes a "Cancel For Any Reason" benefit, provides medical, baggage, and cancellation insurance coverage for their travelers to support them in any circumstance. They have a network of support staff overseas, and 24-hour emergency service for groups and their families.

In determining whether to run a tour, Explorica always follows the guidelines of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, which issues country-specific Travel Warnings when they "decide, based on all relevant information, to recommend that Canadians avoid travel to a certain country."

We hope that you feel confident about the measures taken to ensure a safe and engaging educational experience.

We are now proceeding with engaging genuine interest in the trip and have set a deadline of June 18th, 2010. To secure one of the 20 spots on the trip, please sign and return the form below. Upon signing this form, you will then be emailed directions on how to book your tour daughter's tour through the Explorica website which requires a deposit.

If you didn't have a chance to attend the meeting and have more questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

For more information on the trip, please proceed to the Explorica website www.explorica.ca – click on “Parents,” then “Find a Tour” and enter “Grass-103.” Here you will be able to view the trip itinerary and cost.

Sincerely,

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By signing this form, I commit to signing my daughter up by June 22nd through the Explorica site to participate in the 2011 Humanities March Break Trip. I have read and understood that a deposit will be required at this time and payments will start towards the trip upon sign up.

Student's Name

Parent Name

Signature

Please return by June 18th to the front office (Ms. Gaebel please return to Ms. Grass). Upon receiving this form, we will send you an email with directions on how to sign up through the Explorica site.