

# MEMO—Office of the Principal

Date: January 11, 2012  
To: Kent Mutchler  
From: Tom Rogers  
Re: Out-of-Country Trip Proposal—Summer 2013

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Geneva Community High School requests permission to provide Geneva High School students the opportunity to travel outside the United States on a summer trip to Austria and Germany during the summer of 2013. This trip will be of particular interest to students who have a passion for history and a desire to travel outside the United States. Through pre-trip orientation sessions, students will learn about the areas and will be informed of options, expectations, items needed, etc. Tentative trip details are as follows:

1. Trip Dates: Summer 2013
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 25
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4,000.00
5. Adult Chaperones: Mary Keyzer (Modern World/Social Studies teacher) and Kim Lee (Math teacher)
6. Goals:
  - a. To provide an opportunity for students to participate and experience life abroad and to enhance their studies by allowing them to make connections to various historical units of study.
  - b. To reinforce and enhance student cultural appreciation through the experience.
  - c. To provide students the opportunity to experience and interact with people from Austria and Germany through their participation in this activity.
  - d. See attached trip proposal for additional details.

## Glory of the Habsburgs 2013

Dear Geneva School Board of Education,

We would like to ask your permission to offer the opportunity for a student trip during the summer of 2013. The trip's focus is history, in Central Europe. The trip will be available to students who show a passion for history and a desire to travel outside the United States.

The trip's itinerary begins in Salzburg, Austria with a look at the city of proud princes and archbishops. These days will also include stops at Mozart's Birthplace and the Sound of Music Churchyard. From there we will travel to Vienna, Austria and see where famous psychologist Sigmund Freud worked and tour Schönbrunn Palace. Our journey will then take us to Budapest, Hungary to see Castle Hill, including Matthias Church. We will then drive across the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands and go to Prague, located in the Czech Republic. While in Prague we will visit famous features like Hradcany Castle, Charles Bridge and the Prague Ghetto. The end of our trip will take us into Munich, Germany where we will learn extensively about WWII, visit Hitler's home built for his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and go to Dachau.

The overall cost of the trip will be around \$4000.00, depending on the final departure date. This includes all travel expenses; including basic insurance, lodging, food, transportation and tours. We are intending to take approximately 25 students and will have one chaperone for every six students.

Thank you for support and consideration,

Mary Keyzer and Kim Lee  
Geneva High School Teachers

**DAY 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT** Depart from the USA.

**DAY 2: SALZBURG** Arrive in Munich, then take a short journey to Salzburg. Get your first taste of this fairy-tale city.

**DAY 3: SALZBURG** Tour the city of proud princes and archbishops, including stops at **Mozart's Birthplace** and the **Sound of Music Churchyard**. The afternoon is free to learn about the local culture as you browse along the medieval streets or view the archbishop's apartments at Hohensalzburg fortress.

**DAY 4: VIENNA** Drive through the *Salzkammergut* and the *Wachau* region to Vienna, stopping en route for a visit of the great Baroque abbey-palace of **Melk**. In Vienna's **Haus der Musik**, try your hand at the art of conducting by composing your own piece, then attempting to lead a virtual orchestra through it.

**DAY 5: VIENNA** Explore riches from the Habsburgs' sprawling empire at **Schönbrunn Palace** on your morning sightseeing. Afterward, why not take in fantastic views from the cathedral's lacy spire? End a great day at **Prater Amusement Park** with a ride on the *Riesenrad*, if you choose.

**DAY 6: BUDAPEST** This morning journey through rich orchards and vineyards to the Hungarian capital. Learn about Hungary's thousand-year history during a guided tour of **Castle Hill**, including **Matthias Church**.

**DAY 7: BUDAPEST** Begin your day with a **Danube cruise** through the city, regarded as one of the most beautiful in Europe. Move from the waterfront to the kitchen where you will learn all the doughy details of strudel making by preparing, and **tasting**, one yourself. The afternoon is free for you to explore the parks, museums and cobbled streets of old Buda, and to stroll the bridges over the Danube that illustrate Budapest's intriguing past and present.

**DAY 8: PRAGUE** Drive across Bohemian-Moravian Highlands, full of streams and thick forests, to Prague for time to relax. Sample a *bramborak* snack at a coffee bar in the old town and become acquainted with the local culture. This evening decorate your own delicate piece of art at a Czech glass gallery and workshop.

**DAY 9: PRAGUE** Welcome to one of Central Europe's prettiest cities! Take a guided tour of the mammoth **Hradcany Castle** complex, including its imposing cathedral, and see the 14th century **Charles Bridge** and the checkerboard streets of medieval Prague. This afternoon is free to explore the Prague Ghetto, which contains Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery.

**DAY 10: MUNICH** Travel through the Bohemian Forest to Munich. In the evening why not take a walk through the Marienplatz and practice your German language skills in one of the many cafés?

**DAY 11: MUNICH** This morning's sightseeing shows you **Nymphenburg Palace**, the summer home of Bavaria's Wittelsbach kings. Walk through old Munich to the **Glockenspiel**, then in the afternoon reflect on WWII at the **Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial**.

**DAY 12: DEPARTURE** Depart for the USA.