NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS | NFHS WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP

Northern Italy & France: Cultural & Linguistic Immersion



A 10-day immersive educational journey connecting classroom curriculum directly to authentic historical, language, and cultural landmarks.

Trip Details

TRIP DATES

April 14 – April 23, 2028*

TARGET STUDENT GROUP

15–20 NFHS French & Italian Students (priority to Gr 11 and 12)

NFHS Group Structure & Chaperone Supervision Ratio

4 Designated NFHS Faculty Chaperones for up to
20 Students (Supervision ratio of 1:5)

Tour Operator: Explorica by WorldStrides

Faculty Chaperones:
E. West, R. Onofrio, S. Rowley, Dr. K. Blore

Full-time experienced WorldWide Tour Director stays with the group 24/7 from airport arrival to departure.

**Subject to change based on finalized 2027-2028 NFPS Calendar - April Break*

TOUR OPERATOR BACKGROUND

Explorica by WorldStrides

Educational Accreditation & Standards

WorldStrides is formally accredited as an educational institution by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the Middle States Association (MSA), and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Tours integrate LEAP (Learning through Experience and Activity Program) to keep students actively engaged through interactive field activities

Connecticut Public High School References Contacted

Fairfield Public Schools (Fairfield Warde HS)

New Milford Public Schools

Region 14 Public Schools

Wilton Public Schools

Curriculum Alignment

Culture & Language Immersion – NFPS Vision of a Learner

Talented Communicator

Direct target-language fluency and auditory comprehension practice in real-world, daily interactions (Venice, Florence, Nice, Paris).

Knowledgeable Scholar

Guided visits to the Doge's Palace, Accademia Gallery, Uffizi Gallery, Louvre Museum, and Palace of Versailles.

Engaged Global Citizen

Fosters personal independence, adaptability, cross-cultural appreciation, and critical thinking.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW — PHASE 1

Venice & Verona (Days 1–4)



Days 1–2: Arrival & Venice Exploration

Overnight flight to Venice; meet Tour Director; guided walking tour of canal district.

Day 3: Venetian History & Artistry

St. Mark’s Square & Basilica, Doge’s Palace guided visit, glass-blowing demonstration.

Day 4: Transit via Verona to Florence

Verona city walk featuring Castelvecchio Bridge & Arena; traditional pizza dinner.

Hotel: Hotel Villa Pannonia (Venice)

ITINERARY OVERVIEW — PHASE 2

Florence & Côte d'Azur (Days 5–7)

Day 5: Renaissance Florence

Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo’s David), Duomo, Ponte Vecchio & Uffizi Gallery.

Day 6: Coastal Transit via Genoa

Visit Genoa Aquarium during transit along the Italian Riviera to the French Côte d'Azur.

Day 7: French Riviera & Arts

Excursion to St. Paul de Vence & Chagall Museum; Mediterranean coastal immersion.

Hotels: Hotel Corona d'Italia & Residence Nemea



ITINERARY OVERVIEW — PHASE 3

Parisian Immersion & Return (Days 8–10)



Day 8: High-Speed Train & Paris Intro

TGV express train to Paris; Latin Quarter walk, Louvre Museum & Eiffel Tower ascent.

Day 9: Historic Landmarks & Seine Cruise

Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Versailles excursion & evening Seine River cruise.

Day 10: Return Flight to NY

Direct international flight from Paris back to JFK/EWR; bus transfer to NFHS.

Hotel: Les Jardins du Marais Hotel (Paris)

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Tour Cost & Inclusions

Student Rate

$5,337.00

Per student (triple/quad rooming)

Additional cost TBD for coach bus transportation to/from NFHS / JFK airport.

* Cost may vary based on enrollment and fluctuations in costs at time of booking.

Complete Package Inclusions:

- **Transportation:** Round-trip international flights, TGV high-speed train, private European motorcoach transfers.
- **Lodging:** 8 night stays in clean 3–C hotels with private en-suite bathrooms.
- **Meals:** Full European breakfast daily + authentic regional dinners daily.
- **Leadership & Guides:** Dedicated full-time Tour Director + expert local city guides.
- **Sightseeing & Tips:** Pre-paid entry to all listed museums/ monuments and local guide/driver gratuities.

Out-of-Pocket Expenses (Not Included):

Daily lunches on location, passport/visa application fees, personal spending money, additional travel insurance protection.

Additional Information Provided in Trip Packet:

- Travel Insurance Required – Travel Protection Plan options available (Trip Mate)
- Trip Cancellation / Refund Policy
- NFPS Student Code of Respect and Responsibility expectations



NEXT STEPS:

Pending approval from Curriculum Committee (November) & Board of Education (December 3)

1. Promoting trip to French & Italian students - Jan. 4 - 13
2. Interest Meeting with Parents - Jan. 14th
3. 10-day enrollment period

