
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: November 7, 2017
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Mr. Tom Rogers
Re: Out-of-Country Trip Proposal—Summer 2019



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 experience the cultures of Paris to Berlin during the summer of 2019. 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: July 8, 2019 – July 18, 2019
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 25
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4,642
5. Adult Chaperones: Gary Spratt (GHS US History teacher)
Kim Lee (GHS Math teacher)
6. Goals:
 - a. To learn about the progress of WWI & WWII through a visit to the Normandy Beaches, Meuse-Argonne, Nuremberg and Berlin
 - b. To see the influence of Paris's rich culture in a guided tour of the French capital including Versailles (WWI).
 - c. To compare and contrast the effects of the cold war while visiting Berlin and experiencing hands on sites like Check Point Charlie and the Berlin Wall.
 - d. See attached trip proposal for additional details.

European War History

Jul 8 - Jul 18, 2019

Group Leader:

Kim Lee

Group ID:

242747

Depart From:

Chicago



what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Centrally Located Hotels

- ✓ Caen Peace Museum
- ✓ Arramanches 360 Degree Theater
- ✓ American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer
- ✓ Pointe du Hoc
- ✓ French Crêpe Dinner
- ✓ Paris Tour with Guide



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner
(unless otherwise noted)**



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Versailles
- ✓ Chateau-Thierry
- ✓ Marine Memorial at Belleau Wood
- ✓ Bastogne Memorial and War Museum
- ✓ Foxholes in the Ardennes
- ✓ Nuremberg Documentation Center with Audio Guides
- ✓ Berlin Tour with Guide
- ✓ Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial

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Matthew L. Participant



trip itinerary - 11 days

Jul 8, 2019: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Jul 9, 2019: Caen

Bienvenue à Paris. Meet your ACIS Tour Manager who will guide you on your journey northwest to Caen to begin your first-hand exploration of the impact of two World Wars on Europe. Begin with a visit to the Peace Museum, a compelling precursor to the World War II sites you'll visit tomorrow. (D)

Jul 10, 2019: Caen

Today walk in the footsteps of history as you visit many of Normandy's important World War II sites. See what is remaining of the temporary Mulberry harbor constructed at Arromanches to help offload cargo during the invasion. Entrance to the Arromanches 360 Cinema is included. Next pay tribute at the American Cemetery and Museum at Colleville-sur-Mer before descending from the bluff to walk along Omaha Beach. Then picture the chaos of June 6, 1944 at the bomb-scarred landscape of Pointe du Hoc before reflecting on the cost of war for both sides at the La Cambe German War Cemetery. Tonight's treat is a traditional French crêpe dinner. (B,D)

Jul 11, 2019: Paris

Journey this morning to Paris, and join your local guide for a sightseeing tour of the city. Today's tour shows you the magnificent Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower, Napoleon's final resting place at Les Invalides and the Gothic wonder of Notre Dame – all memorable backdrops from the Victory Parade after the city was liberated by the Allies. (B,D)

Jul 12, 2019: Paris

This morning, travel to Versailles to visit the intricate gardens and stunning palaces of the Sun King, Louis the XIV. Your visit includes the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, and the breathtaking surroundings. Return to Paris for a free afternoon. (B,D)

Jul 13, 2019: Ardennes Area

Travel east for a guided visit of the American Monument at Château-Thierry, commemorating the United States forces that fought and died in France during World War I. Continue to the nearby Marine Memorial at Belleau Wood where regiments of the U.S. 4th Marine Brigade endured heavy fighting on the battlefield in June of 1918. Arrive in the Ardennes area in time for dinner. (B,D)

Jul 14, 2019: Ardennes Area

Today's excursion highlights the pivotal Battle of the Bulge. First travel to the Belgian town of Bastogne and see the star-shaped Mardasson Memorial honoring the Americans who were killed or wounded. A visit to the Bastogne War Museum provides further context on this pivotal moment in history. Then venture with your local guide into the Ardennes Forest to explore the real foxholes used by the E-company of the 101st Airborne as the Germans advanced. (B,D)

Jul 15, 2019: Nuremberg

Drive to beautiful Nuremberg for a walking tour to view the



Zeppelintribüne at the Nazi Party Rally Grounds, followed by a look at the Palace of Justice, where the infamous Nuremberg war trials were held from 1945 to 1949. (B,D)

Jul 16, 2019: Berlin

This morning visit the Nuremberg Documentation Center, a museum that provides socio-political context for the Nazi reign of terror, with commentary given via audio guide. Continue to Berlin in time for dinner and exploration time in this historical and hip city. (B,D)

Jul 17, 2019: Berlin

Join your local guide for a sightseeing tour of the capital of the Third Reich. See the Soviet War Memorial and Cemetery, Reichstag, Holocaust Memorial, the former locations of the SS and Gestapo headquarters and Hitler's Bunker. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial, a vivid reminder of the war's darkest chapter. Cap off this memorable week with a stroll around Potsdamer Platz. (B,D)

Jul 18, 2019: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.





learning objectives

1. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the Second World War by retracing the footsteps of many of its soldiers.
2. Students will consider the impact of the rise of the Third Reich and its policies.
3. Students will learn about the post-WWII agreements made by world leaders and how those decisions impact their lives today.

tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$4497
Early Registration Discount	\$-100
Extra Night in Paris	\$245

Total Participant Fees ²	\$4642
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² Valid through 12/01/17 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$855
Double Room Supplement	\$405
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$330
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$275

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Estimated tipping: \$6/day for Tour Manager, \$4/day for bus driver

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



37%

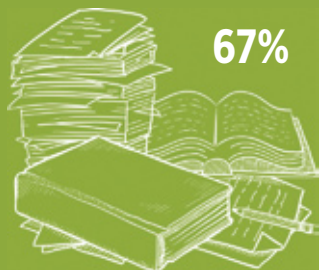
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

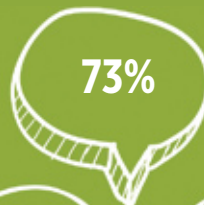
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94%

felt more independent after their trip.

78%

saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92%

noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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