
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: October 23, 2015
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Mr. Tom Rogers
Re: Out-of-Country Trip Proposal—Summer 2017



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 2017. 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 3, 2017 – July 14, 2017
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 25
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4,952
5. Adult Chaperones: Mary Keyzer (Modern World/Social Studies teacher)
Additional chaperones will be added based on 1:6 ratio
6. Goals:
 - a. To learn about the progress of WWII through a visit to the Normandy Beaches, Anne Frank House and the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.
 - b. To see the influence of Paris's rich culture in a guided tour of the French capital and an enticing look at cuisine legacy through a guided cooking class.
 - c. To compare and contrast the effects of the cold war while visiting Berlin and exploring hands on sites like Check Point Charlie and the Berlin Wall.
 - d. See attached trip proposal for additional details.

Paris to Berlin



Jul 3 - Jul 14, 2017

Group Leader:

Mary Keyzer

Group ID:

40217

Depart From:

Chicago

what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Centrally Located Hotels



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ D-Day Beaches
- ✓ Arromanches 360 Degree Theater
- ✓ Mont St. Michel
- ✓ Chartres Cathedral
- ✓ French Cooking Lesson
- ✓ Versailles
- ✓ Paris Tour with Guide
- ✓ Seine Boat Ride
- ✓ Brussels
- ✓ Rijksmuseum
- ✓ Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp
- ✓ Berlin Tour with Guide
- ✓ Berlin Street Art Workshop

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"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

Matthew L. Participant



trip itinerary - 12 days

Jul 3, 2017: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Jul 4, 2017: Caen

Arrive in Paris, meet your Tour Manager and journey northwest to Caen. (D)

Jul 5, 2017: 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. (B,D)

Jul 6, 2017: St Malo

Visit the lovely island monastery of Mont St. Michel. This medieval abbey, once an important pilgrimage site, is surrounded by water at high tide. Continue to the St. Malo area for the evening. (B,D)

Jul 7, 2017: Paris

Depart this morning for Chartres Cathedral to see its famous stained-glass windows. Continue to Paris and explore the art of local cuisine with a French cooking lesson. Hands-on instruction teaches you to make classic Parisian dishes before you sample the delicious results. (B,D)

Jul 8, 2017: Paris

Drive outside Paris in the morning to visit the grandiose and awe-inspiring Palace of Versailles. See the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed in 1919, before exploring the exquisite gardens and grounds. Return to Paris for a guided sightseeing tour of Paris' famous landmarks, including the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Les Invalides, Place de la Concorde and the façade of Notre Dame. Tonight's highlight is an illuminated boat ride along the Seine. (B,D)

Jul 9, 2017: Amsterdam

Journey into Belgium, where you will stop in Brussels to see the Grand Place, one of the most beautiful squares in the world. Continue to Amsterdam for dinner. (B,D)

Jul 10, 2017: Amsterdam

This morning, tour Amsterdam in the true Dutch way – by bike! Afterwards visit the famous Rijksmuseum and the Anne Frank House (pending availability/reservation). (B,D)

Jul 11, 2017: Hamburg

Drive into Germany today, where you will stop first at the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp Memorial; this grim reminder of Nazi terror is where Anne Frank and her mother died in March of 1945. Continue to Hamburg for a walking tour with your Tour



Manager. (B,D)

Jul 12, 2017: Berlin

Journey to Berlin, one of Europe's most dynamic cities. While Berlin was divided, Eastern and Western sections maintained separate opera houses and other institutions. Now the united city offers two of everything. This afternoon, you'll discover Berlin's unique history on a Cold War Walking Tour and a visit to the remnants of the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie Museum. (B,D)

Jul 13, 2017: Berlin

This morning, a local guide shows you some of Berlin's most important historical touchstones, including a portion of the Berlin Wall, the Holocaust Memorial, Potsdamer Platz, the Reichstag Building and the infamous Checkpoint Charlie. After your sightseeing visit the Pergamonn Museum before engaging with the modern German culture as you try something completely different: a street art workshop, where you'll learn about this edgy modern art movement during a walking tour that will reveal many examples of street art, including stencil art, paste-ups, graffiti, murals and tagging. In addition local experts will show you how to make your own street-savvy artwork, which you'll take home as a one-of-a-kind personal souvenir. (B,D)

Jul 14, 2017: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.



tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5152
Saver Date Incentive	\$-200

Total Participant Fees ²	\$4952
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² Valid through 12/01/15 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$950
Double Room Supplement	\$450
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$360
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$300

notes from acis

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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%.



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.



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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