



Office of the Superintendent
Madison Public Schools
Madison, CT 06443

School Trip Proposal / Request Form Student International Travel

School: Daniel Hand High School Principal: Anthony J. Salutari
Date(s) of Trip: February 17-20, 2023 Trip Organizer(s): Mary Merkle-Scotland
Destination of Trip: Québec City and environs, QC CANADA
Grade level of student participants: 9-12 No. of Students: 20-25

Educational Objectives including related classroom activities prior to / following the trip:

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- See, learn and experience places and activities that are explored in our French program's curriculum.
- Strengthen and build friendships with peers through the power of a shared international experience
- Use budding (FR2) and more advanced (AP) language skills with local tour guides, bus drivers, shopkeepers, waiters, and other everyday citizens of the towns we visit and country at-large.
- Taste and enjoy authentic French Canadian cuisine at local restaurants, bakeries, and markets.
- Witness the awe-inspiring architecture, the European -styled city and layout of Vieux Québec and experience the natural wonders of the region.
- Learn and understand the history of Québec, how it was settled, when and by whom and learn through a living history program about the struggle between the French and the British to control the area.
- Access various persons and environments (locally and globally)....to accomplish a specific objective.
- Evaluate context, implications, and consequences so as to make ethical, responsible decisions in and out of the classroom. Discuss exchange rates, rising and falling currencies and how to exchange money.
- Overcome obstacles such as very cold weather and employ various strategies to manage them. Develop mental toughness.
- Act on curiosity and explore interests and inquiries.
- Experience the unique and special Quebec winter activities of the Glissades, dogsledding, and the ice hotel.
- Analyze ethical, economic, political, scientific, cultural issues, etc. and their implications for global systems and humanity.
- Develop an awareness of and concern for others through examination of issues from multiple perspectives.
- Interpret and critique one's own viewpoint as well as alternate perspectives in order to minimize bias.

Funding Source(s): funding provided by individual students and their families

Complete if students are paying for all or part of the trip.

Total fees required from each student: Tour Fee = \$1290.00

Transportation Fee = included in trip fee

Name of Tour Company: Prométour

Name of transportation service vendor: _____

No. of buses required 1 Cost per bus: included in fee

Date / Time of trip: Departing Madison: 6:00AM, 2/17/2023 Returning to Madison: 9:00P, 2/20/2023

Number of chaperones on trip: 2 (all MPS employees)

Mary Merkle-Scotland (203) 980.8175

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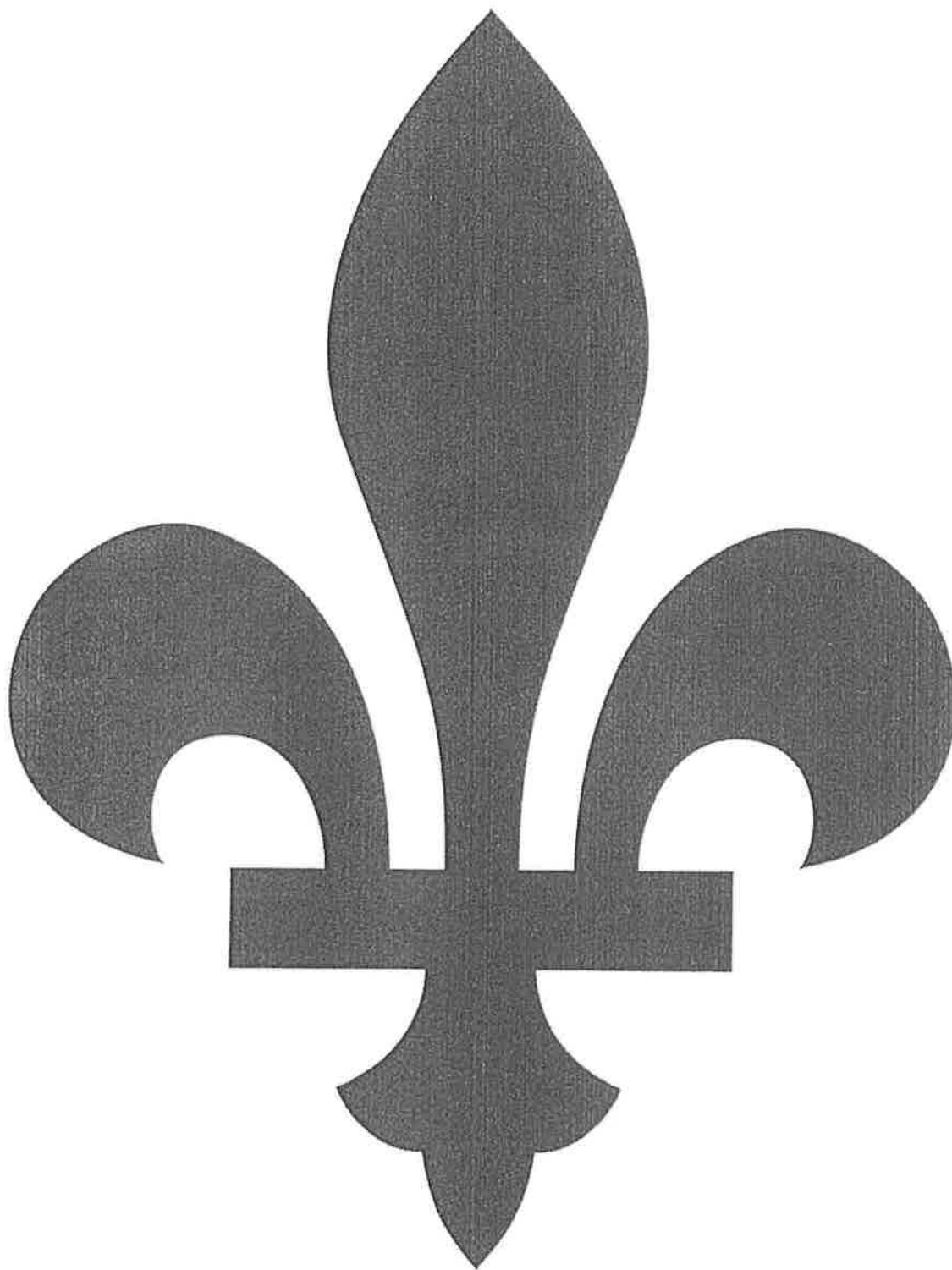


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Include the information below when submitting this approval form. (Place a check mark by each item indicating its inclusion in the approval packet.)

- ☒ Information outlining parental financial responsibility should there be an emergency cancellation
- ☒ Parent / Guardian letter explaining the trip and travel itinerary
- ☒ Parent / Guardian Permission and Acknowledgment of Risk for Student International Travel Form
- ☐ Emergency Plan (Includes arrangements for medical needs, parent / guardian contact information, access to communication devices, and procedures for general potential emergency situations)
- ☒ List of Chaperone Names and Phone Numbers with MPS employees noted
- ☐ Telephone Tree in the event of an emergency (group email)

Be sure the school administrator has a list of those students participating in the activity and a copy of the emergency contact numbers.



Quebec City, QC CANADA

February 17-20, 2023

April 7, 2022

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to present the February 2023 trip to Quebec City and environs, Canada. This trip was borne out of student and parent request for a lower cost opportunity to travel internationally and enjoy a language immersion experience. This trip is a chance for students, especially students of French, to get a chance to practice their language skills by shopping, dining, and just generally interacting in French.

The trip fee includes:

- Insurance = Cancel For Any Reason
- Bus transportation from your school, and associated transportation while in QC
- Accommodation at Hotel Laurier (or a hotel of similar quality) w/ mandatory Night Hall Monitor (5-hour / night)
- 3 Breakfasts / 2 Lunches / 3 Dinners
- Tips for Driver & Tour Director
- All activities mentioned in the program
- Tour Director

A few trip highlights:

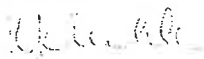
- Cabane à Pierre traditional lumberjack dinner
- Dog Sledding
- Ice Hotel
- Les Chutes (falls) de Montmorency
- Les Glissades de la Promenade Dufferin

The trip deposit participants are asked to make at time of registration is 100% refundable until the moment we go ahead and confirm the group to travel. The trip fee includes a CFAR – **Cancel For Any Reason** policy - so there is a modest fee lost when cancelling, otherwise all monies are refunded if the trip has already been confirmed for travel.

I have been working with the tour operator, Prométour, based in both Montreal and Paris ,since 2012 to create itineraries that expose students to the best francophone Canada has to offer. To join the trip, students and parents will set up an account with a personalized username & password, and login directly through www.registration-prometour.com. Payment is online with a variety of payment options available.

I am hopeful you will consider sending your son or daughter to experience the joy and wonder of winter in Quebec. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is merklem@madison.k12.ct.us.

Sincerely,



Madame Merkle
French Teacher
French Club Advisor
Daniel Hand High School



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QUEBEC CITY WINTER WONDERLAND

Daniel Hand High School
February 17 - 20, 2023
4 DAYS

Jennifer Page
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Estimated Travel Time – Madison (CT) to Quebec City (QC): 470 miles, 8h00



DAY 1: TRAVEL TO QUEBEC CITY

Friday 17-Feb-2023



Board your bus at Daniel Hand High School and travel to Quebec City

Meet your Quebecois Prometour Tour Director, upon arrival, he/she will remain with your group for the entire duration of your stay

Stretch your legs while exploring this 400 year old fortified city on a **guided walking tour**; walk along St-Louis and St-Jean Streets, see the **breathtaking Chateau Frontenac**, admire the magnificent architecture and views, plus much more!

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant

Overnight accommodation at **Palace Royal Hotel** (or similar)

A night hall monitor will provide added security for 4 hours

Be prepared for WINTER WEATHER; dress in layers, bring mittens, a tuque, waterproof jacket, snow pants & boots

DAY 2: QUEBEC CITY

Saturday 18-Feb-2023



Quartier Petit Champlain

Enjoy breakfast at **Restaurant Le Cochon Dingue** (croissants & a bowl of hot chocolate), a small Parisian bistro with a wildly contagious and irresistible Quebecois "joie de vivre"

Have some time to explore the through the enchanting **Quartier Petit Champlain**

Take the **Funicular** in Old Québec and admire the view!

Enjoy lunch with your group at a local restaurant

Slide on the famous **Glissades de la Promenade Dufferin** outside the impressive **Château Frontenac**

Enjoy a guided tour of the **Ste-Anne de Beaupré Basilica**; this impressive house of worship is one of the five national shrines of Canada

Stop at the magnificent **Parc de la Chute Montmorency**, with its falls higher than those of Niagara Falls, maybe you'll see ice climbers trying to climb the sheet of ice that covers the waterfalls in winter

Drive out to **La Beauce**, the maple syrup capital of the world, to enjoy a traditional sugar shack meal and learn traditional dances and folk songs at the famed **Cabane à Pierre Sugar Shack**

Overnight accommodation at **Palace Royal Hotel** (or similar)

A night hall monitor will provide added security for 4 hours

DAY 3: QUEBEC CITY

Sunday 19-Feb-2023



Breakfast Crepes

Enjoy traditional French **Crepes** for breakfast

Known as the **roaring game**, because of the sound the stones make as they slide down the rink, try your hand at **curling** (clean, indoor running shoes are mandatory)

Have **Poutine** for lunch, a Quebec specialty, it's more than just French fries, cheese & sauce

Tour the incredible **Hôtel de Glace / Ice Hotel**; made of ice and snow, the architecture and design changes each year, making this hotel truly unique

Embark on a **dog sledding** adventure! Start with a visit of the huskies followed by an introduction to basic techniques & safely before embarking on a ride through wooded trails. Between turns, practice walking on snow, with the help of snow shoes of course!

Enjoy dinner in a local restaurant with your group

Traverse the mighty **St. Lawrence River** on a ferry to enjoy a sailor's view of the **Plains of Abraham** and **Chateau Frontenac** (aller-retour)

Overnight accommodation at **Palace Royal Hotel** (or similar)

A night hall monitor will provide added security for 4 hours

DAY 4: QUEBEC CITY- RETURN HOME

Monday 20-Feb-2023

Enjoy breakfast at **Le Parlementaire**, the restaurant of l'Assemblée Nationale



Head to the Plains of Abraham Museum and partake in "The Military"; under the command of generals Wolfe & Montcalm, re-enact the 1759 battle on the Plains of Abraham

Meet your touring driver and motor coach

Stop at a grocery store to pick up snacks and lunch supplies (not included)

Say a fond *Au Revoir* to your Quebecois Prometour Tour Director

After a fun-filled trip, hop on your motor coach to head back to the USA



PRICE PER PERSON SHEET

This is a privately operated tour - you will not be combined with another group

40 to 44 participants :	1 080 USD
35 to 39 participants :	1 120 USD
30 to 34 participants :	1 190 USD
25 to 29 participants :	1 290 USD
20 to 24 participants :	1 390 USD

SUPPLEMENTS

Adult Insurance Premium \$ 15 per day, per person
Adult Activity Supplement \$ 15 per day, per person
Twin Room Supplement \$ 45 per day, per person
Single Room Supplement \$ 90 per day, per person

This trip is quoted as a student tour, prices are subject to increase if number of adults exceeds 30% of group size.

PRICE INCLUDES

PROMETOUR PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM
Student Group Insurance Program covering group dates of travel,
Coverage includes:
Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Delay
Cancel for Any Reason up to 75% of prepaid, forfeited, non-refundable payments or deposits
Baggage & Personal Effects; Damage Loss & Delay
Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses
Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation
24 hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment
Travel Assistance & Concierge

Transportation
Round trip motor coach transportation
Associated ground transportation costs while in destination

Accommodation
3 nights' accommodation at an Upper Quebec City Hotel
4 star standard
Students: 3 & 4 per room, single beds not guaranteed
Chaperones: 2 per room, single beds guaranteed
Service of a Hotel Hall Monitor (4-hours per night)

Meals
3 Breakfasts / 2 Lunches / 3 Dinners
Restaurant meals are group menu with 1 non-alcoholic beverage + vegetarian option

Activities / Sightseeing
All aforementioned visits, activities, tours and admissions

Tour Guides
Service of a bilingual Quebecois Tour Director for duration of visit
Local city / activity guides as indicated in the program

Complimentary Trips
1:8 complimentary trip ratio based on full paying participants
Guaranteed minimum 3 free trips

Other
Tips for your Tour Director & Bus Driver (\$20)
Substitute Fees (\$90 x # of chaperones)
Applicable service fees, taxes and FICAV contribution

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Based on Dates of Travel
05-Jun-2022 \$ 250 pp
30-Sep-2022 \$ 250 pp
05-Nov-2022 \$ 500 pp
30-Dec-2022 Balance (determined by final group size)
Monthly installments available at time of online registration

Please check with your credit card company and/or financial institution for any extra applicable fees

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Meals that are not indicated in the daily program

Tips for hotel room staff is at your discretion, a standard guideline is \$3 - \$5 USD per day, per room

Personal spending money

Costs associated with travel documents, visas, medical testing, vaccinations, or other as required by your destination(s) or home country

Costs associated with changes to itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to: pandemics, epidemics, natural disasters, or other

Any applicable Prometour processing fees



Prométour reserves the right to alter your itinerary before or during your tour for reasons including but not limited to: severe weather conditions, government restrictions, holidays, special events, or other unforeseen circumstances. When a scheduled activity or tourist site is not possible, we will make every effort to minimize inconvenience by adjusting the itinerary or replacing the item with a similar item of equal standard and value.

Our Green Initiative!

Prométour's target is to be a 100% carbon neutral company by 2023. Complimentary CO2 offsetting is now included on all tours including bus or air transportation.

EXCHANGE RATE Prométour has quoted this package at an exchange of 1 CAD = 0.80 USD

Useful Information

Going Green - Prométour's Carbon Offset program with TAKING ROOT

Your Role as a Group Leader

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PROTECTION PLAN / PEACE OF MIND 2020

SAFETY PROTOCOL

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