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# MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Date: September 6, 2016  
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler  
From: Mr. Tom Rogers  
Re: Out of Country World Language Trip Proposal – Spring Break 2017



French language instructors, Martha Behlow and Molly Shanahan, would like to request permission to organize a summer 2017 trip to France. The purpose of the trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience for our students that will reinforce and enhance their language abilities and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with the unique opportunity to experience and interact with people from France. The trip highlights include: Paris, major monuments, Palace of Versailles; TGV—high speed train to the south of France; Avignon, Nimes, Roman ruins including the Aquaduct the Pont du Gard; Les Baux, a medical fortress; Aix-en-Provence and Nice; and St. Paul de Vence, medieval town. Tentative itinerary and trip details are attached:

1. Trip Dates: Spring Break 2017 (March 24 – April 1)
2. Number of Students: Approximately 30
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier / World Strides
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$3,939
5. Adult Chaperones  
Martha Behlow  
Molly Shanahan
6. Goals:
  - a. To provide an opportunity for student participation in sightseeing and language immersion experience.
  - b. To reinforce and enhance student language mastery and cultural appreciation through the experience.
  - c. To provide students the opportunity to experience and interact with people from France through their participation in this activity.

Dear Principal Rogers, Dr. Mutchler, and Geneva School Board members,

We are respectfully requesting administration and school board approval to promote a trip to France during the 2017 spring break. My colleague Molly Shanahan and I would like to offer this trip to our Geneva High School French students.

This 9 day trip, titled Paris, Provence and the Riviera, would not require any additional days for students to be absent. The itinerary would concentrate on Paris and Provence, and area rich in cultural and historical traditions. Thanks to Julius Cesar and his Roman troops, there are many Roman ruins and amphitheatres still in existence, in some cases, in better shape than in Italy.

The company we are proposing to work with, WorldStrides, offers a combination of travel AND education to give our students the richest experience possible. In addition, and this was particularly intriguing to us, there is a 3 college credit option, at no additional cost, through San Diego State University, for those students who complete an online component upon our return.

The trip is priced at \$3939, but for those who would register prior to September 29, 2016, there is a \$300 early enrollment savings. In addition, there is a scholarship of \$400.00 price reduction for those whose family income is less than \$85,000 ...

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4. Les Baux, a medieval fortress
5. Aix-en-Provence and Nice
6. St. Paul de Vence, medieval town

LEAP program including lessons on the chateau, provençal cooking, and art lesson

Through our online professional community, French Teachers in the US, we have received many positive recommendations for this program. We are excited about the chance to offer this opportunity to our students, and because it is during spring break, it could also include our seniors in the French program.

Sincerely,

Martha Behlow



### Trip Details

Trip Name: Paris Provence and the Riviera  
 Group Leader: Ms. Martha Behlow  
 Departure Date: Friday, March 24, 2017  
 Departure City: Chicago, IL

Enroll now at [worldstrides.com/enroll](http://worldstrides.com/enroll)

Group Username: geneva  
 Group Password: france18

### An Enriched Educational Experience

WorldStrides programs offer unrivaled travel experiences to more than 90 countries on six continents. For more than three decades we've leveraged personal service, uncompromised quality, expert craftsmanship, and an unwavering focus on educational value to inspire and enrich the lives of our travelers. Our unique LEAP program uses creative and fun contemporary teaching methods to maximize the learning experience. LEAP engages students, making them active learners who translate information into knowledge and understanding.

### Why Quality Matters

WorldStrides quality enhances the educational outcomes for our students, provides for the comfort and safety of the whole group and gives peace of mind to teachers and families. We use centrally located hotels in safe neighborhoods, which mean more time where you want to be and less time travelling. Meals are carefully chosen to reflect local cuisine. Our Tour Directors are much more than escorts. They use their extensive training to act as cultural mediators, engaging students throughout the program.

### Safety

Your child's safety is always our top priority. Our staff members are on call 24 hours a day and our Tour Directors stay in the same hotels as their groups. Tours have a ratio of one chaperone for every six students. Each Group Leader is provided with an international cell phone. We include travel insurance and strongly recommend the Cancellation Protection Plus.

### Included in the Trip Costs

#### Transportation

— Round-trip airfare and other transportation described in the itinerary

#### Travel Insurance

— Traveler Assistance, Medical Insurance & Travel Insurance

#### Hotel Accommodations & Meals

- Centrally located three- and four-star hotels for 7 nights
- Daily breakfast to start the day energized and ready to go
- Appetizing, hearty three-course dinner daily

#### Tour Director & Local Guides

- Full time, bilingual, WorldStrides Tour Director who is LEAP-trained in experiential education
- Local guide at sites and on city tours as described in the itinerary
- LEAP! Educational Program

### Trip Costs

**Total Cost \$3329**

#### Using EZpay Plan

5 Payments of \$605.80

Based on enrollment today with deposit of \$300 and then 5 payments of \$605.80

#### Cost Breakdown

Tuition (Valid through 09/29/16)	\$3939
Weekend Supplement	\$90
Welcome Scholarship	-\$400
Early Enrollment Savings (Valid through 09/29/16)	-\$300

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**Perspectives**

Educational journeys for students



**DAY 1-2 FLY TO FRANCE.** Overnight flight to Paris. Begin exploring France's answer to the "city that never sleeps".

**DAY 3 DISCOVER PARIS.** A local guide shows you the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées, and Les Invalides. Admire Notre Dame Cathedral from the inside out. Art lovers will delight in a visit to the enormous Louvre Museum. Tonight, enjoy breathtaking views from atop the Eiffel Tower.

**DAY 4 VERSAILLES-MONTMARTRE.** Travel to Louis XIV's decadent Palace of Versailles and en route, [Seize the Château!](#) Tour the immense Hall of Mirrors, the royal apartments and the gardens. This evening, enjoy a walking tour of Sacre Coeur and the artists' quarter of Montmartre, recognizable in many of Toulouse-Lautrec's posters.

**DAY 5 TGV-AVIGNON-NIMES.** Board the TGV for Provence. Stroll along the streets of Avignon and view the Pont St. Benezet, the 12th century bridge immortalized in a French nursery song. Later see the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct. Marvel at the Roman buildings of Nimes: the Maison Carrée ("Square House") and the awesome Roman arena, the best preserved in France.

**DAY 6 PROVENCE.** Visit the medieval fortress of Les Baux. [En Gardel!](#)

**DAY 7 AIX-EN-PROVENCE.** En route to Nice, visit the flowing fountains and charming locales of Aix-en-Provence. Enjoy [Painters' Provence](#). In the evening, enjoy a walking tour of Vieux Nice.

**DAY 8 ST. PAUL DE VENCE-CUISINE PROVENCALE** Enjoy an excursion to the medieval town of St. Paul de Vence. Later, cook up [Cuisine Provencale](#). Please note, dinner is not included today.

**DAY 9 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES,** or opt to extend your stay in France with adding extra days in Nice.

