

# MEMO—Office of the Principal

**Date:** January 10, 2014  
**To:** Kent Mutchler  
**From:** Tom Rogers  
**Re:** Out-of-Country Trip Proposal—Summer 2015



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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 cultures of three Mediterranean countries during the summer of 2015. 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 9, 2015 – July 20, 2015
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 25
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4,874
5. Adult Chaperones: Mary Keyzer (Modern World/Social Studies teacher) and Emma Cole (Science teacher)
6. Goals:
  - a. To learn about Modernism/Art Nouveau through the architecture of Antoni Gaudi.
  - b. To see the influence of Rome's rich architectural legacy in both the original buildings of Provence and the classically inspired buildings of Tuscany.
  - c. To compare and contrast the cuisine of three Mediterranean countries, noting the influence of climate and land on food and diet.
  - d. See attached trip proposal for additional details.

## TOUR DETAILS

Jul 9 - Jul 20, 2015

Group Leader  
Mary Keyzer

Group ID  
40217

Depart From  
Chicago



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Barcelona Tour with Guide
- ✓ Barcelona Gothic Cathedral
- ✓ Pétanque Lesson and Tournament in Nice
- ✓ Pisa Cathedral
- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore
- ✓ Rome Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation
- ✓ St. Peter's Basilica

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Students will learn about Modernism/ Art Nouveau through the architecture of Antoni Gaudí.
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- ✓ Students will compare and contrast the cuisine of three Mediterranean countries, noting the influence of climate and land on food and diet.



\* Map may not reflect your final trip itinerary.

# Cultures of the Mediterranean

**JUL 9, 2015: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT** Depart from the USA.

**JUL 10, 2015: BARCELONA** Arrive in Barcelona and begin to explore this historic city. Founded by the Romans in the 3rd century BC, it's known for its artistic treasures and fine architecture, from Gothic to modernist. Perhaps take in the Picasso Museum, home to more than 3,000 works by the famous artist, or visit the city's intriguing Maritime Museum. (D)

**JUL 11, 2015: BARCELONA** Discover the city with a local guide. Snap a photo outside the spectacular Sagrada Familia, designed by renowned local architect Antoni Gaudí and under construction for more than a century, and see the Olympic Port. Later you'll explore the Gothic Quarter, the center of the old city and home to some of Barcelona's most historic buildings, and visit the awe-inspiring Cathedral of Santa Eulàlia, built during the 13th and 14th centuries. (B,D)

**JUL 12, 2015: PROVENCE** Today you cross the Pyrénées to the medieval walled city of Carcassonne, noted for its well-preserved ramparts and towers. Then journey along the route of an old Roman road, the Via Domitia, to Provence, the first Roman province established beyond the Alps. (B,D)

**JUL 13, 2015: NICE** Visit Avignon, home to stunning architecture in the Papal Palace (the city temporarily replaced Rome as the Papacy seat during the 1300s), the famous Pont Saint-Bénézet and a beautiful example of a fully walled city. Soak in the gorgeous Provençal atmosphere before continuing to the French Riviera for the night. (B,D)

**JUL 14, 2015: NICE** Take a walking tour of Nice, a long-inhabited city centered on a fertile bay and noted for its rich culture and history. Highlights include the winding streets of the old town, Cimiez and the beachside Promenade des Anglais. In the afternoon learn to play pétanque, a favorite French pastime, followed by a tournament where you can test your new-found skills. (B,D)

**JUL 15, 2015: NICE** Today is free for exploration on your own. Consider visiting one of the many museums or gardens. (B,D)

**JUL 16, 2015: MONTECATINI** Bid adieu to France as you cross into Italy and arrive in Pisa. Visit the Cathedral and marvel at the iconic Leaning Tower—the Cathedral's bell tower. Next stop: Tuscany, a region famous for spawning giants in the fields of art and literature, including Michelangelo, Sandro Botticelli, Dante and Leonardo da Vinci. (B,D)

**JUL 17, 2015: ROME** Your day begins with a guided sightseeing tour of Florence, a cultural haven that's considered the birthplace of the Renaissance. The secrets of the city come alive as your local

## TOUR COST

### Group Fees

Program Fee	\$4874
Saver Date Incentive	\$-175
Extra day in Nice	\$175

Total Group Fees<sup>2</sup> \$4874

<sup>2</sup> Valid through 03/01/14 with \$200 deposit.

### Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$800
Double Room Supplement	\$450
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$360
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$300

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guide offers expert commentary through personal headsets on major sites such as the impressive, centuries-old Duomo; the octagonal Baptistry, notable for Lorenzo Ghiberti's sculpted bronze doors; and the busy Piazza della Signoria, the city's political center. Perhaps satisfy your sweet tooth at some of the area's best gelaterias, then continue on to Rome. (B,D)

**JUL 18, 2015: ROME** Today's sightseeing introduces virtually every major facet of Rome's history with a panoramic drive of the city. Later a local guide takes you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, providing expert insights and commentary via personal headsets. In the evening join the locals for a passeggiata romana with your tour manager, strolling past illuminated landmarks such as the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain. (B,D)

**JUL 19, 2015: ROME** Journey to Anzio to see the effects of WWII with a visit to the war cemetery and beach. Spend some time on the beaches of Anzio before returning to Rome for dinner. (B,D)

**JUL 20, 2015: DEPARTURE** Depart for the USA. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*

## Cultural Connections

### Pétanque Lesson in Nice

Join a pétanque expert for a lesson and tournament in this classic French pastime.

## Notes from ACIS

If fewer than 12 participants are enrolled on the trip as of Dec. 1, 2014, all participants will receive full refunds and the program will be cancelled. The program will otherwise run as scheduled if 12 or more are enrolled.

Suggested Daily Tipping: \$6 for Tour Manager; \$4 for bus driver.

The Saver Date Incentive discount of \$175 is only valid until April 1, 2014.

Participants registered on our 2015 tours will be exempt from any airline-imposed changes to Departure Fees.

Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.

All registered participants can enjoy the convenience, security and savings of having payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account by enrolling in an Automatic Payments plan within My Account ([www.acis.com/accounts](http://www.acis.com/accounts)). To learn more, visit [www.acis.com/studentsparents/autopay](http://www.acis.com/studentsparents/autopay)

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