

# iPerú!

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Dear School Board Members,

I, Jessica Dietz, am planning a student trip to Perú for June, 2018. The trip will be for any students in grades 10-12. It will be an educational, cultural and service-learning experience. This will be the sixth student trip I have led, and the second time to Perú. I am very excited to be offering a culturally focused trip with a visit to one of the 7 wonders of the world: Machu Picchu! The trip is through an educational tour company called EF tours. Information about the tour company and our tour can be found at the following link: [www.eftours.com/1854197kw](http://www.eftours.com/1854197kw)

EF tours is an accredited tour company that has been providing travel opportunities for students for over 50 years. The following is a quote from EF tours:

The EF team supports its travelers before, during and even after their tour. Our tour consultants work with teachers to plan the perfect tour for their groups, one that enhances what they are teaching in the classroom. The tour consultants guide the teachers through every step of the planning process and coordinating all of the travel logistics, from arranging flights and hotels to organizing special excursions. And, our Customer Service Department is also available to answer questions and concerns from students and their parents...

On tour, every student group is accompanied 24 hours a day by an EF Tour Director. Tour directors take care of all logistical details on tour—including making sure the group is always in the right place at the right time, assisting with hotel check-in, leading some of the sightseeing tours and keeping the tour running smoothly from start to finish. Of course, our tour directors are professionally trained to handle any emergencies that may arise on tour.

Quoted from EF tours 'Information for School Boards and Administrators'

The trip costs \$4400 and includes 3 meals a day, airfare, park entrance fees, tour guide, transportation within the country, and hotel accommodations. When students apply they must provide \$95 as a membership fee which will be applied toward the program fee. 30 days from the date of application students must then put down another \$150 deposit. Students then follow the payment plan through two options: monthly payments or two second and final payments. Students will do at least two fundraisers in order to help cover costs; one in the fall and winter of 2018. The opportunities will be to sell candles and snacks from a local company. I will offer more opportunities at the students' request.

I look forward to providing students of Crosby-Ironton with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage in another culture and expand their understanding of the world through experiential learning. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Jessica Dietz