



Albert Lea Area Schools Extended Field Trip Form

1. Name of sponsoring person: Ken Fiscus
2. Name of school activity or class: Archeology Travel to Italy (Earth & Space Science)
3. Proposed dates of trip: June 22-29, 2026
4. Brief description of proposed trip: We are traveling to Balzano, Italy to visit the South Tyrol Museum of Archeology to see the Iceman and his exhibit. We are then traveling to visit the two cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum that were buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD- 1 full day for each city.
5. Educational objectives of the proposed trip: My students and I will get to see Otzi the Iceman in his museum/research facility. He is the focus of a week of study in 9th grade Earth Science (carbon dating, stone age/copper age, glaciers). Otzi is also the focus of a week of study in 10th grade Biology (genetics). We will get to visit the twin premier archeological sites in the world, Pompeii & Herculaneum. They feature prominently in Earth Science's study of volcanoes and are fundamental to our knowledge about life in Italy in the first century AD.
6. How will the money be raised to finance the trip? Families are paying for the trip. There is no fundraising being done by our group.
7. Itemize the full cost to students: \$4600/student. This includes airfare, meals, lodging, and transportation.
8. List travel and lodging arrangements: We are traveling with the help of Explorica. Airfare, meals, lodging, and transportation are included in the price of the trip.
9. List itinerary (include dates): Minneapolis to Milan June 22, Bolzano June 23 & 24, travel to Florence for several tourist destinations and tours June 25, Pompeii June 26, Herculaneum June 27, Travel to the Blue Grotto & Rome June 28, Fly to Minneapolis June 29. (See attached detailed itinerary.)



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10. List chaperones and any special security provisions (chaperones must have district background check in place prior to field trip): Ken Fiscus- teacher, Kelli Fiscus- my wife & former school employee, Lori Larsen- former school employee
11. Project the number of students who will not be able to go on the trip due to time and/or cost: 95% cannot go.
12. Have alternative opportunities in the metro and surrounding area been explored? Yes. (We are a little scarce on volcanoes and 5,300-year old mummies around here.)
13. Do the dates of the proposed trip conflict with any school time or community activities? No.
14. What arrangements will be made with parents in case of emergency-health, family, discipline, etc.? Meetings with students and parents before leaving. Explorica has a policy for returning students for discipline issues and the extra costs involved being paid for by the parents. The parents have signed up knowing about this policy.
I am collecting medical information in the spring before we leave.

As sponsor of the extended field trip I will ensure all school district policies, rules, and regulations are followed. I will ensure all chaperones have current background checks and follow all school district policies, rules, and regulations. I will alert the administration if there is any disciplinary or emergency situation.



Signature of Sponsor

11-21-25

Date

Recommendation

Approved or Not Approved
Building Principal or Activities Administrator

Date

Signature

Approved or Not Approved



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Superintendent

Date

Signature

Approved or Not Approved
School Board Chair

Date

Signature



Fiscus's Italian Highlights

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June 22 - June 29, 2026

Day 1 Overnight Flight to Italy (Milan)

Day 2 Ciao Milan

Meet your tour director, travel to Bolzano & check into hotel
Bolzano city walk

Day 3 Bolzano--Florence

Full day Archeological Museum visit
Travel to Florence
Traditional Trattoria Dinner

Day 4 Florence--Sorrento

Florence guided sightseeing tour: Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Ponte Vecchio, Duomo, Leather Workshop, Gates of Paradise, Giotto's Bell Tower, Dante's House
Travel to Naples by train

Day 5 Sorrento

Pompeii guided excursion

Day 6 Sorrento

Herculaneum guided visit

Day 7 Sorrento--Rome

Capri & Blue Grotto excursion
Travel to Rome
Farewell Dinner

Day 8 Flight home from Rome



Reserve Your Spot!



Tour Center ID: Fiscus-9338
Registration deadline: November 30, 2025

What's included

We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip airfare
- 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Full European breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of a professional tour director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Guided sightseeing tours with high-tech headset as per itinerary
- Tour Diary™
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Optional excursions, optional pre-paid Tour Director and multi-day bus driver tipping, among other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included.

Tour investment

Students (travelers under the age of 23): \$4,599
Adults (age 23 and over): \$4,994

Price reflects savings of \$381 scholarship. Sign up by 11/30/2025 & enter code Pizza381 in order to take advantage of this limited-time offer!

Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay just \$50 upon enrollment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card or checking account. As of November 21, 2025, your monthly payment would be just \$909.80. (Manual plan also available; learn more on explorica.com/paymentplans.)

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