
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: November 7, 2017
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Mr. Tom Rogers
Re: Out of Country World Language Trip Proposal – Spring Break 2019



French language instructors, Martha Behlow and Amanda Daly, would like to request permission to organize a spring break 2019 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. This trip shows some of the great variety in France, from the urban environment of Paris, to the southwest including the historic walled fortress town of Carcassonne, the Roman Empire influenced Provence region, and the Mediterranean coast with its Italian influence – both historical and cultural. The teachers are requesting the trip extension (the 13 day trip) which would be their first choice, with the 10 day trip as their second choice (simply without the Italian extension). See tentative itinerary and trip details attached:

1. Trip Dates: Spring Break 2019
(dates to be determined by district calendar)
2. Number of Students: Approximately 30
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$3,424 (10 days) / \$3,949 (13 days)
5. Adult Chaperones
Martha Behlow
Amanda Daly
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.

Trip Proposal: France, Spring break, 2019

Exact dates to be determined when the School Board has finalized our calendar for next year. Our EF Tour consultant, Mike Shafer (Mike.Shafer@EF.com) has assured me that we can easily adjust the dates a week or two in either direction depending on the Geneva Spring Break 2019 final dates. But we (Amanda and I) would like to move forward with planning and promoting the trip, as the summer 2018 Eurotrip France, Germany, Switzerland trip had already filled up last spring.

Trip leader: Martha Behlow, GHS French teacher

Assistant leader: Amanda Daly, GHS French teacher

Company: EF – Education First Student Educational Tours. This is the company which Rene Swidenbank and I have worked on our European trips since 2006. Their specialty is reasonably priced student tours with an educational and cultural emphasis.

Trip Itinerary: 'French Promenade'

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10 days

Paris

Versailles

Biarritz

San Sébastien

Carcassonne

Pond du Gard

Avignon

Riviera

13 days

Paris

Versailles

Biarritz

San Sébastien

Carcassonne

Pond du Gard

Avignon

Riviera

Cinque Terre

Milan

Southwestern France

Provence

Mediterranean Coast

Italian coast near France

Departure city

\$3424.00

\$3949

Trip price includes air travel, all transfers via coach and train, regional meals, hotels, and professional tour guide. Not included: lunch, tour director tip \$\$

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-  **weShare**, our online platform that taps into each student's interests for a more engaging learning experience
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; TGV high-speed train;
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—MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to France

Day 2: Paris

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Paris, the City of Light. During your stay you'll get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. At the École Militaire, see where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. LM, Pei's iconic glass pyramid marks the entrance to the renowned Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Then, admire the Notre Dame Cathedral's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.
- Take a walking tour of Paris: Opéra district; Place Vendôme
- Visit the Louvre

Day 3: Paris

- Take an expertly guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe; Les Invalides; Eiffel Tower
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral
- Time to see more of Paris or
 - Visit Versailles

Day 4: Paris | Biarritz

- Travel by TGV train to Bordeaux.
- Explore and climb the Dune du Pilat, a surreal desert sand dune on the edge of the French countryside.
- Continue along the south coast of France to Biarritz.

Day 5: Biarritz | San Sebastián

- Cross the Spanish border
- Take a tour of San Sebastián and St. Jean de Luz
- Take a tour of Biarritz

Day 6: Provence

- Take a tour of Carcassonne
- Continue on to Provence, where you'll discover for yourself what inspired Picasso and van Gogh. Painter Paul Cézanne once said of Provence: "Everywhere are the fragrances of honey, thyme, lavender, all the herbs of the nearby hills." During your stay, stroll through Avignon's magnificent Palais des Papes, home to French native Pope Clement V, who moved the papacy here from Rome in 1309. View the stunning Italian frescoes in the chapel and see the hidden vaults where the church's riches were stored. Step inside a Roman amphitheater and visit the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a marvel of civil engineering. Dating back 2,000 years, it once supplied Roman villas with running water.

Day 7: Provence | Nîmes

- Take a tour of Avignon
- Visit the Palais des Papes
- Visit the Pont du Gard
- Take a tour of Nîmes
- Visit the Nîmes Amphitheater

Day 8: French Riviera

- Take a tour of Aix-en-Provence
- Cruise through the Calanques
- Continue on to the French Riviera, where you'll explore Nice and Monaco. During your stay, you'll stroll down the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais and get a taste of the Old Town. Soak up the scenery, from the white-washed villas to the flower market to the emerald waters that lap Nice's endless beaches. Monaco is a tiny principality that packs wealth, royalty and the world-famous Casino Monte-Carlo into just 0.8 square miles. Here you'll see the Cathédrale de Monaco, where Prince Rainier wed movie star Grace Kelly, a union that ultimately sparked an influx of Hollywood stars and starlets to the French Riviera.

Day 9: French Riviera

- Visit the principality of Monaco: Prince's Palace; Monaco Cathedral; Monte-Carlo Casino
- Tour a French perfume factory in Eze
- Take a walking tour of Nice: Vieille Ville; Promenade des Anglais

Day 10: Depart for home

• 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 10: Nice | Cinque Terre

- Make a stop in San Remo
- Continue on to Cinque Terre

Day 11: Cinque Terre

- Travel by train to the five villages of Cinque Terre

Day 12: Milan

- Travel to Milan
- Take an expertly guided tour of Milan
- Visit the Milan Duomo
- Enjoy free time

Day 13: Depart for home



Believe me, the Eiffel Tower is even more beautiful in person. I'm having a blast in Paris! #eJtours

– JOSEPH TRAVELER



Via Instagram

From the moment the plane touched down in Paris, our trip was absolutely wonderful! We were greeted by our Tour Director and we were off and exploring one of the most beautiful cities in the world! I especially loved the contrast of city to country as we explored smaller cities and towns along the coast of the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

– ANITA, GROUP LEADER



Via Facebook

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—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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