
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: May 5, 2022
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Mr. Tom Rogers
Re: Out of Country World Language Trip Proposal – June 2023



German language instructor Rene Swidenbank and French language instructor Martha Behlow would like to request permission to organize a June 2023 trip to France, Germany, Switzerland & Austria. 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 Europe. This trip shows some of the great variety in western Europe, including the connections and differences among France and the German-speaking areas of Europe, as well as Switzerland, which is both German and French speaking. Students will experience history through their travels in Normandy to see the invasion beaches and American cemetery, as well as the picturesque and historic French city of St. Malo, the medieval monastery of Mont St. Michel, before returning to Paris. The beautiful German towns of Heidelberg, an important university town and Rothenberg, a walled medieval town, give a completely different cultural, architectural and historic view of Europe. Salzburg, Austria and Munich will show the students the cultural touchstones of Bavaria as well as Mozart's birthplace. The map pictured is not a complete representation of the trip, as it is a custom trip for Geneva students.



1. Trip Dates: June 2023
2. Number of Students: Approximately 25 +
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier

4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$5,395 - 15 days
5. Trip / Tour Operator EF – Education First (educational travel organization)
6. Adult Chaperones Rene Swidenbank, Martha Behlow & chaperone (s) depending on the number of students who enroll in the trip
7. 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.
 - d. To provide a community building experience where the German & French students help each other communicate