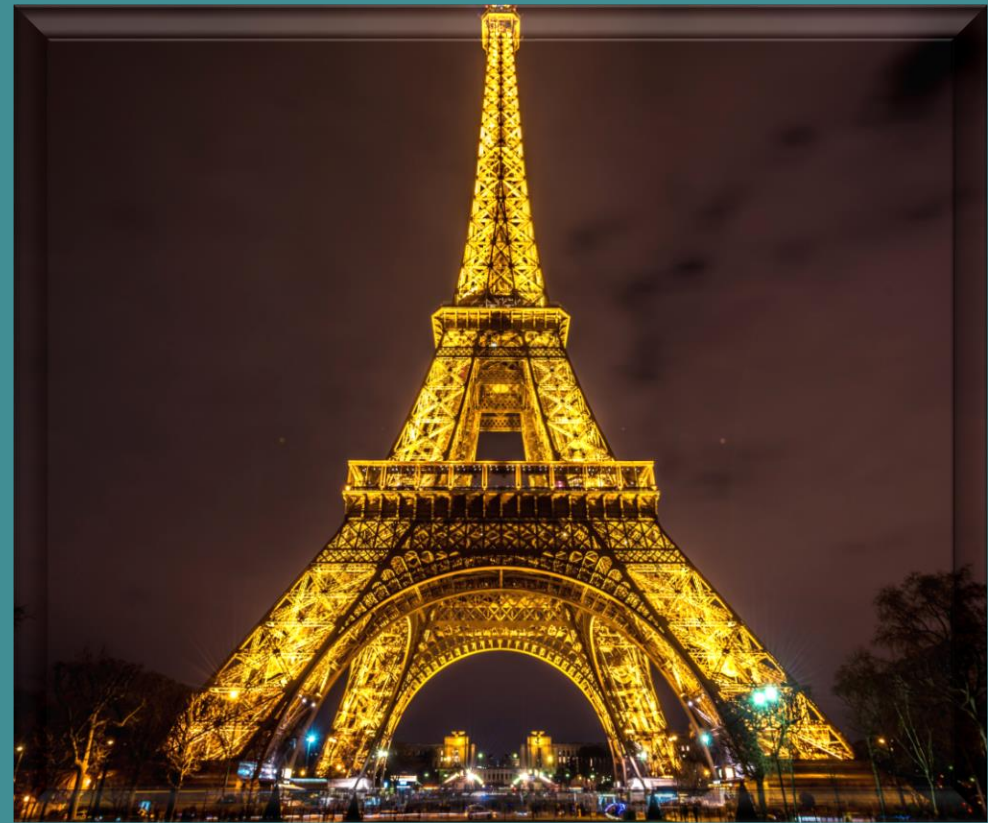




# Amsterdam, Bruges and Paris

June 14 - June 23, 2021



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# Tonight's Agenda



- Introduction and Short Video showing the highlights of the trip
- Why travel as a middle school student
- Safety matters
- Day-by-Day Itinerary
- Introduce the group leaders
- Introduce Explorica
- An educational experience, not just a trip
- Numbers of travelers and adult to student ratio
- Expense breakdown
- Spending cash
- Monthly payments Programs
- What is included
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- Fundraising
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- Frequently asked questions
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# Amsterdam, Bruges and Paris Video




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## Amsterdam, Bruges, & Paris

*June 14 - June 23, 2021*

Join Matthew Haley and Jason Albrecht, in conjunction with Explorica student travel, on a 10-day trip-of-a-lifetime through the Netherlands, Belgium, and France!  
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# Why travel as a middle school student?

- Learn and understand first-hand about people & societies around the world
- A good time to bond with your child before life gets too busy with high school activities
- A valuable world experience and personal growth opportunity that they can apply in their high school & college classes
- Creates strong friendships that only a shared travel experience can provide
- Helps students appreciate and understand where they live in a whole new light

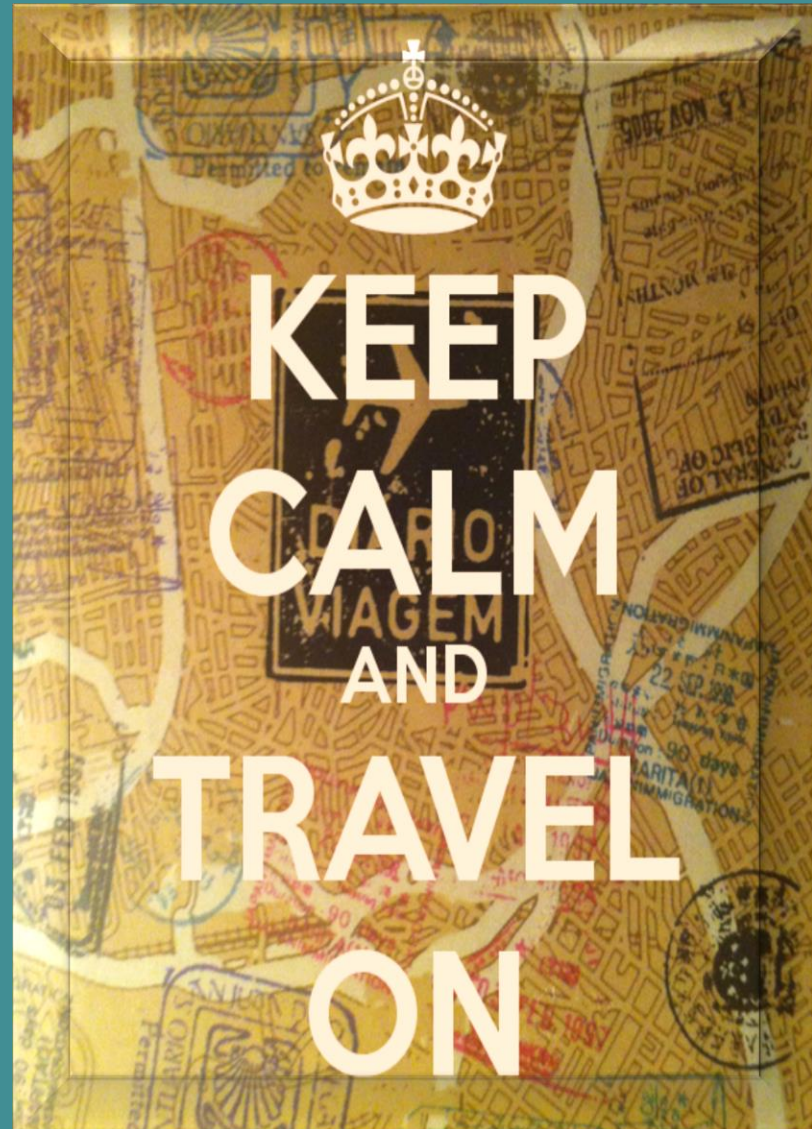






# **Safety**matters

- Explorica and the State Department
- Jason and Matthew
- Re-evaluate like every trip IF something arises
- Seen it before...Japan and Tsunami, China and North Korea issues, France and train strikes, Turkey and security issues. We will take care and make things work!



# Our Trip Itinerary



Day 1 – Fly overnight to Amsterdam





## Day 2 – Hallo Amsterdam

- Meet our tour director Michael
- Beat jet lag with a game of Bubble Football
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise and Dinner



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*Let's play!*



**Bubble Football**



**Dinner Cruise**



## Day 3 – Amsterdam landmarks

## Van Gogh's master pieces

- Van Gogh Museum visit
- Volendam & Zaanse Schans guided bike tour
- Rembrandt Hoeve cheese and clog visit
- Rijsttafel Dinner



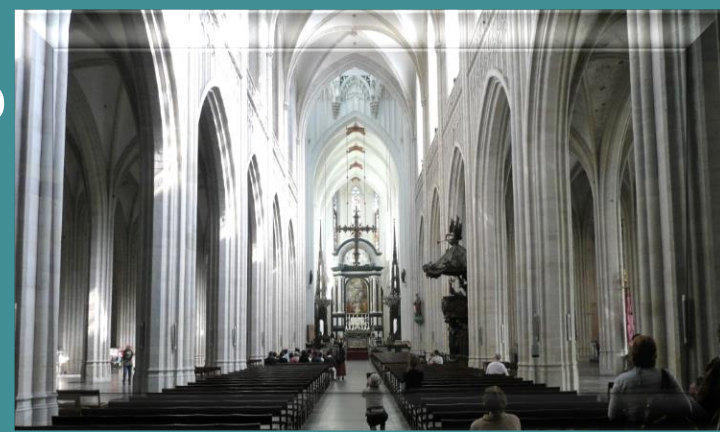
## Volendam & Zaanse Schans



Rembrandt Hoeve cheese and clog visit

# Day 4 – Travel to Brussels via Antwerp

- Cathedral of our Lady visit
- Evening ghost tour
- Traditional dinner at Arcadi



**Cathedral of our Lady**



**Ghost Tour**



**Arcadi Dinner**



## Day 5 – Brussels

- Chocolate making class
- Mini-Europe visit
- Manneken Pis photo op
- Medieval themed dinner

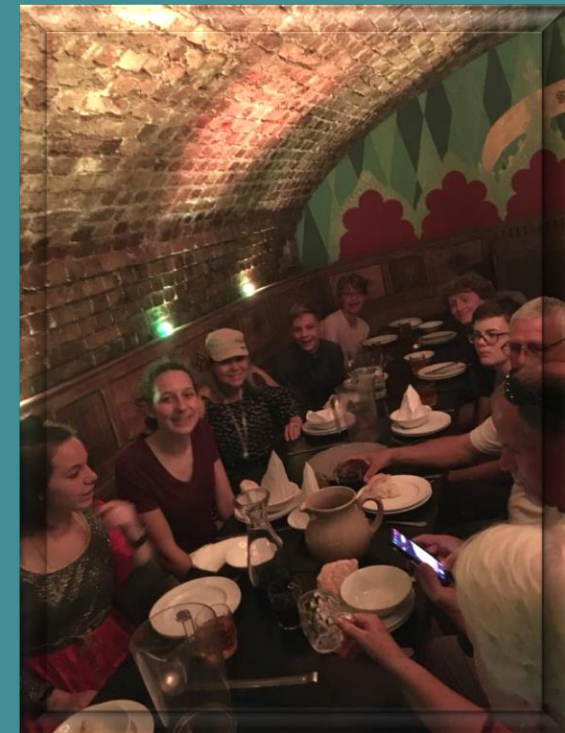
Chocolate!



Mini-Europe



Mannekin Pis



Medieval Dinner

## Day 6 – Brussels to Bruges

- Travel to Bruges via Ghent
- Gravensteen Castle visit
- Ghent Belfry climb
- Canal cruise
- Dinner at Vlissinghe



**Bruges Canal Tour**

## Gravensteen Castle



**Ghent Belfry**



# Day 7 – Bruges to Paris

- Guided medieval walking tour
  - Market Square
  - Rozenhoedkaai
  - Burg Square
  - Tanner's Square
  - Arentshof Gardens
  - The Walplein
  - St. Jans Hospital
  - Lake of Love
  - Church of our lady
- Waffle making class and lunch
- Travel to Paris

**Lake of Love**



**Market Square**



**Rozenhoedkaai**

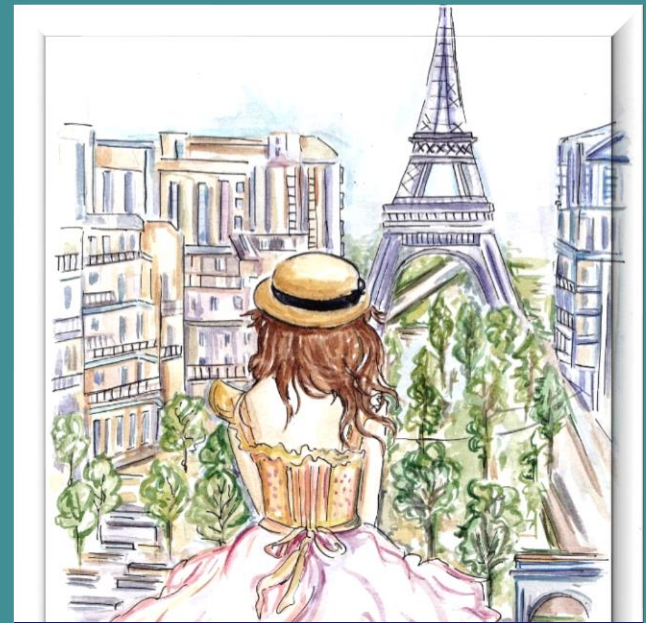


**Waffle Making**



## Day 8 – Paris

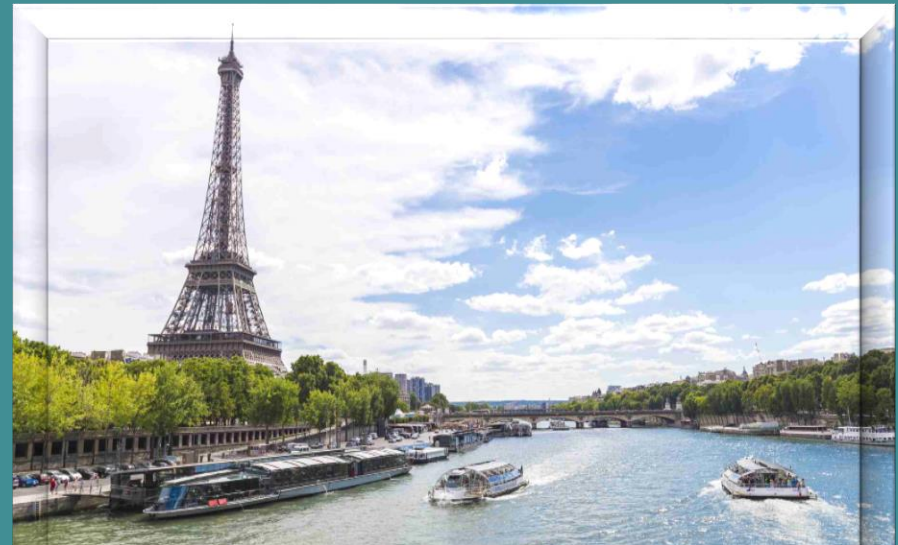
- Louvre Visit
- Charcoal drawing class
- Creperie lunch
- Seine River cruise
- Le Petit Train de Montmartre
- Dinner at Montmartre



**Drawing Class**



**Crepes**

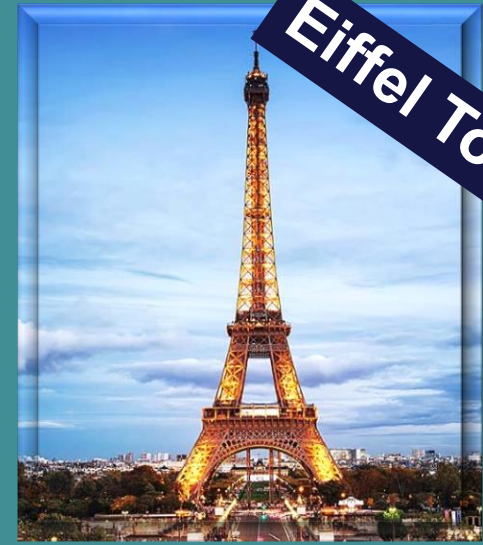


**Seine River Cruise**



# Day 9 – Paris

- Paris guided sightseeing tour
  - Arc de Triomphe
  - Champs Elysees
  - Eiffel Tower
  - Champ de Mars
  - Ecole Militaire
  - Les Invalids
  - Conciergerie
  - Tuileries Garden
  - Palace Vendome
  - Opera house
- Versailles guided excursion
- Notre Dame photo stop
- Eiffel Tower accent
- Farewell dinner in the Latin Quarter



Eiffel Tower

Arch de Triomphe



Versailles



# Day 10 – Return Home



Memories made





# **Trip Leaders:** Jason Albrecht, Matthew Haley, Stacy Albrecht, Daniel Haley, and Michael Lynn



**Student Applicants – Trip focus**  
**Adult Applicants – Supporting role**

# Who is Explorica?



the  
experience  
is everything.®

- Flexibility to customize
- More willing to work with our group



# Create a unique learning opportunity ... this is more than just a trip!

- Pre and post trip meetings – 85% attendance required for ALL travelers
- Informational meetings including history, culture, travel tips and more
- Team building activities

- Travel preparation
  - Passports
  - Luggage
  - What to expect



# Number of trip participants

- Trip Leaders.....5 filled positions
  - Daniel Haley – Fundraising and Photo Guy
  - Stacy Albrecht – Social Media and Packing Guru 😊
  - Michael Lynn – Safety and Health Advisor
- Student Applicants.....34 slots available
- Adult Applicants.....9 slots available



**Trip total = 48 travelers**



**Student Cost = \$4,629** Est. \$265/mo. (17 payments)

**Adult Cost = \$4,999\*** Est. \$288/mo. (17 payments)

<b><i>Project Cost Breakdown/Summary</i></b>	
Program Fee	\$4637
Group Gratuity Fees and local tips	\$125
All Inclusive Travel Insurance (required)	\$120
<i>Adult Supplement (If applicable)</i>	\$485
Additional Adjustment Discounts (Moscow190)	-\$253
Student Traveler Cost	\$4,629
Adult Traveler Cost	\$4,999 *
Total Due at Sign-in by November 29th at 3:00 pm This will be your first payment due at signing and is deducted from the total cost	\$170

\* Adult cost will show up initially as \$5,114 but will be adjusted down to \$4,999 within the first few months



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**We will run FOUR all group fundraisers to help you raise money for the trip**

# Spending Cash

- \$500 spending cash encouraged for lunches and souvenirs
- Use our fundraisers to help you earn this!





# Monthly Payment Plan Benefits

- Automatic deduction from your checking account each month. Approximately \$265/month for students and \$288/month for adults
- 17 monthly payments
- Final payment deadline up to 30 days prior to departure
- Other payment options are available

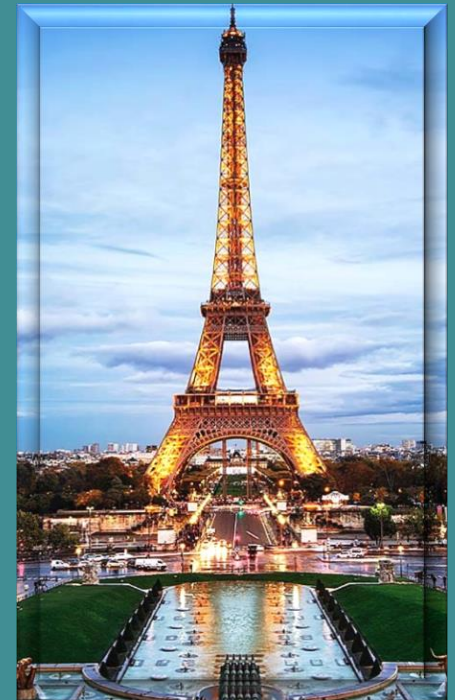


**NOTE: Is the cost of this trip tax deductible?**

No, Explorica is a for profit company and our trips are NOT affiliated with the Moscow School District

# What is included?

- Round trip airfare from Spokane
- Lodging in Hotels
  - Students: 2 to 5 per room depending on location (students with students)
  - Adults: 2 per room (adults with adults)
- Transportation throughout the trip from MMS back to MMS
- Explorica tour director to guide us on the ground
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Guided sightseeing/walking tours
- Entrance fees to selected attractions





# What is not included?



- \$50 for two pre-trip team building activities
- Lunches, beverages, and snacks throughout the day
- Passport fees



- Souvenirs
- Additional airline baggage fees
- Phone calls and/Wi-Fi Access
- We recommend \$500 for additional expenses.

# Fundraisers

## ➤ Group Fundraisers

- We will help with FOUR group fundraisers
  - Valentine's Sale
  - Mother's Day Soap Sale
  - September Coffee Sale
  - December Wreath Sale

## ➤ Individual Fundraisers

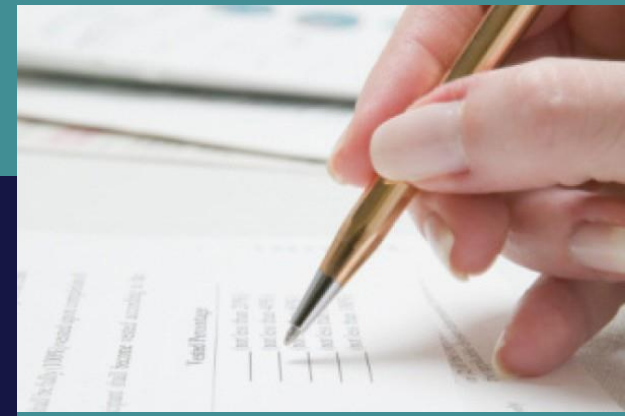
- All additional fundraising will be done on your own or in groups of your choosing
  - Ideas/examples (see our website)
    - Odd Jobs for travel
    - Babysitting





# Four Steps

1. Complete an application and return it to one of the trip leaders ASAP – order matters (see application due date on top of the application – Wednesday, November 20 at 3:30 pm)
2. Wait for a confirmation email from the trip leaders by Friday, November 22
3. Once your application is accepted, complete the online instructions to enroll and pay your non-refundable \$170 (\$50 sign up plus \$120 required Insurance fee) This **must** be completed by 3:30 pm Monday, December 2, 2019
4. Attend all group meetings



## Application process

# Selection Process

Selection criteria are as follows:

1. Completeness and professionalism of application
2. Strength of application answers
3. Probability of success while abroad
4. Order of received application







**International Travel Opportunity –  
Student Application**



What trip are you applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

**Biography Section: (Print Neatly)**

**Student Questionnaire Section:** (feel free to use additional sheets of paper to fully answer these questions).

1. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? If so, where and why?
2. What would this **trip** mean to you? Additionally, what specially draws you to this year's destination?
3. Traveling abroad can be a very stressful experience, please explain a stressful or difficult challenge that you have faced in your life and tell us how you overcame that challenge.
4. If you are selected for this trip, will you be willing to attend **ALL** the required pre- and post-trip meetings? **Are you going to commit fully to this travel team?**  
Yes  No
5. **READ CAREFULLY:** Are you able to participate in **extremely** active and physical travel trip? (i.e. early mornings and late evenings, 20,000+ steps a day, being with a large group, cooperating with one another to make the trip a success for all travelers, and are you willing and able to fully advocate for yourself while abroad, etc.?)  
Yes  No

**Signature:**

By signing below I understand that I am applying for an educational travel trip with Jason Albrecht and Matthew Haley. I understand that the complete cost of this trip must be paid in full prior to the departure date and that filling out this application does not guarantee that I will have the opportunity to go on this trip. Due to the select number of spots available, this is an application and selection process, meaning the best and most qualified applicants will go.

**By signing I acknowledge that I have read and understand/agree with the terms above:**

Student Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be complete and submitted to Mr. Haley or Mr. Albrecht by no later than:

**3:30 pm November 20, 2019**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Can adults/parents go?
  - Yes, applications are available tonight. One parent per student
  
- Can a younger or older sibling go?
  - This trip is for current 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only
  
- Can a relative go on the trip?
  - They must complete an adult application and meet the age requirements of 21
  
- What if I cannot pay the full trip cost?
  - Once you commit to this trip you are obligated to pay your way.
  - There are penalties for early withdrawal





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Dietary options?
  - Explorica does have different meal options depending on individual needs
- Medications while abroad?
  - Students are responsible for all needed medications (please notify trip leaders of ANY medical issues prior to the trip)



# Participant Selection Timeline

- **November 4th** – Parent meeting and applications are out
- **November 20th** – Applications are DUE by 3:30 PM and will be reviewed by the trip leaders
- **November 22nd** – Acceptance letters are sent out electronically
- **December 2nd** – Accepted travelers must be enrolled online with Explorica by 3:30 pm and have paid the non-refundable \$50 fee plus required insurance \$120 (\$170).
- **December 2nd after 3:30 pm** – Accepted applicants who are not enrolled will lose their spot to an alternate who will be informed by 6:00 pm.
- **December 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm** – Alternate travelers must be signed up with Explorica
- **December 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> all group meeting 7:00pm MPR



# Questions, Comments, Freaking Outs?

- Any group relevant questions???
- All group leaders are available for additional questions after this presentation
- Talk with a few adult travelers from past trips



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