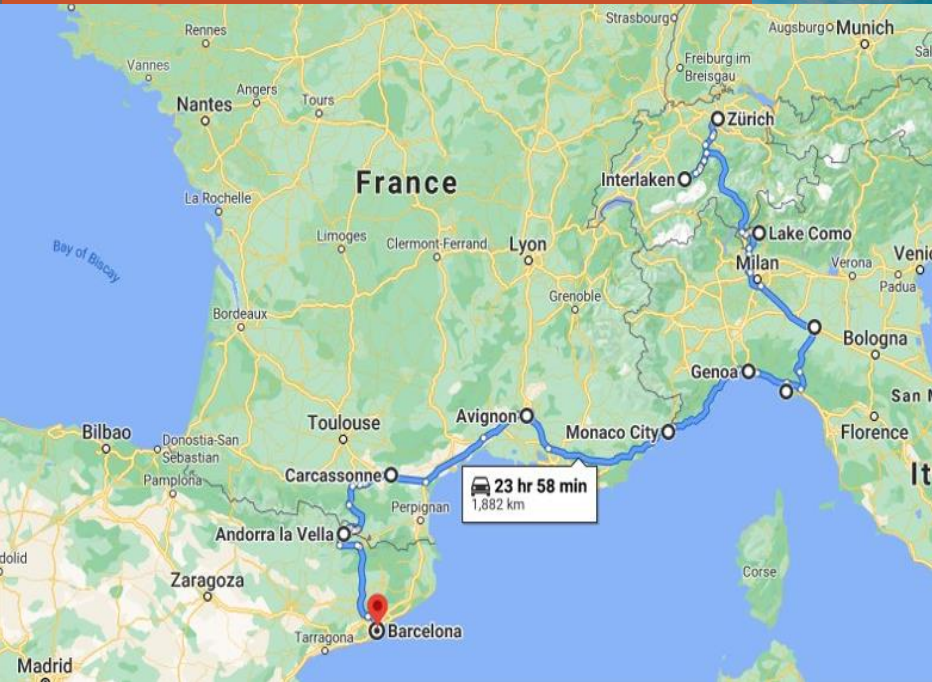


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The Six (Countries) in One Tour

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Tonight's Agenda

- Introduction and short video with highlights of the trip
- How has Covid changed international group travel?
- Why travel as a middle school student?
- Safety matters
- Day-by-day itinerary
- Introduce the group leaders and Explorica (our travel partner)
- *An educational experience*, not just a trip or vacation
- Number of total travelers
- Expense breakdown
- Monthly payment options
- What is included?
- What is not included?
- Spending cash
- Fundraising overview
- Application process
- Selection process
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Selection timeline
- Question/Comments/Freaking outs 😊



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We're back 😊

How has Covid changed our trips?



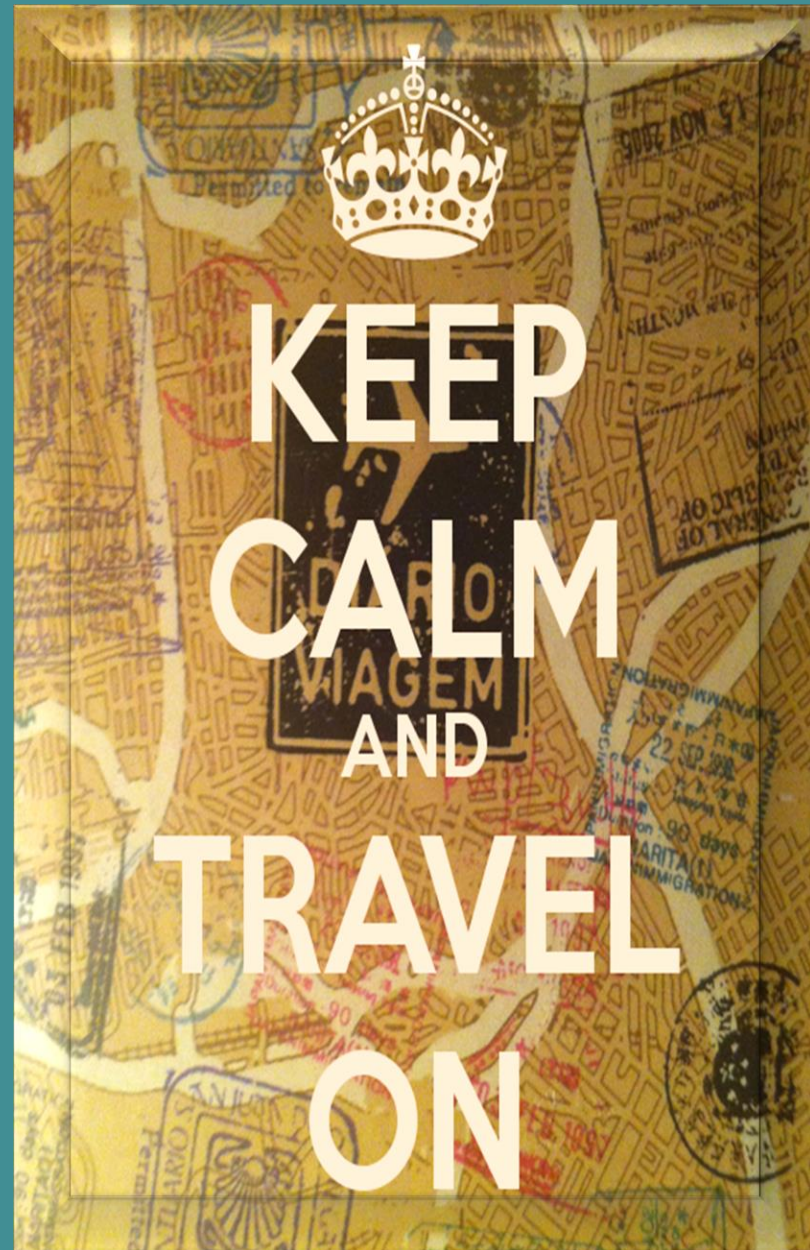
Travel in the age of Covid

- **Flexibility** and **adaptability** are KEY for all international travel
 - Vaccinations are being required prior to travel
 - Negative Covid tests pre- and post-tour are required
 - Masks, spacing, and traveling/rooming in pods are required
 - Passports are taking longer to get
 - **Note:** ALL OF THESE MAY CHANGE BEFORE WE TRAVEL ... so be FLEXIBLE



Safetymatters

- Explorica, State Department, CDC
 - Matthew and Jason don't decide when it is safe to travel ... we have a network of experts.
- We will re-evaluate every trip IF something arises in that area, region, etc.
- Seen it before...Japan and Tsunami, China and North Korea issues, France and train strikes, Turkey and security issues, Covid 19 pandemic.
- What happens if a new Covid surge arises
 - What if the trip cancels?
 - What if...



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 and genuine personal growth
- Helps students appreciate and understand where they live in a whole new light



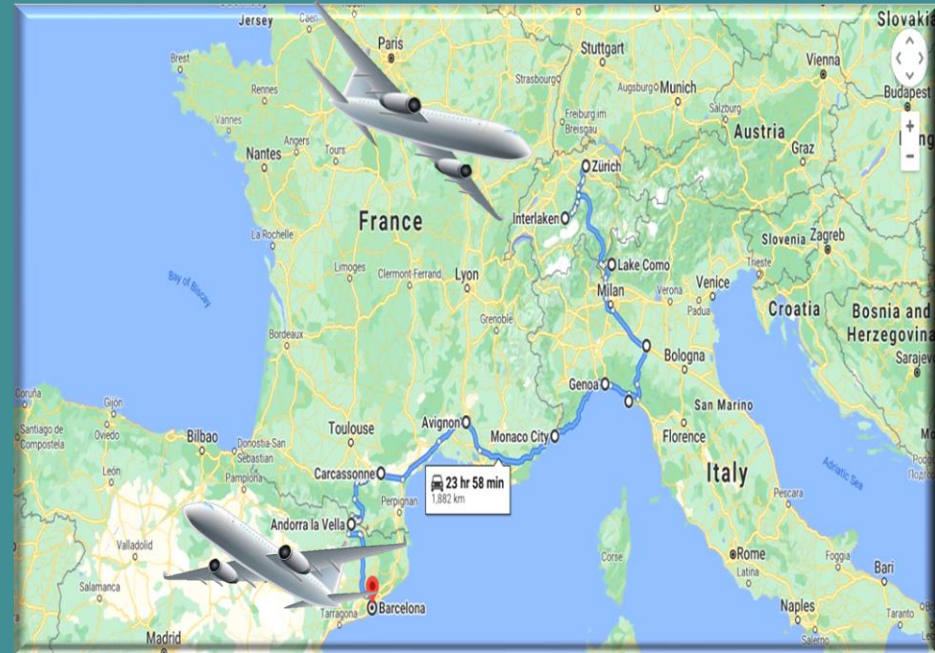
Our Trip Itinerary



Day 1 – Fly overnight to Zurich



Zurich, Switzerland



Day 2 – Guten Tag Zurich and Travel to Interlaken

- Meet our tour director
- Travel to Interlaken

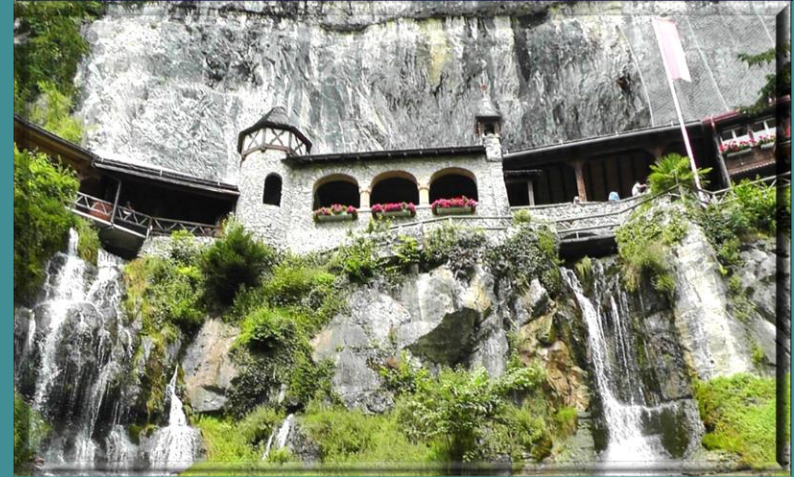


Interlaken, Switzerland

Day 3 – Interlaken landmarks

- Tour the St. Beatus Dragon Caves
- Enjoy lunch at the St. Beatus Panorama Restaurant
- Take a train ride up to Schynige Platte
- Enjoy a traditional Swiss Fondue Dinner
- Overnight in Interlaken

St. Beatus Dragon Caves



Traditional Fondue Dinner



Train ride up to Schynige Platte

Day 4 – Interlaken to Lake Como

- Travel to Lake Como
- Enjoy a Funicular to Brunate
- Have your first real gelato!
- Explore Lake Como, Italy



Lake Como, Italy



Funicular to Brunate

Day 5 – Travel the Italian Riviera

- Travel to Cinque Terre
- City tour of Cinque Terre
- Shopping and free time in Genoa
- Traditional Pizza Dinner

Cinque Terre, Italy



Genoa, Italy



Traditional Italian Pizza Dinner

Day 6 – Cote d’Azur, Monaco and Eze

- Travel to Monaco, sightseeing tour to the Prince’s Palace
- On to Nice
 - Vieux Nice, sightseeing
 - Promenade des Anglais walk
- Free time at the Mediterranean Sea
- Cooking class and dinner
- Overnight in Nice

Monaco



Cooking class and Dinner



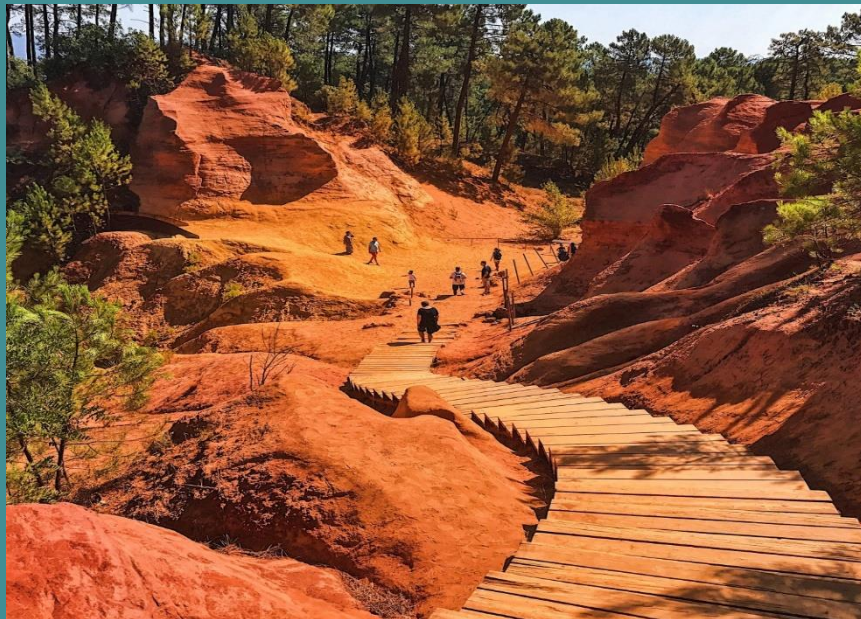
Promenade des Anglais

Day 7 – Nice to Avignon, France

- Travel to Avignon
- Hike the spectacular Ochre Trail
- Free time & overnight in Avignon



Avignon, France



Ochre Trail – Nature Trek



Day 8 – Avignon to Carcassonne

- Travel to Carcassonne, France
- Tour the Medieval City
- Free time and shopping in Carcassonne



Traveling back in Time



Carcassonne Castle



Day 9 – Carcassonne to Barcelona

- Travel through the micro country of Andorra for photos and lunch
- Travel to Barcelona, Spain
- Barcelona city walk
 - Las Ramblas scavenger hunt
 - Mercat de la Boquería
 - Columbus Monument
- Traditional Paella Dinner



Paella Dinner

Andorra



Las Ramblas



Day 10 – Barcelona Landmarks

- Barcelona city guided sightseeing tour
 - La Sagrada Familia
 - Montjuïc Hill Visit
 - Park Güell Visit
- Traditional Tapas (Appetizer) Lunch
- FC Barcelona Stadium Tour
- Medieval Dinner and Flamenco show

La Sagrada Familia



Park Güell



FC Barcelona Stadium



Medieval Dinner Show

Day 11 – Return Home



Memories made



Trip Leaders: Jason Albrecht, Matthew Haley, Stacy Albrecht, & Daniel Haley



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



Number of trip participants

- Trip Leaders.....5 positions
 - Daniel Haley – Fundraising and Photo Guy
 - Stacy Albrecht – Social Media and Packing Guru 😊
 - _____ – Safety and Health Advisor
- Student Applicants..... Est. 35 spots available
- Adult Applicants.....Est. 9 spots available



Trip total = 49 travelers

Note: This is the total number of seats on the bus

Student Cost = \$4,919 Est. \$278/mo. (17 payments)

Adult Cost = \$5,449 Est. \$309/mo. (17 payments)

<i>Project Cost Breakdown / Summary</i>	
Program Fee	\$5,032
Group Gratuity Fees and local tips	\$120
All Inclusive Travel Insurance (required)	\$132
<i>Adult Supplement (If applicable)</i>	\$530
Additional Adjustment Discounts (SWM365)	-\$365
Student Traveler Cost	\$4,919
Adult Traveler Cost	\$5,449
Total Due at Sign-in by December 3 rd at 3:30 pm. This will be your first payment due at signing and is deducted from the total cost.	\$182



Euro

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

Monthly Payment Plan Benefits

- Automatic deduction from your checking account each month. Approximately \$278/month for students and \$309/month for adults
- 17 monthly payments
- Final payment deadline up to 35 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: 3 to 4 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
- Covid tests as needed
- Souvenirs
- Additional airline baggage fees
- Phone calls and Wi-Fi Access
- We recommend \$500 for additional expenses on tour



Spending Cash

- \$500 spending cash encouraged for lunches and souvenirs
- If Covid tests are required by countries or airlines, then this is an additional expense to the applicant – estimated \$200
- Use our fundraisers to help you earn this!



Fundraisers with Daniel



➤ Group Fundraisers

- We will help with FOUR group fundraisers
 - Valentine's Sale
 - Mother's Day Sale
 - September/Fall Sale
 - December/Winter Sale

➤ Individual Fundraisers

- All additional fundraising will be done on your own or in groups of your choosing
 - Ideas/examples (see our website)
 - Business card templates
 - Holiday donation letter templates
- You also have access to a personal *fundraising page* through Explorica
 - <https://www.explorica.com/teachers/affordability/fundraising/personal-fundraising-pages.aspx>



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 17th at 3:30 pm).
2. Wait for a confirmation email from the trip leaders by Friday, November 19th.
3. Once your application is accepted, complete the online instructions to enroll and pay your non-refundable \$182 (\$50 sign up plus \$132 required Insurance fee). This **must** be completed by 3:30 pm Friday, Dec 3rd.
4. Attend all group meetings



Application process

Selection criteria are as follows:

How will travelers be selected?

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)

Name (First): _____ Last: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth (mm/day/yy): _____ Current Grade level: _____ Current School: _____

Your Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (best emergency contact): _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address (if different from above): _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Other Parent/Guardian (if applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address (if different from above): _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

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

1. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? If so, where and why?

2. Are you interested in this trip and this location?

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3. Traveling abroad can be a very stressful experience, please explain a stressful or difficult that you have faced in your life and tell us how you overcame that challenge.

4. What do you hope to learn or gain from this once-in-a-life-time trip?

5. If you are selected for this trip, will you attend ALL the required pre- and post-trip meetings? Yes No

6. Are you willing to participate in a VERY active travel trip? (I.e., early mornings and late evenings, lots of walking, long days, etc.) Are you willing and able to fully advocate for yourself while abroad?

Yes No

7. Please list the names of (no more than two) persons that you would like to travel and/or room with. Name: _____ Name: _____

Question # 8 is for non-Moscow Middle School Students ONLY

8. Please list at least two Non-MMS teachers who would recommend you for this trip. Teacher 1: (Name) _____ (Phone #) _____ (School) _____

Teacher 2: (Name) _____ (Phone #) _____ (School) _____

Signature: By signing below:

- * I agree to be fully vaccinated prior to travel and to complete all travel related Covid-19 tests
- * If accepted, I am willing to obtain a passport that is valid 6 months post tour
- * I understand that I am applying for an educational travel trip with Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Haley
- * I understand that the complete cost of this trip must be paid in full prior to the departure date
- * I understand 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:

Additional information about this travel opportunity can be found at www.globalexpeditions.weebly.com and do not forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook!

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SAMPLE Application only! See our website or one of the trip leaders for an actual application



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 5th to 8th grade students only.

- Can a relative go on the trip?
 - Yes, but 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 with Explorica.

- How do I know if I am a good applicant?
 - We are looking for responsible, flexible, curious, and group-centered people. This trip is about the GROUP not any one individual.



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 8** – Parent meeting and applications are out
- **November 17** – Applications are DUE by 3:30 PM and will be reviewed by the trip leaders
- **November 19** – Acceptance letters are sent out electronically
- **December 3** – Accepted travelers must be enrolled online with Explorica by 3:30 pm and have paid the non-refundable \$50 fee plus required insurance \$132 (\$182 total).
- **December 3 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 10 by 3:00 pm** – Alternate travelers must be signed up with Explorica
- **December 13** – 1st all group meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom



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
 - Email Matthew: matthewghaley@gmail.com for past parents traveler contact info.



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