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New Zealand & Australia

June 17– June 26, 2024

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*Note – this trip is not affiliated with Moscow Middle School or the Moscow School District. It is an independent student/parent educational opportunity.

Agenda

- Congratulations!
- Read emails and let us know if your account changes
- So, what have we signed up for? Show video
- Safety and covid
- Roles and Expectations
- Group educational travel mantras and Ubuntu
- Who is traveling with us
- Introducing the travel leaders
- Passports
- Special accommodations
- What's included and not included
- Group assignments (reasons & signing up)
- Fundraising (both individual and group)
- Luggage, Phones, Debit Cards
- Holiday gift list
- Future meetings
- Questions and/or concerns
- Traveling parents meeting (5 min)



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Congratulations on being selected!!!

Now, let's start getting ready
to travel!

Make sure all student travelers grabbed a poster from us and Explorica

First, ALL cell phones
off please.



Thank you





- It is very important to make sure you read all emails that relate to this trip
- Please notify us of email address changes or if you have additional ones to add to our list
- All traveling students should have an active email and check it regularly



New Zealand & Australia 2024 Promotional Video





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...



How has Covid changed our trips?



Travel in the age of Covid

- **Flexibility and adaptability** are KEY for all international travel
 - Vaccinations are required prior to travel and expect to be double boosted
 - The goal is to be healthy and remain on tour ... we will do all we can to ensure that happens. Also, it is required for entry into Australia and New Zealand and for indigenous villages and interactions
 - Flights are fewer and hotels, busses, and planes have increased protocols
 - Masking is a possibility
 - Passports are taking longer to get

Rules and Roles

GlobalXpeditions Travel Rules and Expectations

Travel Company's Role: The travel company we select is responsible for coordinating all logistical aspects of our travel adventure. They will plan our breakfasts and dinners, transportation, accommodations, excursion information, and much more. They will also provide local knowledge about our destination and will be available 24/7 to assist the group in any way that is needed.

Trip Advisors' Role: Our job as trip advisors is to set our behavioral expectations for the group (see below). We will also oversee all trip supervision and discipline (if needed) and we will stay behind in the rare case of an emergency (i.e., medical issue, a passport is lost or stolen, etc.). Lastly, we will ensure that every student and trip participant is fully supported while abroad.

Adult Role: All adult trip participants, besides the travel staff and the trip advisors, fall into this category.

- The most important role of the adult participants is to be supportive and always encouraging to all students and ALWAYS model good behavior.

- Adults must act as strong role models for the student participant. Please adhere to the following rules during the trip:

- All adults are expected to attend ALL group activities and shall understand that all group activities are mandatory to attend.
- No person of the opposite sex is allowed into your room at any time.
- The use of substances that are illegal in Idaho (including vaping) are forbidden on ALL tours (To be clear, even if something is legal in another country but is not allowed in Idaho, it is forbidden on this tour).

- Adults - Excessive use of alcohol or intoxication is also strictly prohibited on tour.

- All passports are held by Jason and Matthew.
- All participants are expected to have fun, be flexible, and learn about a new culture.

Student's Role:

- The role of all student participants is to have fun, increase global understanding, and to create new friendships and lifelong memories.

- To ensure that you accomplish this goal, please adhere to the following rules:

- All students are to participate in ALL group activities and shall understand that all group activities are mandatory to attend.
- No person of the opposite sex is allowed into your room at any time.
- No individuals are allowed outside of their hotel at night. Each night after the group checks into the hotel rooms the advisors will set a reasonable time to be in rooms; these times are to be strictly followed.

- Any smoking, drinking, or use of illegal substances are forbidden on this tour. The possession of inappropriate materials, weapons, drug paraphernalia, etc. is also strictly prohibited. To be clear regardless of the laws within the countries we visit, if something is NOT legal in Idaho it is not allowed on this tour at any time.

- No one is allowed to invite people from outside of our trip to "hang out" or be around our group without the approval of an advisor.

- Students are to be respectful. This includes showing respect to the people we might meet while on the trip. This also includes respecting the local culture and customs.

- No one is to ever venture off on their own without the approval of an advisor.

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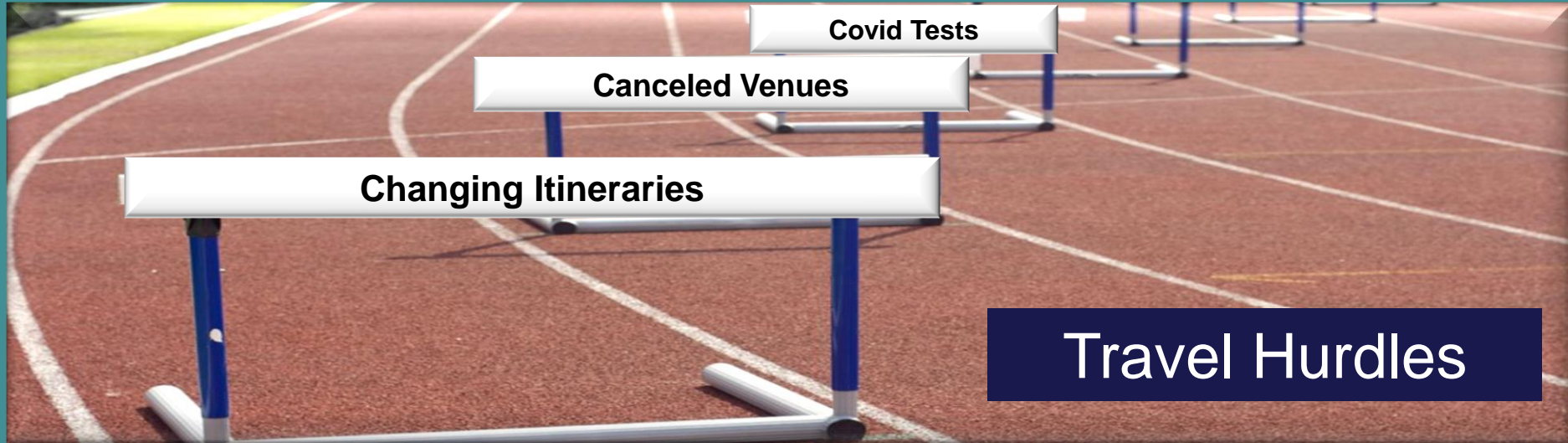
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➤ *If you can't be trusted at home and school than you may want to reconsider staying on this tour.*

➤ *Breaking these rules could land you back on very expensive plane ticket home. Be Good! 😊*



Covid Tests

Canceled Venues

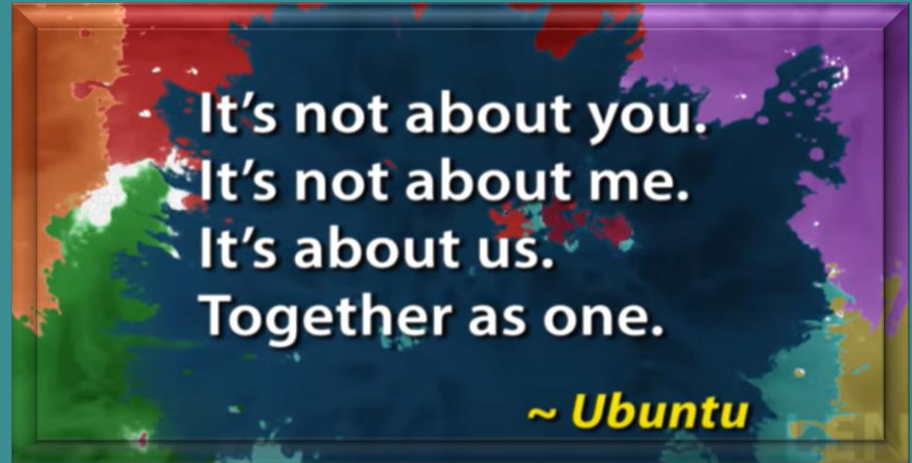
Changing Itineraries

Travel Hurdles

- With these potential hurdles our group needs to embrace this ideas:
- “Hurry up and wait” - We will have very busy and very slow times
- “Rolling with the punches” - When you are tired, stressed, and annoyed you need to still be a GREAT teammate!
- “We are in this together! We are a travel family!”
 - Each part/choice/action that a person makes will impact everyone.”
- Remember we are lucky to travel ... Be ready for anything

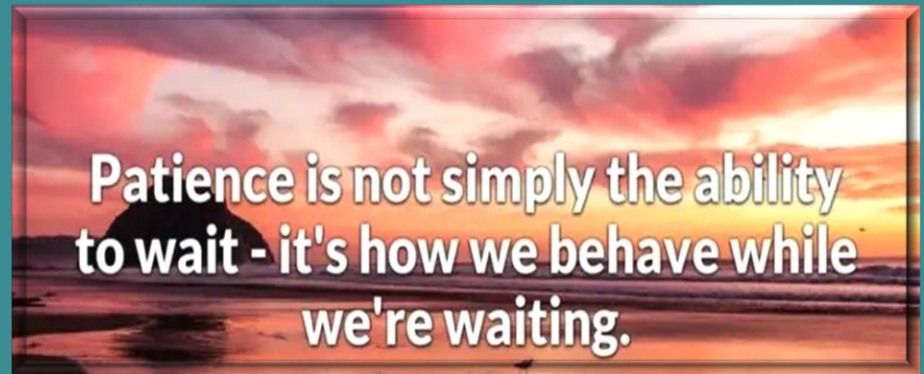
Traveler Ubuntu

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We are a travel family!
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that a person makes will
impact everyone.”



Educational Group travel requires of both students and parents:

- Flexibility
- Patience
- Cooperation
- Following the lead of your tour leaders



2024 Travelers List

Group Leaders: 5

Jason Albrecht
Matthew Haley
Stacy Albrecht
Daniel Haley
Tiffany Skinner

Adults: 16

Eija Sumner
Gillian Ballard
Jennifer Rouse
John Werner
Josh Uhrig
Karen Sept
Kari Sorenson
Kristen Hansen
Lori Quist
Michelle Griffith
Miranda Fenley
Nara Woodland
Nikki Woodland
Ramirose Attebury
Rachel Lambert
Steven Bever

**2:1 Ratio
two
students
for each
adult
traveler**

Students: 34

Ada Woodland
Alayna Weldon
Ashlyn Werner
Auvi Woodland
Ava Garrison
Braden Uhrig
Brendan Ray
Brielle Beyer
Chase Lambert
Ella Hansen
Ella Woodland
Ellie Nelson
Emmelyn Quist
Evie Jutte
Gemma Sorenson
Gia Garrison
Isabella Schiavoni

Jack Fenley
Katherine Cummings
Kellan Wakefield
Leta Sumner
Levon Wells
Mackenzie Waynant
Mason Marzolf-Attebury
Max Gropp
McKenna Sept
Mia Rae
Minami Asato
Nathan Poler
Nicholas Feigenbutz
Olivia Ballard
Simon Cilley
Wailea Keller
Walker Morris

Trip Leaders: Jason Albrecht, Matthew Haley, Stacy Albrecht, Daniel Haley, and Tiffany Skinner



Student Applicants – trip focus
Adult Applicants – supporting role

Passports

- Valid through **December 2024** (6 months after our return date)
- Passports will be checked at our next December meeting and must be in hand by then. Make sure it is signed



- ALSO... Double check that the name on your Explorica account matches your passport EXACTLY

Special Accommodations to Explorica

- **Dietary Needs** — Make sure to contact Explorica with this information NOW and let us know too – See *Diet Card* below
- **Rooming Needs** — Adult Single Room OR Student Twin Room (Call Explorica for Pricing)
- **Medical Issues-** Let us know if there are any medical issues to share at this time
- **Stay Behind** — Make sure to arrange with Explorica by February 2022
Better now than later for us too



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 (souvenirs, lunches, etc.)



Group Sign-ups



49 Travelers

Jason
&
Stacy
27

Matt
&
Daniel
28

Planes

Jason
14

Stacy
13

Daniel
14

Matt
14

Counting, Travel Sites, Etc.

Hotel Groupings ... 1,2,3,4, or 5 ??

Why: Needed for times when 55 people can't all be at the same place or on the same plane.

How: We will be asking for your suggestions and will set groups based on that and group necessities ... (parent/kid groupings and division of boys and girls to assist with later rooming assignments).

Travel Group Preferences

- Please write down three people that you would enjoy traveling with while abroad
- We will do our best to honor these requests but WILL NOT guarantee anything
- While abroad ... BE FLEXIBLE!
- All adults will group with their child

I, (Print your first and last name) _____, would like to travel with the following three people; they are listed below in order of preference.

(Note: Please do not feel like you need to preference three people or anyone at all. Three is the maximum amount of people you can preference, but there is no minimum. If you do not have a preference, please check the box at the bottom that indicates that and we will automatically place you in a group).

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

I do not have a group preference!

Why wait?

Individual and/or small-group fundraisers

- Shovel today to pay your way!
 - Business card templates available on our website <http://globalxpedititions.weebly.com>
- Small-group fundraisers
 - Chance to work with your friends (shared motivation!)
 - Be creative. Sell to your strengths!
 - Find tips and suggested fundraisers at our website
- Holiday fundraising letter
 - Request the gift of adventure abroad
 - Template available at our website 😊
- Your Donation Page... (see next slide)



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Personal fundraising page

Every paying trip participant receives their very own fundraising page on explorica.com, and the page is generated automatically upon enrollment. Participants can personalize their page, or just use the provided default content, and begin accepting donations immediately. Here's a quick overview of how it works:

Accessing your fundraising page

As soon as a paying participant enrolls, they can access their personal fundraising page by logging in to their Tour Center and clicking on the "Go to my fundraising page" link in the "Tour Account" module:

▼ **TOUR ACCOUNT** [make a payment >](#) [terms & conditions >](#)

Remaining Balance: \$1,601.25

Payment Plan: Monthly automated plan (checking account)

Amount Paid: \$362.75

Last Payment Made: Aug 5, 2016

Next Payment Due: Sep 5, 2016

[details >](#)

[Go to my fundraising page >](#)

MAKING TRAVEL MORE ACCESSIBLE

fundraising

personal fundraising page

NEW

Using your Explorica Fundraising Page

Help Send Emily to Costa Rica

[Edit Profile >](#)



Hi! I'm going on the adventure of a lifetime with my school. I'm asking for your support to help fund my trip! This tour to Costa Rica will build on the things I'm learning about in my Spanish class, while introducing me to an exciting new destination and culture. Please consider supporting my trip with a donation of any amount. Thank you!

RAISED \$500 of \$1,000 goal 597 days left

50% Completed

Share by:



[Submit donation](#)

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Tour: Costa Rica
Spring 2018

[TOUR ITINERARY](#) [print itinerary >](#)

[TOUR INCLUDES](#)

Supporters (4)

\$150 5/10/2018	from Jennifer Reynolds I'm so excited for you, I love Costa Rica! You're going to have a great time!
\$200 5/10/2018	from Lucille Fitzgerald Make memories and take lots of photos for me! Love, Nana
\$50 5/10/2018	from Anonymous
\$100 5/10/2018	from Timothy McKinley Have fun on your trip! Love, Uncle Tim

Follow the online directions and forward this to friends and family to have them help You reach your travel goals!

Fundraisers with Daniel

➤ Group Fundraisers

- We will help with FOUR group fundraisers
 - Valentine's Sale
 - Mother's Day Sale
 - September Land Grove Coffee sale
 - December Christmas wreath 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>



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!



Luggage, Cell Phones, and Debit Cards



A debit card from your bank works best

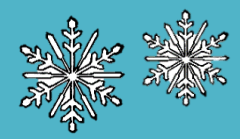
We will explore these concepts in more depth at future meetings

Feel free to check out other options!



International phones or phone cards

Pack **LIGHT!** Carry on **ONLY** for this tour



Holiday Gifts for your Adventurer

- ✓ Money belt
- ✓ Travel wallet with a zipper pouch
- ✓ Carry on luggage (22"-14"-9")
- ✓ Book about our destination
- ✓ Adaptor pack & voltage converters
- ✓ Reusable TSA approved toiletries bag
- ✓ Tri-State or similar gift card
- ✓ "Non smart" watch
- ✓ Light weight and easy dry clothes
- ✓ Scarf for cover up
- ✓ Portable charger
- ✓ Ear buds/headphones
- ✓ Neck pillow/ eye mask
- ✓ Reusable water bottle
- ✓ Travel journal
- ✓ Travel toiletries kit
- ✓ Mini first aid kit



1st Team Building Activity Saturday, *September 23 at 9am-1pm at Phillip's Farm*

Critical team building for our group
to be able to travel successfully

Team Goals

- Learn names and faces
- Discuss and work on the dynamics of international group travel
- Promote flexibility in the post Covid traveling world
- We will collect the \$50 fee for both team building events at our March meeting this spring



ALL travelers (Adult and Student) MUST attend... Mark your calendars now

Australia–New Zealand 2024 Schedule of meetings/events

- Dec. 12, 2022 1st meeting after signing up info about fundraiser #1
- March 27, 2023 2nd Meeting, Collect \$50 team building fee and info on fundraiser #2
- Sept. 23, 2023 Saturday Team building day #1 / fall fundraisers (9am-1pm at TBD location)
- Dec. 4, 2023 Culture Night & final rooming preferences, roles/expectations, etc. @ 7pm in the MPR
- March 4, 2024 History and travel logistics @ 7pm in the MPR
- May 6, 2024 Pre-travel information @ 7pm in the MPR
- May 18, 2024 Saturday Team Building Day #2 (pre-trip) 9am-3pm at TBD location)
- June 16, 2024 Night before departure meeting. Time TBD
- June 17-26, 2024 Our adventure is on!
- August 19, 2024 Reunion dinner at Gambino's

All meetings and times are subject to change and you will be notified of any changes in advance. Please remember that all travel participants, including traveling adults, are required to attend at least 85% of all team meetings.

Questions, Comments, Freaking Outs?

- Any group relevant questions – Please ask now
- All group leaders are available for additional questions after the meeting
- Traveling adults – 5 min meeting when we are finished with questions
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- Contact us via phone at (509) 330-2182
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