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Agenda

- Welcome
- Website and Facebook
- Whose traveling with us and our trip leaders
- Read emails and let us know if your account changes
- Safety, Global State of Travel and Explorica
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- Being safe and prepared
- Talking points from Nurse Tiffany
- Team Building
- Fundraising update
- Holiday gift list
- Future meetings
- Questions and/or concerns



2024 Travelers List

Jason and Stacy's Group

1	Jason Albrecht
2	Minami Asato
3	Gillian Ballard
4	Emilia Ballard
5	Olivia Ballard
6	Brielle Beyer
7	Steven Beyer
8	Simon Cilley
9	Jack Fenley
10	Miranda Fenley
11	Nicholas Feigenbutz
12	Ava Garrison
13	Gia Garrison
14	Jennifer Rouse
15	Michelle Griffith
16	Ellie Nelson
17	Mia Rae
18	Brendan Ray
19	Karen Sept
20	McKenna Sept
21	Alayna Weldon
22	Levon Wells
23	Ada Woodland
24	Nikki Woodland
25	Auvi Woodland
26	Ella Woodland
27	Nara Woodland
28	Stacy Albrecht

Matthew and Daniel's group

1	Matthew Haley
2	Mason Marzolf-Attebury
3	Ramirose Attebury
4	Katherine Cummings
5	Ella Hansen
6	Kristin Hansen
7	Evie Jutte
8	Wailea Keller
9	Chase Lambert
10	Rachel Lambert
11	Walker Morris
12	Nathan Poler
13	Emmelyn Quist
14	Lorie Quist
15	Isabella Schiavoni
16	Tiffany Skinner
17	Gemma Sorenson
18	Kari Sorrenson
19	Eija Sumner
20	Leta Sumner
21	Braden Uhrig
22	Josh Uhrig
23	Kellan Wakefield
24	Mackenzie Waynant
25	Ashlyn Werner
26	John Werner
27	Daniel Haley



We ALWAYS
travel in small
groups of no
less than
FOUR



Note: Counting group will be changing ... new numbers at the March Meeting

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



We will have two different Tour Directors while on this tour. One for NZ and one for Australia

Student Applicants – Trip focus
Adult Applicants – Supporting role



- 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
- Action Required vs. No Action Required





Safetymatters

- Explorica, State Department, CDC
 - Matthew and Jason don't decide when it is safe to travel ... we have a network of experts.
- Is it safe to travel now? 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 again?
 - What if...

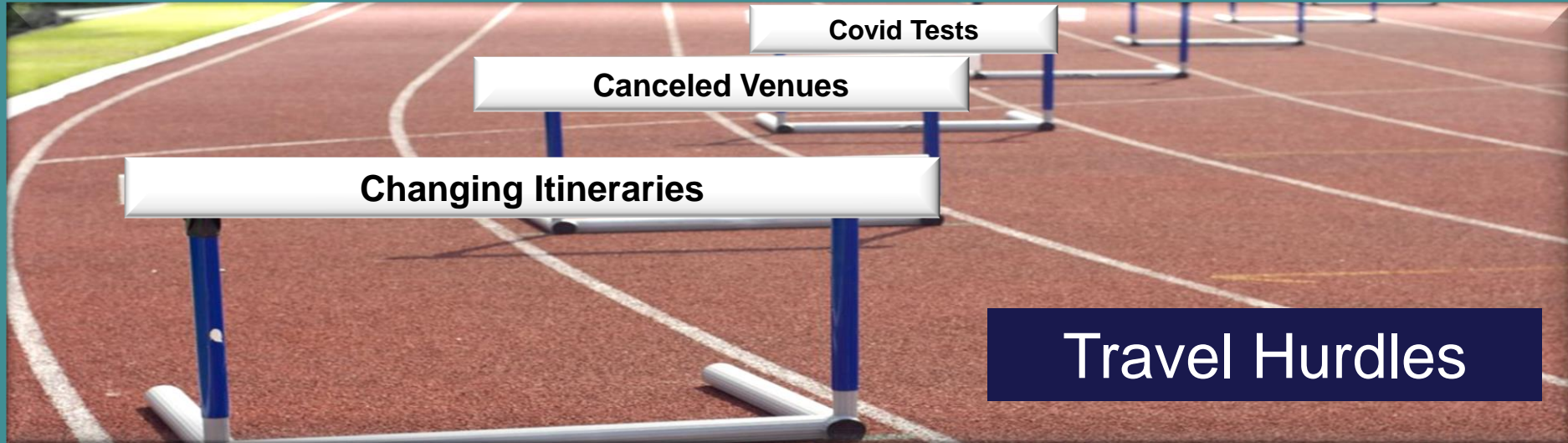


How has Covid changed our trips?



Travel in the age of Covid

- **Flexibility and adaptability** are KEY for all international travel
 - Full Vaccinations with two boosters are being required prior to travel
 - Plan to have all four shots on your CDC by our March Meeting
 - Masks, spacing, and traveling/rooming in pods are possible
 - Passports are taking longer to get you should have them by now
 - Electronic Visas/Entry Docs are also be required in many places – More info coming soon
 - **Note:** ALL OF THESE MAY CHANGE BEFORE WE TRAVEL ... so be FLEXIBLE



Covid Tests

Canceled Venues

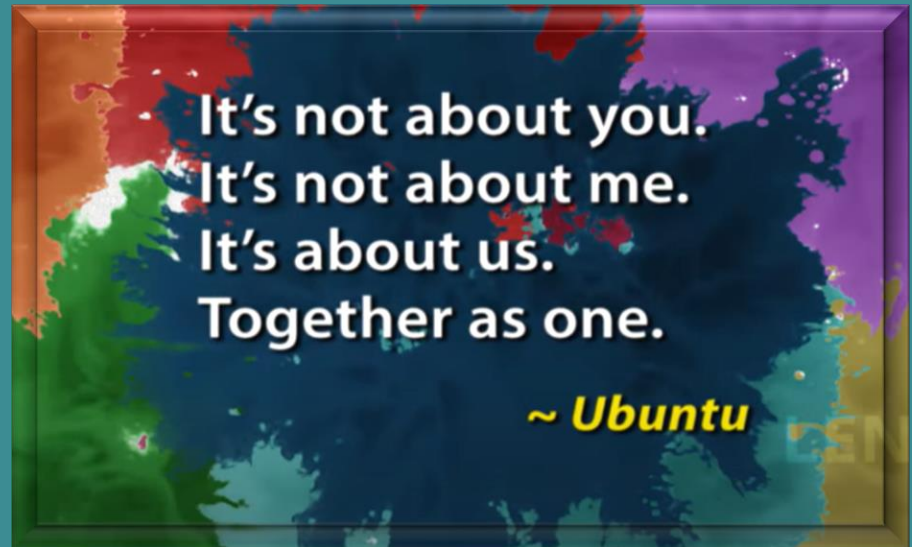
Changing Itineraries

Travel Hurdles

- With these potential hurdles our group needs to embrace these 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

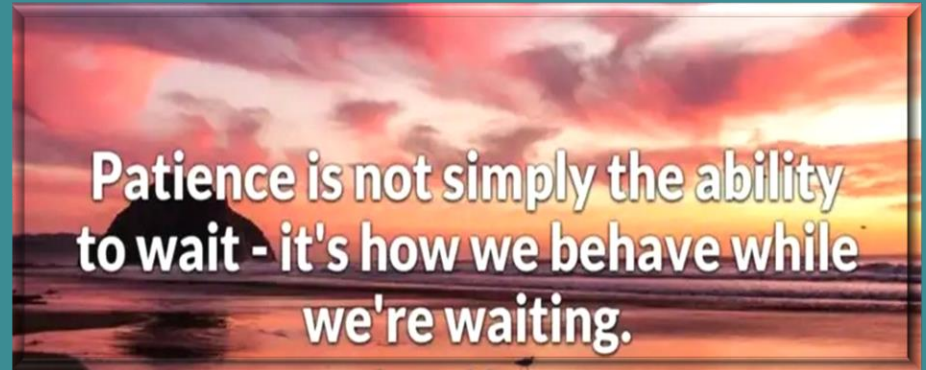
Traveler Ubuntu

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Educational Group travel requires of both students and parents:

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



Itinerary Update

➤ Only 196 Days Away!!!!

- Expected departure date June 17th
 - This could change by a day or two when tickets are booked about 110 before departure



- Bus together to the airport from MMS
 - Normally Spokane but can be changed depending on flight options
 - Bus departure to the airport time will be shared when flights are confirmed
- Flights:
 - Middle seats and we are spread throughout the plane
 - Looking like domestic split flight is possible

Hotels are being booked

June 19-22nd

Distinction Hotel
390 Fenton
Street
Rotorua, 3010
New Zealand



June 22-23

Auckland City Hotel
157 Hobson Street
Auckland CBD, 1010
New Zealand



June 23-26

Ibis Budget Sydney
East
191-201 William St
Darlinghurst, 2010
Australia



Note: All hotels are subject to change prior to departure

Upcoming deadlines



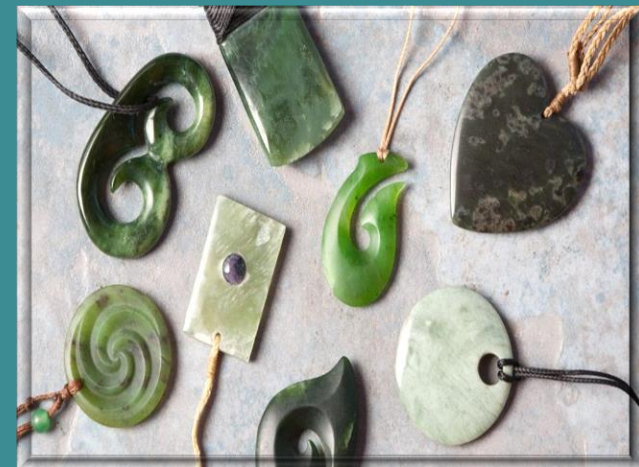
Dec 4: No one may extend their tour (Stay Behinds) at this time. The deadline has passed.

110 days prior to departure: 2/18/24

- **Last date for ANY name changes(\$200 fee after this date)**
 - Please confirm that all participants' first, middle, and last names (including your own) are spelled correctly and match EXACTLY as they appear on their passports. Also, confirm all birth dates are listed and correct. Make sure to send Explorica your passport information
 - Final day to submit a private rooming requests to Explorica
- **Participants NOT on monthly auto-pay**
75% of Tour Balance Due on 3/1/2024 for all participants
(The remaining amount 25% IS DUE BY 4/15/2024)

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
- Entry/Visa fees are coming
- Use our fundraisers to help you earn this!



Items for the Group

- We will carry all passports and Covid Vaccination cards
 - Take photos on your phone
- Rooming requests are considered and accommodated as much as possible – Be flexible
- Buy a watch with an alarm
Cell phones may not work



“If you’re not early you’re late”

Passports and entry requirements

- You should have completed a passport check with Stacy tonight, if you did not ... DO SO BEFORE YOU LEAVE
- Your passport must be valid through *the END of December 2024* (6 months after our return date)
- You should already have your passport updated



- Double check that the name on your Explorica account matches your passport EXACTLY
- We are missing several passports on the Explorica site and have several that are expired or not meeting the end of December 2024 time frame
- We will have an entry requirement form (like a visa) for both New Zealand and Australia. We will update in March. Expect this to be an additional fee.

Upcoming Traveler Emergency Cards

Albrecht, Jason
Last Name/First Name:

Traveler Emergency and Insurance Information Form

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Last Name: Albrecht First: Jason Date of Birth: 11-03-1969 Home Phone: 509-330-2182

Address: 4919 Lenville Rd City: Moscow ZIP: 83843

Primary (1st) Contact (Parent/Guardian): Alex Albrecht Home Phone: 208-669-0736

Relation to Traveler: Son Work Phone: Same Cell Phone: Same

Secondary (2nd) Contact (Parent/Guardian): Nik Albrecht Home Phone: 208-669-0981

Relation to Traveler: Son Work Phone: Same Cell Phone: Same

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

IS THE TRAVELER LISTED ABOVE COVERED BY A FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY? YES/NO

Primary Insurance Company: Regence Blue Shield Policy# M3D005001586

Name of Policy Holder: Jason E. Albrecht Group# 60020936

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

- > Family Physician: Dr. Baldwin Phone Number: 208 882 2011
- > Last Physical: 07/2019 Last Tetanus: 07/2016
- > Current Prescriptions: Amitriptyline 10mg; fluoxetine 20mg; Metformin Hcl 500mg; Atorvastatin 40 mg; Losartan Potassium 100 mg
- > ALLERGIES/Sensitivities (List any food, drug, environmental allergies, and how you manage). Morphine... Makes me hallucinate severely
- > Specify reactions, typical & potential severity, medications to manage reactions:

- > MEDICAL CONDITIONS & PRESCRIPTIONS: List any ongoing conditions that you manage: Muscular Dystrophy and left leg below knee amputation
- > COMMON ISSUES (headache, muscle pain, stomach) and how you manage, None
- > Note any over-the-counter medications that you take: None
- > List the dates of all **three** of your Covid-19 Vaccination shots: 1/21/21; 2/18/21; 11/05/21; 10/19/22

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

CONSENT FORM

- I hereby consent to the above-named traveler participating in the summer travel program. This consent includes travel on our Summer Explorica Tour.
- I hereby consent that the trip advisors may administer over-the-counter medications as they deem necessary (examples may include Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tylenol, Tylenol, etc.)
- I hereby consent that the trip advisors may apply first aid treatment for any injury or injuries sustained during our travel until the parents/guardians can be contacted.
- I hereby consent that in case the parents/guardians cannot be reached, a travel advisor may secure medical first aid, ambulance services, and if necessary, emergency room care, when needed, because of injury during participation the summer Explorica Tour.
- I hereby consent to the release of the information contained in this form to carry out treatment and healthcare operations for the above-named traveler.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (for minor): Jason E. Albrecht Date 2/6/23



Room Request Information

- Rooming assignments based on your requests as much as possible
 - List will be ready by the next meeting in March

- Each person should be rooming with at least one person that they requested
 - We will try to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability

- Understand that this might change depending on our grouping needs while on the ground



Final Rooming Arrangements

- Please write down three people that you would enjoy rooming with while abroad
- We will do our best to honor these requests but WILL NOT guarantee anything
- While abroad, rooming is a changing thing ... BE FLEXIBLE!
- You may only record three people
- All adults will room with another adult
- Private rooms for adults are available for an additional charge

I, (Print your first and last name) _____, would like to room 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 rooming preference!

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 being respectful to the environment.

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

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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! 😊*

Social Media Etiquette: How to travel in the social media age

Think about appropriate times to take photos

- Hotel rooms and bathrooms are NEVER OK
 - Pictures in these settings should not be taken or shared

➤ Think before you snap and reflect before you post

- If you need to ask if it is appropriate ... it is probably NOT

➤ Always ask permission – It is ok to ask and never OK to embarrass someone

➤ We have a Zero Tolerance Policy while on tour



A few more travel tips

Do try to speak the language. Everyone appreciates the effort, but may respond in English as they love to practice what they've learned (*will practice next meeting*)



Do dress appropriately when visiting churches. When entering any church in Italy, be sure that your shoulders, knees and midriff are covered

Do expect to walk a lot – wear comfortable shoes



Don't eat and **do** turn off cell phones when visiting museums and churches. Do keep your voice down

Don't be surprised to find businesses and shops closed for an hour or two between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Do eat sweets every day
It's that good



Luggage



- Pack once, then remove 1/3 😊
 - Pack light
- Parents have the final say on what you pack
- Lost luggage – pack your backpack with essentials ... just in case
- One small carry-on plus one personal item
- Pack an extra bag and send gifts home
- Full packing details will be shared next meeting but our full packing list is already located on our website



Homesickness while on tour???

Know that homesickness is very common on all travel tours. You are away from home, in different beds, eating strange foods, and touring with new people. Don't be embarrassed if you are homesick. But you do need to work through it.

Here is how to work through your homesickness:

While on tour:

- Make the most of your tour – Stay positive
- Use your friends and roommates to minimize homesickness
- Talk about it with them if needed
- Make sure to check in at home occasionally, on tour
- If you start feeling overly homesick ... let Sara know!



If your child reaches out to you while on tour about being homesick:

- Remind your child that it is normal
- Keep your child positive – Don't let them be upset and frustrated while on tour
- Encourage them to chat with their friends and Sara
- Consider what you share with your child while they travel - sad news is better shared in person when we arrive back home for example

Keep safe and be prepared while on tour

Make sure you are prepared while on tour to help yourself when needed:



We have other items too but here are basic items for you to pack: Basic medical kit might include:

- Band aides, pills to consider: Ibuprofen/Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol, Dramamine (non-drowsy), cough drops/lozenges

➤ *If taking these items, please let our medical person know – need help with dosages? We can assist!!!!*

➤ *We do have a medical person available, but they are not a walking pharmacy – if travelers need additional resources, they will need to purchase those while on tour – help can be provided in purchasing these items if needed*



- Prescription Medicines: Pack what you need: Make sure to include them on your emergency information form

➤ All travelers must be independent and competent in the taking of their own medications



Keep safe and be prepared while on tour

PREVENTION is always best – How to stay healthy:

- Keep hydrated while on tour
- Protect yourself from the sun – Sun hat and sunscreen
- Everyone carries an airline “sick bag”



Keep safe and be prepared while on tour

Food Allergies while on tour:

➤ Allergy table cards prevent food confusion – Make sure your allergies are known and updated – this will be used at all meals while on tour!

➤ You should have shared all allergies with Daniel tonight – if not, do so before you leave tonight so we can report these to Explorica and make your cards

➤ This will be provided to you prior to the tour departure by your travel leaders

➤ Are there dietary options on these tours?

Answer: Explorica does have different meal options depending on individual needs. Explorica will accommodate all medical and/or religious requirements but does not cater to dietary preferences.



Talking points from Tiffany Skinner

- This is a wonderful opportunity for students to practice being responsible for their own physical health in a controlled environment! I will be just a shout away when needed and we can partner together.
- Parents, set them up for success! Go through the kit with your kiddos and talk about each item, i.e.. what is each item, what is it used for, how is it used, can I do this by myself?
- The med person will have a supply of all these items as well and many, many more for the “not so common” occurrences and emergencies. Parents don’t need to send items for every possible issue they can think of.
- Remember Tiffany is here for emergencies purposes only and all travelers are expected to be independent with their routine medical needs while on tour



Team Building Days

- Goal: These days are to create a “Travel Family”
- Date:
Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 9-1pm
- Location: Phillip’s Farm
- Who is to attend:
 - ALL travelers (Adult and student) need to attend so we can get organized for our long-awaited journey to the land down under!
- Money is non-refundable



Great job on all our fundraisers!

Still needing to raise some more money?



Shoveling Snow



Pet Sitting



Baby Sitting



Spring Cleaning



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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

Don't FORGET!



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:



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Tour: Costa Rica
Spring 2018

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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!

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 aide kit
- ✓ Comfortable facemask



Australia–New Zealand 2024 Schedule of meetings/events

- 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) f (9am-1pm at Phillip's Farm
- June 16, 2024 Night before departure meeting. Time TBD
- June 17-26, 2024 Our adventure is on! (Dates may change by a day or two depending on flights)
- 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, and/or Freaking Outs



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