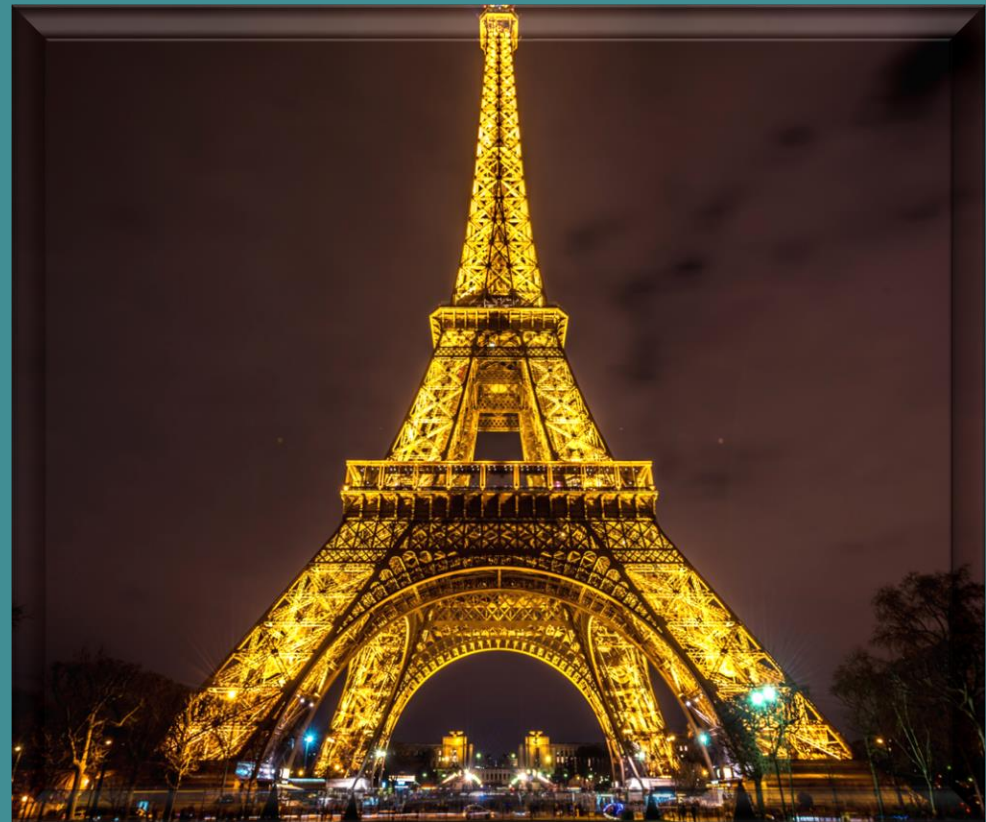


Amsterdam, Bruges and Paris

June 20, 2022 - June 29, 2022



December 6, 2021 at 7 – 8 pm



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

Glad to be back in person and moving forward!



Tonight's meeting requirements

- Mask must be worn at all times
- Sit with your family
 - Social distance when possible

All the information from this meeting
can be found at: globalxpedititions.weebly.com



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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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At "Globalxpedititions"

Agenda

- Tonight's Covid Protocol
- Website and Facebook
- Whose traveling with us and our trip leaders
- Read emails and let us know if your account changes
- Rapid responses needed
- Safety, Global State of Travel and Explorica
- How has Covid changed our trip
- Hurdles to Travel
- Explorica's Covid Plan and Adaptations
- What happens if someone gets covid on before the trip?
- Money and deadlines
- Spending cash and itinerary
- Items for the group (passports, rooming)
- Rooming Requests
- A few more travel tips (luggage, dress, religious sites)
- Group educational travel 101 reminders
- Rules and Roles
- Team Building
- Holiday gift list
- Future meetings
- Questions and/or concerns



Amsterdam, Paris, Bruges Travel Groups

Jason and Stacy's Group

1	Albrecht	Jason	A
2	Albrecht	Stacy	A
3	Attebury	Rami	A
4	Attebury-Marzolf	Roseletta	S
5	Carpenter	Addison	S
6	Clark	Trinity	S
7	Clyde	Kacie	S
8	Duke	Kathy	A
9	Duke	Abby	S
10	Fenley	Miranda	A
11	Fenley	Kaitlyn	S
12	Fields	Victoria	S
13	Hacker	Bella	S
14	Hansen	Jessie	A
15	Hansen	Ashley	S
16	Makamson	Sally	A
17	Makamson	Violet	S
18	Skinner	Jessa	S
19	Skinner	Tiffany	A
20	Stenlund	Tracy	A
21	Stenlund	Ashley	S

Matthew and Daniel's Group

1	Haley	Matthew	A
2	Besst	Kara	A
3	Besst	Mckenna	A
4	Briggs	Mina	S
5	Fealy	Tanner	S
6	Griswold	Trevor	S
7	Hegy	Brenya	S
8	Martin	Edel	A
9	Martin	Luke	S
10	McClory	Geneva	S
11	Odberg	Nicholas	S
12	Pfund	Cordelia	S
13	Poler	Megan	S
14	Roll	Katherine	A
15	Roll	Josephine	S
16	Shook	Jennings	S
17	Shook	Mary	A
18	Stodick	David	A
19	Stodick	Kelly	S
20	Uhrig	Jayme	A
21	Uhrig	Ashley	S
22	Weaver	Kellan	S
23	Haley	Rebecca	A
24	Haley	Daniel	A

Thank you to those who have stayed with us and welcome to our new members from the canceled 2020 Adriatic Trip

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



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 too 😊



A fluid situation moving forward



- Things will happen/change FAST so be ready!
 - Explorica/Airlines/Countries/etc.
- Every time we reach out for info ... we need a 48-hour response from you ... **BE READY!**
 - The group cannot wait on an individual
- We appreciate your patience, diligence, effort



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 again?
 - What if...



We're back 😊

How has Covid changed our trips?



Travel in the age of Covid

- **Flexibility** and **adaptability** are KEY for all international travel
 - Full Vaccinations (probably booster too) 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



- 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

Explorica's Covid Plan

- **Pre-Tour:** We encourage all travelers to limit contact with non-household individuals and exposure to public places for 14 days prior to departure. If a student is symptomatic or tests positive within 14 days of travel, they should not travel with the group and should immediately contact their Program Leader or Explorica's Customer Care Team.
- **On-Tour:** If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while participating on a program, we will help them get tested and safely separate them from the rest of the group while awaiting the results. If the test result is positive, we will be there every step of the way, from helping to secure the necessary care to arranging medically-required isolation.
- **Post-Trip Assistance:** In addition to advising all participants to monitor their health for 14 days after returning home and let their Program Leader know if they become ill, Explorica will work with the Program Leader or appropriate parties to carry out contact tracing and notifications as needed.
- Whether preparing for travel or on tour, Explorica by World Strides strongly encourages all families to wear a mask, wash their hands frequently, and practice social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Adaptations for Safety



Hygiene

Participants will be provided disposable face masks. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the program, including on buses and at hotels. Students will be asked a series of questions daily to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.



Adjusted Itineraries

We're in-the-know with all the museums, performance venues, companies and other sites we visit. We will adjust your schedule to maximize your experiences each day to account for new rules for capacity management, social distancing, masks, and more.



Safety Briefing

All Explorica staff participate in a mandatory COVID-19 training program developed by our Health & Safety Team in consultation with our Medical Director [Dr. Neal Sikka](#). Our staff will assist your group with pre-departure safety briefings for the family as well as a safety briefing upon arrival.



On The Motor Coach

Our motor coach partners have implemented enhanced cleaning and safety protocols. Buses will be disinfected using a variety of techniques, including electrostatic and anti-microbial sprayers, foggers, and steamers. All high-touch surfaces will be wiped down multiple times a day. Air filtration system improvements promote frequent exchange of cabin air, replacing it with fresh air from the outside. We have established seating, loading and unloading procedures designed to limit exposure to other students.



At The Hotel

We work only with hotel partners who are committed to the highest standards in cleanliness. In addition to their already rigorous cleaning protocols, they are now using enhanced cleaning products and increasing the frequency of cleaning in public spaces. Housekeeping spends extra time disinfecting surfaces in guest rooms, focusing on high contact areas. The check-in process has also been modified to limit interaction between students and other guests. Changes have been made to hotel arrival and departure procedures, use of lobby and elevators, and breakfast and other hotel-based activities to promote social distancing. Additionally, we have developed flexible options to support the rooming preferences of individual travelers. For example, if your program pricing is based on quad occupancy, we will offer discounted room upgrades for students who prefer double occupancy.



Meals

Group meals will be prepared by professionals who adhere to proper food safety and handling protocols, including mask wearing and frequent hand washing. We work closely with each meal vendor to determine the appropriate meal type and group seating configuration, secure outdoor dining where possible, and limit contact with other patrons. Individually packaged food items, grab and go, and plated and served meals may replace traditional self-serve buffet options.

FAQ's

What happens if someone gets covid BEFORE the trip?

- First, before we leave avoid large crowds and unvaccinated people ... do all you can to keep Covid free
- If, however, you do test positive before the trip you will NOT be allowed to join the group and you will need to file an insurance claim to get your money back

FAQ's

What happens if someone gets covid ON the trip?

If a participant feels ill with symptoms of COVID-19 (which include fever, chills/aches, shortness of breath, coughing), our team will immediately facilitate movement of the participant to a location where they can safely be separated from others, while simultaneously engaging our Doctors on Call or a local medical facility to consult on the next steps, testing, and treatment. We would then, as required:

- Establish and coordinate communication with the participant and the family
- Facilitate transportation for the participant to a local medical facility
- Coordinate quarantine arrangements for the participant and an adult chaperon already on the trip, in consultation with local health authorities
- Arrange for transportation for a family member to join the ill traveler (most likely at parents' expense)
- Provide guidance to the group to reduce the risk of additional exposure and coordinate testing

Explorica/World Strides will provide the resources necessary to facilitate the recommended treatment, including an isolated, chaperoned location for the participant to recover and arrangements for a new itinerary to return home.

Upcoming deadlines



110 days prior to departure: 1/31/22

- **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
- **Last Day for Individuals to Submit any Special Travel Requests**
please have any travelers interested in doing this contact us before this date. (Staying longer, special rooming, food allergies, etc.) **flight stay behind changes (for a \$195 fee plus change in airport fees)**
- **Participants NOT on monthly auto-pay**
75% of Tour Balance Due on 1/31/22 for all participants
(The remaining amount 25% IS DUE BY April 11, 2022)

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
- You may want to consider raising a little more money to cover possible Covid costs



Itinerary Update

- Only 196 Days Away!!!!
 - (Departure date June 20th)

- We will be riding a bus together up to Spokane and are flying out from there ...Time TBA



- Flights – Middle seats and we are spread throughout the plane.
- A few tweaks- Waffle making canceled ☹ - replaced by paid waffle lunch at Chez Albert and an extra \$20 in chocolate at the Chocolate Line 😊

- Transportation to the airport options: Time of flights will determine airport transportation and meeting the night before

Items for the Group

- We will carry all passports and 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

- Valid through **December 2022** (6 months after our return date)
- If anybody has not ordered their passport yet, you need to get on that ASAP



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

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



If a student wants to request a twin room it is \$30 per hotel room/night and for adults to request a single it is \$40 per hotel room/night.

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 (\$40/night)

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!

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 shows 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



Dressing to Avoid Attention

- You are a target for unwanted attention when you dress for attention – Dress modestly always
 - Parents have veto power on clothes
 - Go through what is packed
 - This is not a fashion show, it is an educational tour
 - Dress Code for Religious sites



Visiting religious sites

➤ Behave calmly and respectfully:

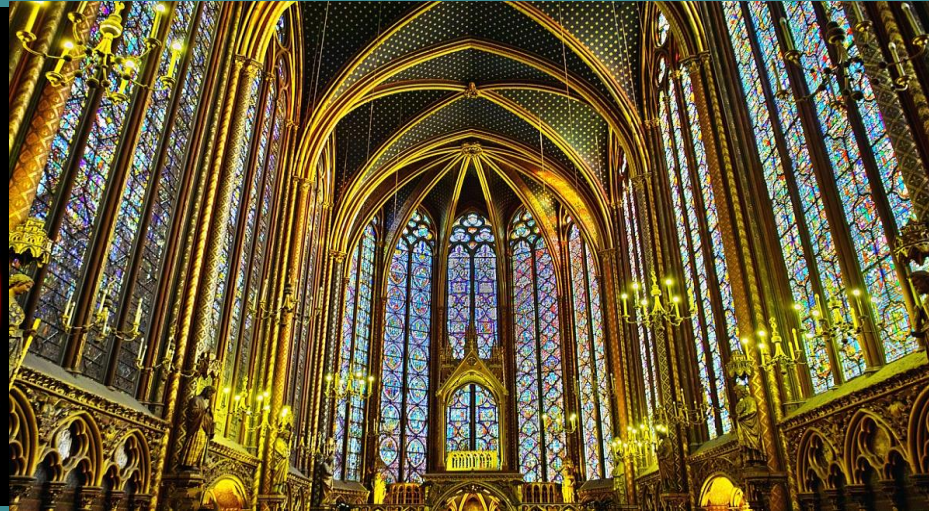
- Show your respect: short prayer in front of the sacred object or by throwing a coin into the offering box, followed by a short prayer.

➤ Clothing:

- Access is permitted only to visitors dressed appropriately (no sleeveless blouses, no miniskirts, no shorts, no hats allowed)

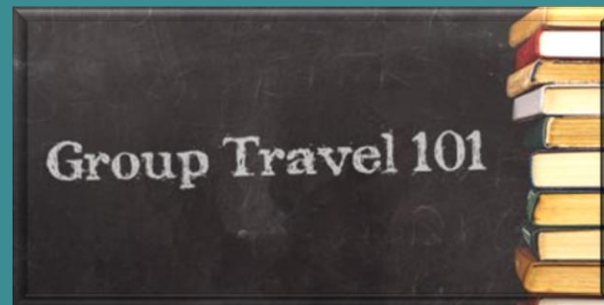
➤ Photography:

- Usually permitted but there will be exceptions. It is forbidden in some sites - Watch for signs



Educational Group travel Reminders

- **Flexibility:** Each part/choice/action impacts everyone
- **Patience :** This trip will only work if everyone thinks "We" not "Me" mentality
- **Cooperation:** We are in this together- We are travel family
- **Following the lead of your Tour Leaders:**



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 while on the trip:

- All adults are expected to attend ALL group activities and programs unless otherwise instructed by the trip advisors. No adult is to leave the group and venture out on their own.
- The use of substances that are illegal in Idaho are forbidden on this tour. If something is legal in another country but is not legal in Idaho, it is forbidden on this tour. Excessive use of alcohol or intoxication is also strictly prohibited.

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- Lastly, be prepared 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 all adults, hotel staff, and any other people we might meet while on the trip. This also includes being respectful of all property.

- No one is to ever venture off on your own without the supervision of an adult when appropriate.

- While traveling, always go in groups and while on the group.

- Punctuality is important. "If you are not early you are late!" Make

- Bring your own personal items including but not limited to money, medication,

- Above all, make good choices, remain flexible, and be safe and respectful! Remember you represent Moscow and our community. Make us proud and allow us to continue these trips in the future.

- **Please review the following:** In accordance with our travel company's Student Responsibility procedure, any student who violates any of these rules will be at risk of serious disciplinary actions and can be sent home from the trip at the parent's expense. Parents, please talk to your child about your expectations and make sure they understand the importance of complying with these rules. An early exit from our trip would be terrible for everyone but will be done to ensure the safety and integrity of these trips.

All travelers sign-off and agree to these rules and expectations at our March meeting.

Team Building Saturday

May 21 on 9am-3pm

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

Goals

- Learn names and faces
- Discuss and work on the dynamics of international group travel
- Promote flexibility in the post Covid traveling world



ALL travelers (Adult and Student) MUST attend... Mark your calendars now - We will collect \$25 at the March meeting (\$25 cash or check made out to Trajectory)

Amsterdam, Bruges and Paris 2022– Schedule of meetings/events

- Dec. 6, 2021 Culture Night & final rooming preferences, roles/expectations, etc. @7pm in the MPR
- March 7, 2022 Team building and travel logistics @ 7pm in the MPR
- May 9, 2022 Pre-travel information @ 7pm in the MPR
- May 21, 2022 Saturday Team Building Day #2 (pre-trip) 9am-3pm at Paradise Ridge
- June 19, 2022 Night before departure meeting. Time TBD
- June 20-29, 2022 Our adventure is on!

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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