



Italy!

Greece-Turkey 2016
From legend
to legendary!



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

Agenda

- ✓ Welcome:
 - ✓ **CELL PHONES OFF – Everyone pay attention please**
- ✓ The switch to Italy!
- ✓ New Itinerary
- ✓ Financial Changes
- ✓ Travel groups and Rooming Info.
- ✓ EF deadlines
- ✓ Passports
- ✓ Luggage and packing tips
- ✓ Italy-Greece Travel 101
- ✓ EF Donations page
- ✓ Fundraising letter and the holidays
- ✓ Upcoming events
- ✓ *Questions/Comments*



✓ ***Tonight's information can be found at***
www.globalxpeditons.weebly.com
Under the travel destination link
(Greece-Italy 2016)



Safetymatters

- **EF 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. We will take care and make things work!**



Itinerary Update

- Only 191 Days Away!!!!
 - (Tentative Departure date June 15th)
- We are flying out of Spokane or busing to Seattle ... TBD



- Flights – Middle seats and we are spread throughout the plane.
- Transportation to the airport options: Time of flights will determine airport transportation and meeting the night before.
- Travel and counting groups finalized

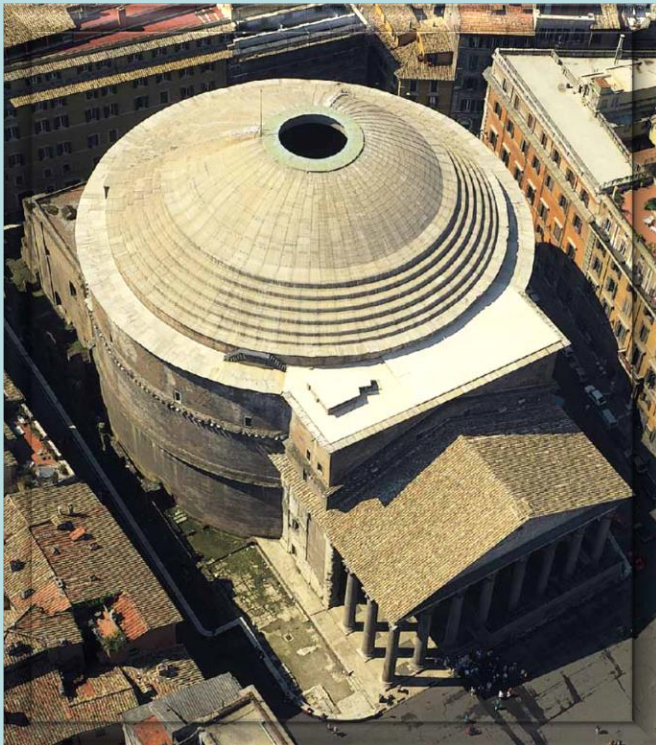
Our trip starts in ROME!

- Day 1 Fly overnight to Italy!
- Day 2 Meet our Tour Directors in Rome
- Day 3 Rome:
 - Guided tour of Vatican City
 - Visit the Sistine Chapel
 - Visit St. Peter's Basilica
 - Check out the Roman Catacombs!



Continue Day 4 in Rome

- Visit the Colosseum and the Roman Forum!
- Off to see the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps



Day 5: Capri and the Sorrento Region

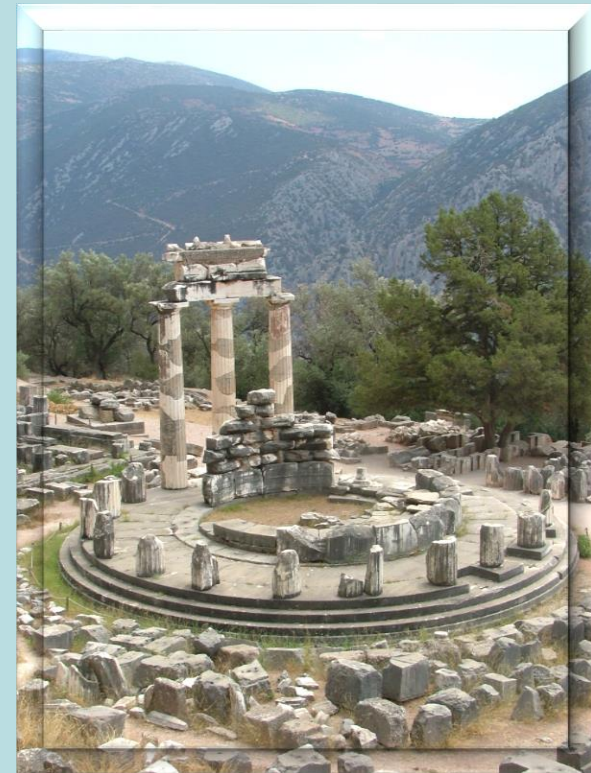
- Take a ferry ride to Capri and take a guided tour of the town
- Enjoy an island cruise
- Travel to the Sorrento Region



Day 7 & 8: Patras and Delphi

Arrive in Patras, Greece and Travel to Delphi

- Visit the Temple of Apollo and the Delphi Museum
- Travel to Athens
- Enjoy a Greek evening dinner with music and dancing



Day 9: Athens!

- Guided tour of Athens
- Check out the Olympic Stadium
- Visit the Parthenon and the Temple of Nike Athena
- Walk the Plaka District
- Visit the Temple of Zeus



Greek Cruise Days: 10, 11, 12

- Mykonos
- Crete and the Palace of Knossos
- Santorini ... Touring the ruins of Thera



Day 12 – Depart for Home



Memories made



Financial Changes

- We have added a day and kept the cost the same as per our agreement with EF
- Account Adjustments
- THE CRUISE ... Now we can have the Cruise money taken out BEFORE we go on the trip
- We had you hold out \$300 for the Cruise so, now we are adding this to the EF bill so we don't have to carry the extra cash.
 - SO... you will see an increase of \$215 to your accounts starting December 10th.
 - You will still need 50 Euro as a deposit on the cruise for drinks, etc.
- You will STILL NEED to bring about \$500 spending cash for lunches, souvenirs, etc.



Items for the Group

- We will carry all passports
- 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”



Italy-Greece

2016 Travel Groups

Jason and Stacy's Travel Groups

Jason	Albrecht		Stacy	Albrecht
Wes	Carpenter		Pete	Airheart
Ally	Gerke		Ben	Bailey
Aengus	Kennedy		Lauren	Bailey
Trudy	Klas		Calvin	Dater
Ajay	Klas		Rhonda	Dater
Kristin	Levier		Daniel	Haley
Gretal	Liebnitz		Ashley	Hanson
Emily	Martin		Tami	Hanson
Becky	Martin		Avery	Jaeckel
James	Martin		Emma	Sattler
Jake	Martin		Claire	Wallace
Elizabeth	Miller		Haley	Windsor
Ethan	Miller		Ken	Windsor
Linnea	Sheneman			
Kira	Verling			
Isabelle	Wappett			

Matthew and Daniel's Travel Groups

Matthew	Haley		Daniel	Haley
Audry	Bales		Mason	Burke
John	Bales		Maggie	Dawkins
Debra	Capawana		Marcus	Delusa
Joe	Capawana		Isaac	Falen
Sarah	Carscallen		Ashley	Green
Wes	Carscallen		Samm	Green
Amy	Conway		Ellen	Heynes
Dalton	Conway		Dan	Mullin
Hailey	Knott		Talia	Mullin
Mckenzie	Mosman		Andrea	O'Sullivan
Erin	Sandoval		Brigid	O'Sullivan
Kristine	Searcy		Paul	O'Sullivan
Toby	Searcy-Jorgensen		Jayden	Pope
Brett	Taggart		Marilyn	Pope
Mary	Taggart		Richard	Seamon
Hayden	Thompson		Emily	Stubbers

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!

Upcoming EF deadlines



150 days prior to departure: 1-15-16

All group stay ahead or stay behind requests must be submitted. A “group” request is any group of 6 paying travelers or more who are requesting the same stay ahead or stay behind. Any group requests that are entered after this date will incur late fees and cannot be guaranteed.

110 Days Prior to Departure: 2-26-16

Tour Balance Due: for all participants not on auto-pay, must be paid in full

If any of your participants need special payment plans made, they must call 1-800-665-5364 PRIOR to this date to avoid late fees/cancellation from the trip.

Upcoming EF deadlines



110 Days Prior to Departure: 2-26-16

Last day to change names without min. \$200 fee

Please confirm that all participants' first, middle, and last names (including your own) are spelled correctly on your Group Status report and match EXACTLY as they appear on their passports. Also, confirm all birth dates are listed and correct.

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.)

Passports

- Valid through December 2016 (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 EF account matches your passport **EXACTLY**

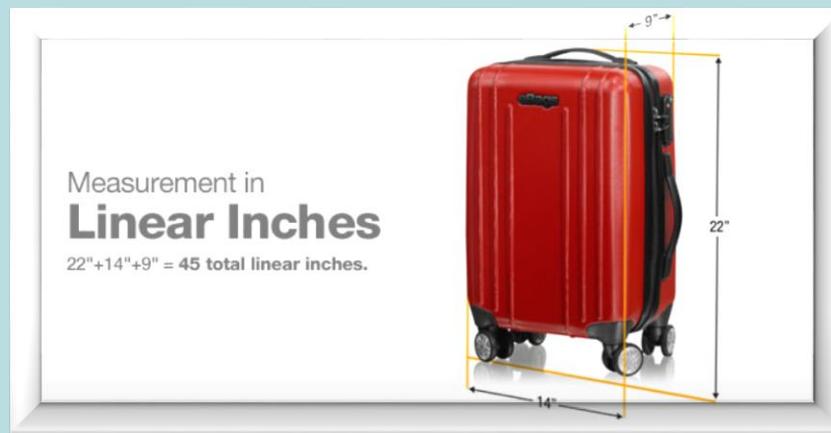
Luggage

- 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



See sample packing list (on website)

- **Carry-on: Airlines may vary ... but industry standards**
 - The maximum dimensions cannot exceed any of the following measurements:
 - 22" long x 14" wide x 9" tall or 114cm (56 x 35 x 23 cm). All carry-on items should be stowed in an overhead bin.
- **Personal Item:**
 - Includes: backpack, purse, briefcase, laptop bag OR a similar item such as a tote that does not exceed 36 inches(length+width+height) and must fit under the seat in front of you.
- **Checked Luggage:**
 - Two checked luggage items with no charge... on the way home



Liquids, Gels, and Meds

- Remember hotels will have shampoo/conditioner/soap
- Pack limited liquids – 1 quart-size clear plastic zip lock
 - Toiletries – shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, perfume, shaving foam, aerosols, deodorant, eye care products
- Have all medications in their original packaging and have the prescription on hand.



<p>3</p> <p>3 ounce or smaller containers of liquid or gel More than 3 ounces permitted in checked baggage</p> <p>Container size is a security measure</p> <p>3 ounces</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1 quart-size, clear plastic, zip-top bag holding 3 ounce or smaller containers</p> <p>Bag limits total volume per person</p> <p>ONE QUART</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1 bag per traveler placed in the security bin</p> <p>Isolating liquids speeds screening</p> <p>ONE QUART</p>
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Dressing to Avoid Attention



- You are a target for unwanted attention when you dress for attention
 - Parents have veto power on clothes
 - Go through what it packed
 - This is not a fashion show, it is an educational tour
 - Vatican Dress Code (Other sites maybe)

Things to know before you go to Italy and Greece



Learn a little Italian and Greek

The Travel Linguist 

ITALIAN 101

LISTEN. LEARN. SPEAK.

DINING 

DIRECTIONS 

GREETINGS 

SAFETY 

SHOPPING 


TRAVEL 

LEARN THE 101 WORDS AND PHRASES YOU MUST KNOW TO HAVE FUN AND TRAVEL SAFELY.

FREE TRAVEL PHRASE GUIDE INCLUDED. FITS IN POCKETS AND PURSES.


LEARN CORRECT PRONUNCIATION WITH OUR NATIVE SPEAKERS.


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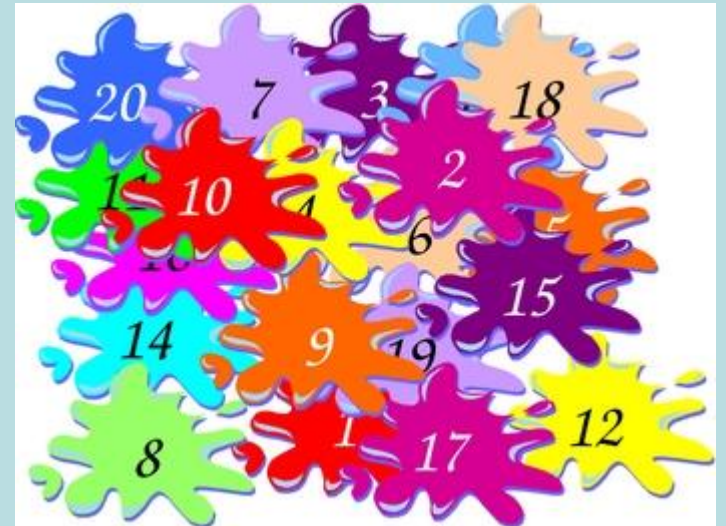
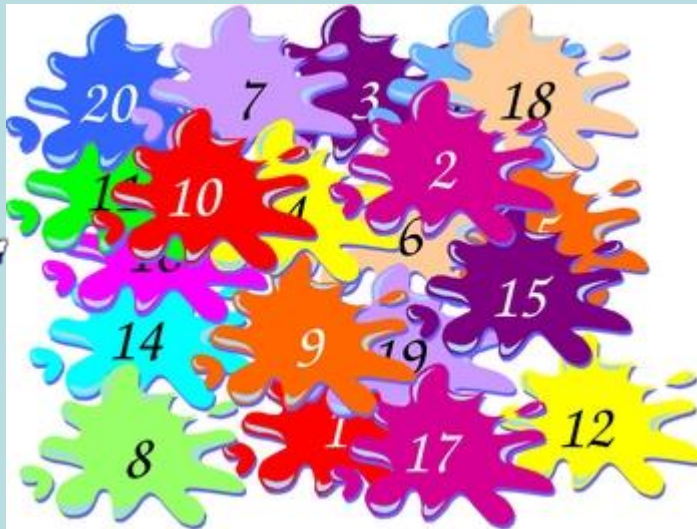
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Counting in Greek and Italian



Italian and Greek money



The Euro
1 USD = .92 Euro

Visiting the Vatican and other 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 to Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Vatican Gardens and Saint Peter's Basilica 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 the Sistine Chapel for instance. Watch for signs.



Italian and Greek Foods



Pizza Margherita



Tiramisu



Taramasalata



Olives



Lamb Kleftiko



Baklava

www.karofagas.ca



Gelato

A few more travel tips

Do try to speak the language. Both Greeks and Italians appreciate the effort, but may respond in English as they love to practice what they've learned.



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 also.



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 gelato every day. It's that good



Click on "Your donation page"

Italy and Greece

In this section...

- ▶ **Payment details**
- ▶ Tour details
- ▶ **Your donation page**
- ▶ Manage your tour
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Italy and Greece

Name: Stacy Johnien Albrecht
Account Number: 3603540
Tour Number: 1655043JE
Status: Active ⓘ
Group Leader: [Jason Albrecht](#)
Individual Requested Travel Dates: 6/16/2015 - 6/24/2015 ⓘ
Group Requested Travel Dates: 6/16/2015 - 6/24/2015 ⓘ
Tour Length: 9 days ⓘ
Departing in: 191 days (6/16/2015)
Departure Gateway: Spokane ⓘ

Current account balance:

\$213.00

▶ **Make a payment**

Your payment plan

You are not able to activate a monthly payment plan at this time.

All-Inclusive Coverage Plan: ⓘ

You are covered.

▶ **View**

Enhance your tour
with optional excursions

[Learn more](#) >

Messages and Reminders:



Please remember that all travelers will need a valid passport for travel abroad. The passport must be valid for 6 months after return. It can take up to 14 weeks to process your passport so make sure you

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Using your EF Donations Page



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Your donations

Stacy Albrecht's Goal: \$213

Needed

\$213

Raise money for your tour! Just share the link below with family, friends and potential sponsors. They can make easy, secure online donations that go directly to help pay for your tour. Use the link in email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Be sure to include a personal message about why you want to go on the trip and how their donation will help.

Share your donation page

<http://personal.eftours.com/secure/make-donation.aspx?poiid=DB967159&utm>

▶ [Copy link](#)

[Preview your page](#)

Here is the link to your donations page to send to friends, relatives, etc.





Help me go on the trip of a lifetime!

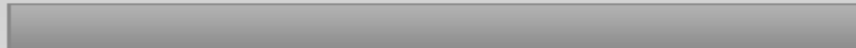
I'm planning to go on a trip with EF Tours. With the help of my family, friends and community I know I can get there. Please consider making a one-time contribution.

Enter your contribution

Stacy Albrecht's Goal: \$213

Needed

\$ 0.00



\$213

(\$1 minimum)

Your impact

! There is a minimum contribution amount of \$1.00. Please enter a donation amount.

Traveler:
Stacy Albrecht

TOUR:
Italy and Greece

DEPARTING:
June 2016

What's included on tour?

Airfare: Round-trip flights from listed gateway

Transportation: Comfortable motorcoach

Accommodations: Overnight stays as specified on itinerary in hotels with private bathrooms

Meals: As specified on itinerary

Tour Director: Full-time EF Tour Director

Sightseeings: As specified on itinerary

Pay by debit or credit card

Pay by checking account

Credit card number

Expiration date

Cardholder first name

Cardholder last name

Cardholder zip code

Billing email address
(receipt will be sent to this address)

Let the traveler know I'm contributing

I wish to remain anonymous

Your name
(as the traveler will see it)

Your personal message
(Optional)

This is what your page will look like and people can donate directly to your account

Donations are NOT tax deductible



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Payment amount: \$213.00

Credit card number: : XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-4736

Expiration date: 07/16

Cardholder name: Jason Albrecht

Cardholder zip code: 83872

Billing email: jsalbrecht87@yahoo.com

Your name as the traveler will see it:

Jason Albrecht

Your message:

Enjoy! :)

- By submitting this form I am confirming that I am an authorized user of the credit/debit card or bank account and that I understand the terms and conditions of my contribution. Once I click submit, I understand my payment is final and nonrefundable.

Last step...
confirm
payment info.

GO BACK

SUBMIT

Tis the season for FUNDRAISING:)

Holiday Fundraising Tips from Daniel!

- Remember you also need spending cash (\$500 suggested)
- Consider a thank you email and a last chance to donate email
- HOLIDAY LETTER 😊



Dear [relative, neighbor, friend, etc.],

As you may already be aware I'm headed to [country/ies] in June of [tour year] as part of an educational overseas tour!! The trip is being organized in collaboration with an internationally renowned program called *Education First* tours whose motto is "Change

[Closing—i.e., Sincerely, Regards, Love, etc.],

[Signature]

[Name]



**Important
DATE!**

Upcoming Events

- **Mar. 28th, 2016 7pm MMS** Greece and Italian history and travel logistics (Traveler Emergency forms handed out)
- **May 16th, 2015 7pm MMS** Pre-travel information (Traveler Emergency form color copies are due)
- **June 4th 2015** Ropes course #2 (pre-trip)
- **June 14th, 2016** Night before departure meeting.

➤ Ropes Course Saturday, June 4th, 2016

➤ Meet on Paradise Ridge at 9:00 am or car pool at MMS at 8:30 am



Questions, Comments, and/or Freaking Outs



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