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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.globalxpeditions.weebly.com
Under the travel destination link
(Greece-Italy 2016)
• 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 6: Pompeii and Brindisi

- Take a guided tour of Pompeii
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins
- Continue on to Brindisi and board a night ferry to Patras, Greece
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

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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)

__________________________________________, 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!
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.
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
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

Olives

Taramasalata

Gelato

Baklava

Lamb Kleftiko
**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.

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

**Do** expect to walk a lot – wear comfortable shoes.

**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”
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

Credit card number
Expiration date
Cardholder first name
Cardholder last name
Cardholder zip code
Billing email address

Let the traveler know I'm contributing

Your name (as the traveler will see it)

Your personal message (Optional)

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Please review your payment
Pay by debit or credit card

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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.
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 [countries] 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]
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 Out

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