

# EUROPEAN TRAVEL PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT AGENDA

April 19, 2017

## I. Itinerary (see attached)

1. Flights
2. Hotels
3. Meals
4. Sights/Optional excursions

## II. Cost

1. Base cost (see handout)
  - a. early bird discounts 4/30 and 5/30, must enroll by 6/30 to lock in this price.
2. Optional Tours
  - a. Flamenco show, Versailles, Seine River Cruise w/ Eiffel Tower
3. Meals (lunch only)
4. Extra expenses (Tips, souvenirs, etc.)
5. Fundraising (see attached memo)  
Cheesecakes due next Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>
6. Payment schedule:
  - a. \$95 non-refundable registration fee due upon enrollment
  - b. \$400 due 30 days after registering (this is refundable through September 30, if presented in writing to CHA)
  - c. The balance of the trip will be due to CHA on February 28, 2018
    - i. EZ pay option lets you auto-pay monthly
    - ii. All financial transactions have to be handled through CHA. As the tour counselors we have no control over your payments or refunds through the company.

## III. Overview of expectations

1. Goals and Objectives; Requirements
2. Teacher Responsibilities
3. Student responsibilities
  - a. Parent responsibilities
  - b. Parent chaperone responsibilities
4. Rules of Behavior in a Foreign Country



#### IV. Ready to enroll?

**Step 1:** Fill out parent questionnaire on Google Form



<https://goo.gl/forms/nXdVH1O56LSBDU4S2>

**Step 2:** Join Shutterfly share site <https://aphseurope2018.shutterfly.com/>

**Step 3:** Join the Facebook page. I will post links to useful information about the places and cities that we will be visiting. This can also be a helpful place for students and parents to connect with each other about Fundraising and other trip related items. This Facebook pages is also where I will be posting updates and photos in real time on the trip.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/164163400775465/>

(APHS Europe 2018 is the name of the Facebook group. It is a closed group, so you will have to request entry)

**Step 4:** Check out the trip page on the World Language Department website. This packet will be posted there for your reference

<http://aphsworldlanguage.weebly.com/europe-trip.html>

**Step 5:** Enroll with CHA online! Go to <https://www.cha-tours.com/>

And select “join a tour”, enter the Group Access Code **1825S52218**

**Step 6:** Relax and wait for the trip!

Questions: email me at [pierfelice@appublicschools.com](mailto:pierfelice@appublicschools.com)



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**PARIS TO THE PYRENEES REVERSED  
REQUESTED ITINERARY-SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
10 DAYS**

**DAY 1- June 18, 2018 DEPARTURE FROM THE USA**

**DAY 2- June 19 MADRID**

½ bus \$40

Welcome to Madrid! You are met by your CHA Tour Director at the airport. Later, get to know Madrid on a CHA Walking Tour.

**DAY 3- June 20 MADRID-(TOLEDO)**

½ bus \$40  
local guide \$40

Tour Spain's proud capital with the help of your expert local guide. Sightseeing sparkles with views of the bustling Puerta del Sol, the Plaza de España with its Cervantes Memorial, the historic Plaza Mayor, Retiro Park and the Parliament. Visit the ornate 18th-century *Royal Palace* before ending your tour at the *Prado Museum*, where you discover the museum's many masterpieces with the help of your Tour Director. On your free time this afternoon, consider an optional excursion to El Greco's Toledo in the heart of Castile.

**DAY 4- June 21 MADRID-ZARAGOZA-BARCELONA**

bus \$78

Today's drive to Barcelona features a stop in Zaragoza, the capital of the Aragon region and a major university, commercial, and religious center of Spain, to admire the baroque Basilica del Pilar and La Seo Cathedral. Upon arrival in Barcelona, check into your hotel. Later, join your Tour Director on an Evening Walking Tour.

**DAY 5- June 22 BARCELONA-(MONTSERRAT)**

½ bus \$40  
local guide \$40

Your guided sightseeing tour of Barcelona features the Plaza de Catalonia, Paseo de Gracia, the Monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus, the Gothic quarter, and a view of Montjuic Park, the site of the 1992 Summer Olympics. Included are visits to the imposing *Church of La Sagrada Familia*, Antonio Gaudi's unfinished cathedral, and the architect's imaginative *Guell Park*. This afternoon, enjoy free time or take an optional excursion to the Monastery of Montserrat.

**DAY 6- June 23 BARCELONA-CARCASSONNE-TGV TRAIN TO TOULOUSE-LOIRE VALLEY**

½ bus \$40  
local guide \$40

Cross the French border as you head for the walled town of Carcassonne to admire its ring of towers and battlements. In Toulouse, one of the most vibrant cities in provincial France, board Europe's fastest train, the TGV, bound for the Loire Valley. Overnight in the Loire Valley area.

**DAY 7- June 24 LOIRE VALLEY-CHARTRES-PARIS**

bus \$78  
local guide \$40

In the lush Loire Valley, visit two of its finest chateaux: elegant *Chenonceaux* along the River Cher and *Chambord* with its amazing double-helix staircase. Proceed to Chartres, where you visit its *Cathedral*, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Europe, with its powerful sculptures and stained-glass windows. Continue to Paris, the "City of Lights," where you will join your Tour Director on an Evening Walking Tour.

**DAY 8- June 25 PARIS**

½ bus \$40

Guided sightseeing this morning highlights the treasures of Paris: see the Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, the Opera and the soaring Eiffel Tower. Enjoy a visit to *Notre Dame Cathedral*, considered one of the most glorious achievements of Gothic architecture. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.



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**DAY 9- June 26**

**PARIS**

1/2 bus \$40

This morning's highlight is a visit the world-famous *Louvre Museum*, surrounded by I.M. Pei's modernistic pyramids. Discover the museum's many masterpieces at your own pace using your "CHA Walking Guide of the Louvre" with the assistance of your Tour Director. The balance of the day is yours for last-minute sightseeing or souvenir shopping.

**DAY 10- June 27**

**DEPARTURE FOR THE USA**

tour guide  
\$1040

**Paris to the Pyrenees (10 days) departing from Detroit, MI on 06/18/2018:**

Base Tour Cost      \$3,219

Registration Fee      \$95

Airport Taxes & Fees \$782

**Total for Students: \$4,096**

(travelers up to 21 years of age)

**Total for Adults: \$4,476**

(includes \$380 Adult Fee for those 22 years and older)

**2018 Early Bird Savings:**

Prices above are valid for travelers enrolled by 6/30/2017.

Save \$200 when you enroll by 4/30/2017.

Save \$100 when you enroll by 5/30/2017.

**Additional Services:**

Optional Insurance    \$109

Double Room Fee      \$160

Single Room Fee      \$464

**Additional costs will include :**

- optional excursions (this includes the Eifel Tower, a Seine River cruise, an excursion to see the Palace of Versailles, and a traditional Flamenco dance show.
- We recommend a minimum of \$500 per traveler for daily lunches and discretionary funds (metro tickets, souvenirs, etc.)
- The tourism industry standard requires that we provide a tip to our tour guides, local guides, and bus drivers while we are on the trip. These will be collected in advance (the last week of school, small bills preferred, please) This amount will vary based on several factors, including the number of travelers and how much money the kids have fundraised in the group account. You should plan on \$100, but it may be less.
- We will order t-shirts next spring. The cost of the shirts will be roughly \$10

## BEHAVIOR CODE AND GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

1. It is important to be on time for departures and every scheduled event. Any delays mean fewer sights we can see on our trip.
  2. Conduct yourselves in a manner that your parents would approve of. Follow instructions and have a good time. Be courteous and considerate of others.
  3. Check on your belongings to make sure you have not left them on a bus or in a restaurant or in your hotel room when you check out.
  4. The use of alcohol is forbidden. Students may be subject to search of rooms and suitcases at any time. If any chaperone has a suspicion of alcohol use:
    - a breathalyzer test will be administered (refusal of breathalyzer will be taken as an admission of guilt)
    - the students will be held to the standard of the Student Code of Conduct for behavior.
    - student will have earlier curfew/no extra privileges or excursions
    - student will be required to stay by chaperone at all times
    - student may be sent home on next available flight at parent expense**
- \*At no time are any young men allowed to go in a room assigned to young ladies and vice versa. (Exceptions made with chaperone discretion.)
5. When a tour guide is talking, please pay attention. Feel free to ask questions without interrupting him/her.
  6. No one is to go out alone, ever.
  7. It bears repeating, you are NEVER to go off in a car, nor will you EVER go off alone with anyone you may meet on the trip.
  8. Do not leave any money in your hotel room. Lock your suitcase when you leave your room. Lock your hotel room when the last person leaves. Do not throw things or hang things out the windows. Please be kind and courteous to maids, bellboys, and other hotel personnel.
  9. When eating out, a tip is anticipated (20% is suggested). However, the tip is often already included in the final bill. When in doubt, ask. Ask your chaperones and/or tour guide for restaurant recommendations. Remember, menus are often posted outside restaurants. This can help you decide. Lunches are usually on your own, so make sure you plan for that in your budget.
  10. On the day of check out, be sure your bags are packed, tagged, and brought down to the lobby **on time**.
  11. Remember, we are representing the United States, Michigan, Allen Park, and Allen Park High School. All contact that we have with the Spanish and French people should leave them with a favorable impression of Americans. Please do not do anything that would embarrass either the chaperones or any other members of the tour party.

12. "When in Rome --- Do as the Romans do." It is not the responsibility of the Spanish and French people when in their own country to speak our language. We are the Spanish and French students interested in their language and culture. There is no better way to learn the language than to try to speak it the entire time that we are in Europe. No matter how badly we speak, they'll love us for it, and it'll be a lot of fun for us, too -- believe it or not!! Remember, *communication* is the main idea.
13. On this trip, it will be impossible to stay all together 24 hours a day. The times that you have free for shopping and sightseeing, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, go anywhere without an adult (chaperone or parent). Usually it is best to travel in groups of three or more. Don't EVER leave anyone alone ANYWHERE, AT ANY TIME.
14. We will be following a strict curfew every night unless the group is all together at some night spot. We will be rising early most mornings and will need all the sleep we can get to enjoy the day's activities. A chaperone will physically check each room every night to be sure that lights are out on time. IF CURFEW IS BROKEN, YOU WILL REMAIN UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE CHAPERONES FOR THE DURATION OF THE TRIP.
15. The utmost respect is to be shown for not only the chaperones and other members of the group, but also when in public, on tour, or just anywhere. If there is a guide that you don't particularly like, pretend interest and be respectful. The chaperones are there to help you with any problems that you may have and to see that you have an exciting and enjoyable trip. We also want to have a good time, so let's all follow the rules, see everything we can, and do our resting when we get back home!
16. Be prepared for the day- bring snacks as you might get hungry before we have a scheduled stop. Please also keep in mind that dinner each night is a pre-set menu selected by our tour company. If you have dietary restrictions, please be sure to let your teachers know before the trip so that arrangements can be made. BRING SNACKS. It's safe to say that you will come across some food, some time, that you don't like. You can avoid getting "hangry" by making sure that you have snacks to eat.
17. Wear comfortable walking shoes. We do A LOT of walking nearly every day on the trip. (By A LOT of walking, I mean upwards for 10 miles on some days. I'm not joking)

### DO'S AND DON'TS FOR EUROPE

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| DO    | Smile, use compliments, and be patient. If you throw your weight around, you'll get nothing but hoarse.  |
| DO    | Practice your Spanish/French. Everyone will appreciate the fact that you are trying and will try to help you plenty.   |
| DON'T | Compare everything in Spain and France with things at home. It will never be like Allen Park, MI, USA. Remember, different doesn't equal dumb or weird. That's the way they do things. |
| DON'T | Assume everyone will speak English. Some will and some won't, but EVERYONE will appreciate your trying to speak Spanish/French.  |



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Janet P. Wasko, Principal  
Karen Moran, Assistant Principal

Kenneth A. Stephens, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

To: Europe Group Travelers and Parents, APHS Administrative Staff  
From: World Language Staff  
Re: Fundraising profit sharing

In order to maintain fairness and equity for all Europe group participants, we feel it necessary to establish firm guidelines about how fundraising money will be distributed to all travelers. There are several different fundraising scenarios, so please keep this communiqué for future reference.

### Individual fundraisers: (ie: cheesecakes, pizza kits, Yankee Candles)

Mrs. Klement will create and maintain a personal account for all travelers. All profit raised with these types of fundraisers will be placed directly in their personal accounts. If you would like to know the current balance of this account, please e-mail Mrs. Klement at [klement@appublicschools.com](mailto:klement@appublicschools.com)

Please allow 2 business days for her to process your request. These funds will be available for release on 2 days only: February 1 and June 1, 2018. Please submit, in writing, the date that you choose to have your funds released 2 weeks before that date.

### Group "flyer" fundraisers: (ie: Chili's, 5 Below, etc.)

The profits from these types of fundraisers will be placed in a separate account, earmarked for the group gratuity payment. Any funds raised beyond that will be equally distributed among all paying travelers. (parents and students)

### School affiliated group events: (Coke Float fundraiser, parking lot garage sale, popsicles, bake sale, etc.)

All fundraising that takes place at the school will be divided equally among the parents and students that organize, set-up, and implement the event. We appreciate all of the work that goes into setting these up, but there would be no feasible and equitable way to give a percentage of the profits to some, and a different percentage to others. Hopefully the burden will be shared when it comes to these types of events to prevent taking advantage of some hard working members of the group.

\*\* In the event that pre-sale tickets are sold to an event (ie: car wash, scrapbooking day, or Christmas babysitting), the person who sold that ticket will get the profit from that sale.

### Your own personal fundraisers:

Several parents have been doing some creative things, like selling candy or cookies at work, football squares, garage sales, etc. All of these that are not school-sponsored or affiliated will be yours to do with when and where you please.

**Please note that all school-affiliated fundraisers must first be approved by Mr. Stephens. If you submit your ideas to any of the world language teachers, we can send the necessary paperwork to him for final approval.**

Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to help these kids fund their trip.

Kristyn Pierfelice, Jori Keisel, Robin Klement, Liz Anderson, Julie Risher



ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP

DATE: 4/18/2017

Dear Parents:

The group of which your child is a member is planning a school trip to France and Spain  
(location)  
as part of their regular class work. The group will leave from Detroit Metro Airport  
(building/site)  
by airplane at approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
(mode of transportation) (departure time)  
on 18-Jun-18 and will be chaperoned and under the same careful  
(day/date of trip)  
teacher supervision which your child has while at school. The approximate return time of the students is  
29-Jun-16 The cost for each student is approximately \$4,100  
(time) (price)

Please note it is possible that a field trip can be cancelled at the discretion of Allen Park Public Schools as a precautionary measure due to unforeseeable circumstances. Therefore, if your child has made a deposit for the trip, and the District is not able to obtain a refund, the District will not be responsible for refunding any lost monies.

In order for your child to attend this trip, it will be necessary to have your approval. You may express your approval or disapproval by signing the appropriate slip below and returning it to the teacher no later than  
14-Jun-17  
(day and date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Supervisor Administrator



I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to take the school trip  
to France and Spain on June 18-27, 2018  
knowing that every precaution will be taken for his/her safety and well being.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Parent/Guardian Signature