



European Study Trip 2018

Parent Information Evening
20 September - 2nd October

Program this Evening

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Multi-Disciplinary Tour

- Overarching tour focus as a study tour will be language, culture, history, the Arts and technology
- Further possible layers depending on numbers and student's interests
 - Design and Technology - industrial, fashion
 - Cuisine
 - Business and ICT
 - Arts - Music, Dance, Visual Art, Drama



PGL or other tour operator

- UK based company
- Accommodation and student programs
- Provides tour leader and customised transport

Presently seeking quotes from several tour companies



Travel Itinerary

Day 1 (Fri) - Brisbane to Paris

- **Meet at Glasshouse Christian College for airport transfer**
- **Bring healthy snacks**
- **Need to leave from GCC 4 hours prior to departure**
- **Passports kept secure by GCC staff and given to students while in transit**
- **Flights normally are broken up into 2 legs - usually around 20 hours in transit**



Travel Itinerary

Day 2 (Sat) - Paris arrival

- **Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport**
- **Airport transfer to accommodation**
- **Visit local nearby village, explore town and Roman ruins, visit snail farm**
- **Dinner at accommodation**
- **Evening student program activities run by PGL**



Travel Itinerary

Day 3 - (Sun) Paris

- **Buffet breakfast at accommodation**
- **Bus to Paris**
 - **Seine river cruise**
 - **Eiffel Tower**
 - **Lunch in Tuileries**
 - **Louvre and/or Musée d'Orsay**
- **Dinner at PGL**
- **Evening activities at accommodation**



Travel Itinerary

Day 4 - (Mon)

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel**
 - **Catacombs**
 - **Cuisine activity - cheese making or other**
 - **(Or Fashion Week activity)**
 - **Lunch at Notre Dame Cathedral**
 - **Champs Elysées - shopping**
 - **Climb l'Arc de Triomphe**
- **Dinner at Accommodation**



Travel Itinerary

Day 5 - (Tue) Palais de Versailles and L'Opéra

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel**
- **Bus to Palais de Versailles**
- **Lunch in P de V gardens**
- **Bus to Paris**
- **Dinner: La Gavotte Restaurant - Creperie**
- **L'Opéra - show**
- **View light show at Eiffel Tower**
- **Return late to accommodation**



Travel Itinerary

Day 6 - (Wed) EuroDisney

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel**
- **Ensure bags are organised for next day's travel**
- **Bus to EuroDisney**
- **Creative Arts Workshop**
- **Lunch - packed lunch**
- **Dinner: purchase meal at Disneyland**
- **View light show at end of evening**
- **Bus back to accommodation**



Travel Itinerary

Day 7 - (Thu) Paris to Western Front

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel**
- **Pack bags onto coach transfer**
- **Bus to North of France, visit Villers Brettoneux**
- **Visit Western Front museum - Yprès**
- **Arrive at accommodation**
- **Dinner**



Travel Itinerary

Day 8 - (Fri) Arras - then travel to Munich

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel**
- **Visit high school in Arras, presentations to students**
- **Lunch in Arras town square, walking around town, shopping**
- **local industries tour**
- **Flight or train to Munich**
- **Transport to accommodation**
- **Dinner at accommodation**



Travel Itinerary

Day 9 - (Sat) Munich

- **Buffet breakfast at hotel then travel to Munich**
- Walking tour of town
- Train to Dachau
- **Bus to castle**
- **Lunch in castle grounds**
- Dinner in restaurant



Travel Itinerary

Day 10 - (Sun) Munich

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel**
- **Deutsches Museum** - largest technical museum in the world with hands on interactive models. Natural science meets the technical side here.
- **BMW Plant and museum tour**



Travel Itinerary

Day 11 - (Mon) Munich to Brisbane

(may be via Paris - depends on flight arrangements)

- Airport transfer PGL to Charles de Gaulle airport
- Board flight to Brisbane



Travel Itinerary

Day 12 - (Tue) Arrive at Brisbane Airport

- **Family pick up at Brisbane International Airport**
- **Flight delays** - a link will be provided for the flight carrier for referral related to flight delays



General Info

What is included

- Return economy **airfare** with flight carrier ex **BNE**
- Prepaid airport/airline **taxes and levies**
- Return airport **transfers** in Europe
- Bus and train transfers while travelling in country
- 11 x nights **accommodation**
- **All Meals**
- **All entry costs into museums, EuroDisney, L'Opéra and all activities costs**
- **Room and food taxes or tips**
- **Estimated cost: \$4500.00**



General Info

What is NOT included:

- **Passport and Visa costs - no visa is required**
- **Snacks**
- **Personal expenses and souvenirs**



General Info

Vaccination and medical advice:

- Please **seek professional advice** regarding specific vaccinations required for this destination
- Please visit the smart traveller website prior to departing for advice on recommended vaccinations
- and other relevant travel warnings:
<http://smartraveller.gov.au>



General Info

Passports

- **Passports will be handed out to students at the airport**
- **Students will be responsible for their passport during transit (customs and security)**
- **Teacher to collect all passports for flight duration and once arrived in Paris**
- **Teacher to store passports in hotel room safety box**



General Info

Spending money:

- **Students will need to take enough spending money to cover snacks along with any personal expenses & souvenirs**
- **\$AUDI.00 = 0.67 Euro**
- **Cash conversion - lump sum 2 weeks prior to leaving**
- **Money cards - many types available. May be helpful as a backup if cash not enough**



General Info

Baggage and packing:

- **Max check in luggage weight 20kg**
- **Max carry on luggage weight 7 kg – restrictions to the carry on liquids, sharps and flammable items**
- **Packing list will be provided**



****All Students must be able to manage their own bags – no porters have been included in this cost.**

General Info

COMMUNICATING HOME

- You can purchase a Roaming Sim card or use the Wifi at the hotels to skype, message or email home.



PARENT COMMUNICATION

- An email or blog will be updated on a daily basis including photos and relevant information.
- Parent communication to the teacher in charge of any concerns that you are made aware of regarding your child



General Info

Time zones and time difference

- **There is only one time zone. Paris (and Munich) is 8 hours behind Australian Eastern Standard Time**
- **To find out the current time in Paris, view the Timeticker website**
- <http://www.timeticker.com/>



General Info



- **MEALS** – All accommodation venues provide a buffet breakfast daily. Lunches and dinners will be organised for students according to itinerary.
- **WASHING** – Students can do hand washing while touring.



- **MONEY** – there will be opportunity on several occasions for students to make use of **ATM** machines. Students will need to take enough spending money to cover snacks along with any personal expenses and souvenirs.

General Info

- **SAFETY** – It is safe to carry cash. A money belt is recommended. Always be cautious and do not leave your personal belongings unattended. Safety Boxes will be made available to the group for students to leave valuables in the box.
- **HAND LUGGAGE** - Max carry on luggage weight 7 kg – restrictions to the carry on of liquids, sharps, scissors, nail files and flammable items. No liquids on board unless they are 100 mls or less in a plastic zip lock bag.



New regulations for hand luggage

There are restrictions on liquids which can be taken into the cabin on flights originating within the EU



- Volume max. 1 l
- Re-sealable
- Transparent

Student Expectations

- **Supervision and communication**
- **Room behaviour - respectful of other guests and our school's expectations. Room checks.**
- **Respectful of hotel and tour providers**



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Parent Info letter and Permission Form

- For all trips of this nature, students and parents need to sign a form. It outlines expected behaviour, rights and responsibilities.
- Permission - medical issues and accessing a doctor or medical facility
- Contact with family will occur where there is time to do this and to seek advice , however, in an adverse situation - emergency help is sought immediately



General Info

Travel Insurance

- **Comprehensive travel insurance is covered by the school for overseas trips.**

Returning home earlier?

- **Ill health or behaviour concerns - if of a serious nature - students travel home after communication with the family.**

Technology

- **Adaptors for electronics: please purchase an adaptor for plugs prior to departure**

General Info

- **Smart Traveller - change in status**

At the moment the advice is 'Exercise a high degree of caution'

If this changes to 'Reconsider your need to travel' the school's stand will be that we will not go ahead with the trip.

The travel advice from this govt. site will be the sole determinant - if there was a terror attack but the travel advice did NOT change, the trip will still proceed.

If parents decide to withdraw their child they will forfeit payments that have been identified as non-refundable.

If the advice changed on the day or before deposits were due, the school would notify and refund all money.

General Info

- **Staffing**
 - There will be a three staff attending and a minimum ratio of one to 8 students
- **Timeline for organisation of trip**
 - 30 October - finalise tour provider
 - flights sourced, organisation of accommodation, transport - which will give us a close estimate of the overall cost
 - Mid November - first trip deposit - flights sourced (First deposit is usually non- refundable and flight costs, all other deposits usually can be refunded up until the day the school pays the final deposit)
 - Mid December - deposit on accommodation and tour provider required
 - July 2018 - final costs paid
 - Payment plans will be made to fit these timelines

Questions

