

SUFFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Attach to field trip application requiring School Board approval)

Field Trip #: 21715

School: Nansemond River High School

Grade/Subject/Club/Team: World Language Students – 11th and 12 Grade

Date of Field Trip: April 11, 2025 through April 21, 2025

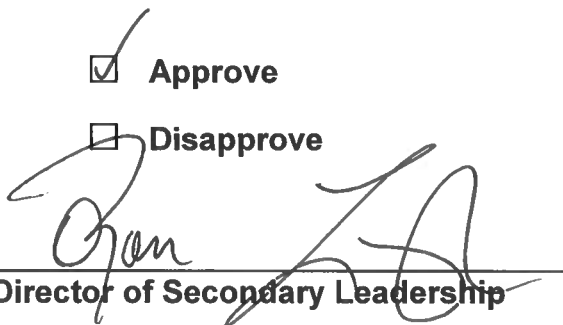
Destination: Rome, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital, Italy

Purpose: The World Language Students will have the opportunity to travel to Rome, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital, Italy.

Objectives: The students will have the opportunity to explore areas related to history and social studies, geography, language arts and cultural studies.

Approve

Disapprove



Director of Secondary Leadership



Date

School Board Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Clerk of the Board

Date

Travel Request Form

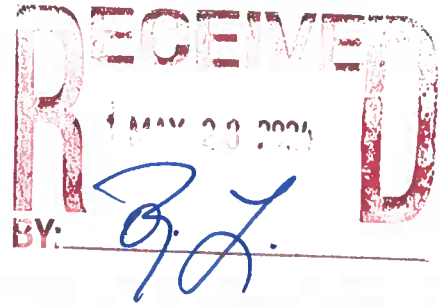
Please Note: Welcome to Suffolk City Public Schools Travel Tracker, your one-stop travel center. Within this software, you can submit student field trip requests, reserve an activity bus for a field trip or athletic event, and reserve a car for staff travel. If you have any questions or comments please email kevinprivott@spsk12.net or call (757) 925-5573.

Trip Number **21715**

* Category **Travel With Students**

* Type of Trip **Field Trip**

* Field Trip Event **OTHER**



Trip Leave

* Date **4/11/25** **Friday**

* Time **8:00 AM**

Trip Return

* Date **4/21/25** **Monday**

* Time **9:00 PM**

Trip Year/Week 2025-15

Note: This trip is for more than 5 days. Please make sure dates are correct.

* Is this trip overnight, out-of-state, or greater than 200 miles one way? Yes

Comments

* Your School/Dept ⓘ **240 Nansemond River High**
3301 Nansemond Parkway, Suffolk, VA 23435

* Main Destination ⓘ **Other (Type Below)**
Rome, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital, Italy

Destination Not Listed **Rome, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital, Italy** * Destination Name **Rome, Florence Madrid and Barcelona**

* Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip **4500.00**

Special Instructions for Permission Slip

Funding Source #1 School Allotment - Nansemond River High Budget Code

Funding Source Desc Budget Code Desc

Funding Approver

Are funds payable to a third party? No
 (Does venue require payment prior to trip?)

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name Toni Kershasky
 * Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone # 7573734650
 Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email kristybrett@spsk12.net

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info **Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff**

* Emergency Contact Name Toni Kershasky
 * Emergency Contact Phone # 7573734650

* Grade Level(s) Making Trip 11

12

- * Description of group or person(s) making trip **NRHS Students**
- * Educational Objective for Field Trip **see attached**

Number of Individuals Making Trip

* Male Adults	1	* Female Adults	3	Total Adults	4
* Male Students	10	* Female Students	10	Total Students	20

Need 1 adult(s) for 15 or more students.
 Need 1 adult(s) for every additional 15 students.

- * Will the students be away from school during lunch? **Yes**
- * If so, will these students need packed lunches? **No**

Nbr Students 20 **Teacher** Toni Kershasky
 Students will be away from school during the lunch period.

Additional Information

- * School will be billed for Mileage **Yes**
- * School will be billed for Driver **Yes**
- * What is the cost to the Student? **TBD**
- * Description of the funding source you will be using : **Students will pay their own travel expenses**
- * Will a coach be driving the trip? **No**
- * If yes, please enter the coaches name. If no, enter NA. **na**

* Will you be using external transportation (ex. plane, walking)? **Yes**

* Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itineraries. Indicate chartered transportation company if applicable.

Airplane Travel **TBD**

Vehicles Needed

* Do you need vehicles? **No**

Person Submitting Request **kristybrett@spsk12.net**

Date Submitted

Field Trip Acceptance of Responsibility

By submitting this request, the trip sponsor (Teacher, Coach, Staff Member, etc.) is validating the following conditions:

1. Possess a current/valid Driver's License for the vehicle you will be driving
2. Absent of any medical condition, medications/alcohol/drugs that will impede the operation of a vehicle
3. You will obey all traffic laws while operating the vehicle
4. You will not "text" or operate any device that may distract you while driving the vehicle
5. Properly authorized use of a Suffolk City Public Schools vehicle for official travel
6. Will only transport authorized passengers for the purpose of official travel
7. The lift is to be operated only for wheelchairs.
8. Buses and vehicles must come back in good condition in order to avoid additional charges.
9. Buses and vehicles must be cleaned in order to avoid additional charges.
10. Elementary Schools must have 1 adult per every 10 students.

* I have read and understand the information above.

Yes

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision Approved
Name tinapaul@spsk12.net
Decision Date May 13, 2024, 2:35:54 PM

Level 02 Approval - Second Level Location Approval

Comment
Decision
Designated Approver keeshahicks@spsk12.net
Name
Decision Date

Level 07 Approval - Overnight/OOS Approval

Comment
Decision
Name
Decision Date



Application for Field Trip

Submit intact to the Athletic Director, Principal, or Bookkeeper/Secretary, at least 30 working days (6 weeks) prior to the scheduled date of the trip. All professional leave forms for this trip must be submitted with this form. All forms are to be done in blue or black ink only.

School/Organization NRHS - NHS | Date Spring Break 2025
Grade/Subject/Club 11th - 12th Teachers Kershasky
Schmidt

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BOARD VEHICLE Dilich

(Personal cars are not to be used to transport students)

Date of Field Trip 4, 11, 25 Time Departing School N/A Time Returning to School N/A

Destination: Rome, Florence Italy Madrid, Barcelona
Spain

School Bus _____ Number Needed _____
SPECIAL NEEDS BUS

Non-School Board Transportation	
Type:	_____
Furnished By:	_____

Equipment Needed: W/C PCR Safety Vest

School Car _____ Number Needed _____
(School cars are not to be used to transport students) N/A

Number of Students 20-28 Number of Classes _____

Overnight Trip? Yes No

Total Cost to Student _____ *Other Costs Incurred *NO \$ goes through school

*Paid By Students

Names of Chaperones (Not including Teachers) TBA when approved at all

Date Parental Permission Secured and Filed in Office _____

Trip Requested By: T. Kershasky

Trip Received By: _____ Date: _____

(Any field trip is subject to last minute cancellation due to local, state, national and/or international situations)

WHITE-Athletic Director YELLOW-Business Office

SOL Aligned Objectives

History and Social Studies:

- Identify and describe major historical events, figures, and periods in European history.
- Analyze the cultural, economic, and political significance of Renaissance Italy and the Spanish Empire.
- Examine the impact of exploration and colonization on European and world history.
- Compare and contrast the cultural, political, and social characteristics of different European regions.

Geography:

- Identify and locate major cities, landmarks, and geographical features in Italy and Spain.
- Analyze the role of geography in shaping the development of Mediterranean civilizations.
- Compare and contrast the physical geography and climate of Italy and Spain.
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Language Arts:

- Develop communication skills through journaling or blogging about the travel experiences.
- Analyze and interpret literature, art, and architecture from the regions visited.
- Study the works of famous authors, poets, and playwrights associated with Italy and Spain.

Cultural Studies:

- Explore the customs, traditions, and lifestyles of the people in Rome, Florence, Barcelona, and Madrid.
- Examine the art, music, and cuisine of each region.
- Investigate contemporary issues and challenges facing European societies.

**FIELD TRIP
CHAPERONE LIST**

****By listing the chaperone's name, if a parent, you certify that they have an approved volunteer form. ON FILE!!**

TEACHERS

1. T. Kershasky
2. C. Schmitt
3. ~~Q. Q. Q. Q.~~
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
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****PARENTS**

1. TBA
2. _____
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SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

1. C. Ilich
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

1. _____
2. _____
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This is also your tour number

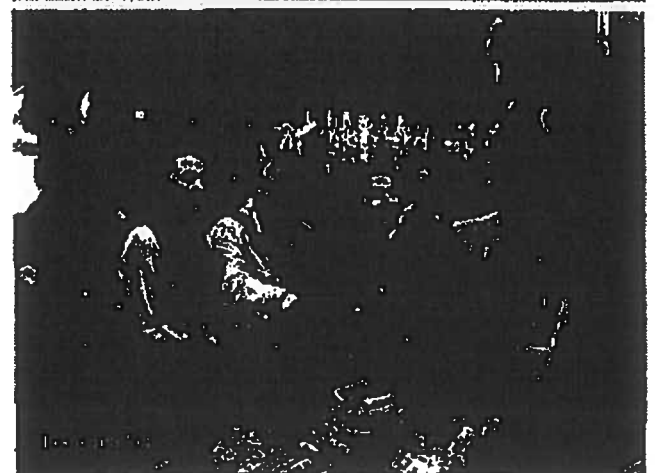
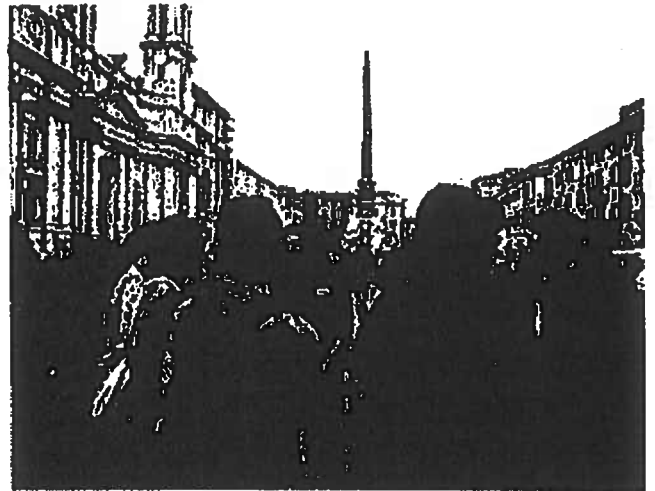
ITALY & SPAIN

12 days | Rome | Florence | Madrid | Barcelona | Extension to Valencia

Why are the Spanish Steps in Rome? Why do Madrid and Barcelona have so many Roman influences? Examine the intertwined histories and enduring cultures of Italy and Spain, Mediterranean nations that share an affinity for art, architecture, and religion (not to mention mouth-watering cuisine). From the Piazza Navona and Park Güell to the Colosseum and Sistine Chapel, gain new perspectives on these pillars of Europe.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  Full-time Tour Director
-  Sightseeing: 5 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 3 walking tours
-  Entrances: Colosseum; Roman Forum; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Royal Palace; Park Güell; *with extension: City of Arts and Sciences*
-  Personalized learning guide: Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-  All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily



Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@Eftours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

-- MELISSA, TRAVELER

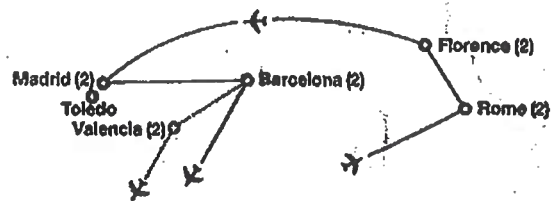


via Twitter



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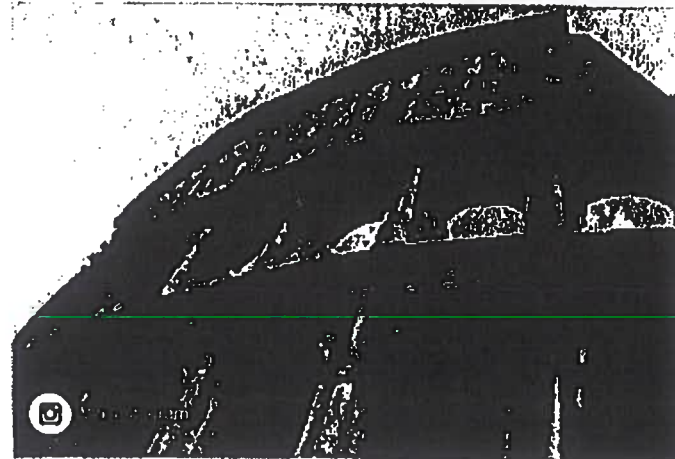
Your teacher's Tour Website



This tour may be reversed



Learn from your Tour Director and see the world through their eyes



Instagram

What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other.

Day 3: Rome

- On your visit to the Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of the Vatican City.
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica.
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome: Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona; Spanish Steps.
- Time to see more of Rome or visit the Roman Catacombs.

Day 4: Rome | Florence

- Take an expert-led tour of Rome.
- Visit the Colosseum, the world's most famous arena, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat.
- Visit the Roman Forum, the former heart of the Roman Empire where Julius Caesar gave many of his powerful political speeches.
- Continue on to Florence.

Day 5: Florence

- Explore Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera, and the Renaissance, and where works of art like Michelangelo's statue of David and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus* still reside today. As you stroll through the city, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a Medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop.
- Take a walking tour of Florence.
- Visit the San Lorenzo Market.

Day 6: Florence | Madrid

- Fly to Madrid, the capital of Spain.
- Take a walking tour of Madrid. Travel back in time to Spain's Golden Age at Plaza Mayor and learn about this grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings, and public executions. Then stroll through Puerta del Sol, the heart of the city.

Day 7: Madrid

- Take an expert-led tour of Madrid.
- Visit the extravagant Royal Palace, where you'll get a taste of royal Madrid as you wander the fabulous palace interior and find more than 2,000 rooms decked in beautiful frescoes, delicate porcelain wares, and finely woven rugs.
- Time to see more of Madrid or visit Toledo.

Day 8: Madrid | Barcelona

- Take the AVE train from Madrid to Barcelona.
- Flower vendors and street performers greet you on your walking tour of Barcelona.

Day 9: Barcelona

- On your expert-led tour of Barcelona, you'll snap photos of the twisting spires of La Sagrada Familia and the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc, which delights with dazzling light and water shows. From atop Montjuïc enjoy panoramic views of the harbor below. Here you'll also find the 1992 Olympic stadium.
- Marvel at the landscaped greenery and playful Modernist mosaics on your visit to Park Güell.
- Enjoy a free evening or attend a Barcelona flamenco evening.

Day 10: Depart for home

2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Days 10-11: Valencia

- Travel to Valencia.
- Experience Valencia's Old Town on a walking tour.
- Practice your pottery skills during a ceramics workshop.
- Visit the City of Arts and Sciences.
- Enjoy free time to relax at the beach.

Day 12: Depart for home



Bring me back to Barcelona please. #eftours #traveling

SHANNON, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

Just got home from Spain and Italy. We had an amazing time. The hotels were nice and the food was delicious. Our Tour Director, Ivan, was the best. Thanks EF for helping us make great memories!!!

MELODIE, TRAVELER



Via Facebook

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

— CHARLOTT, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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For over 55 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and global competence. What's more:

- We always offer the lowest prices so more students can travel.
- We're fully accredited, just like your school, so you can earn credit while on tour.
- All of our educational tours feature experiential learning activities and visits to the best sites.
- We're completely committed to your safety. We have more than 600 schools and offices in over 50 countries around the world, so local EF staff members can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.
- Your full-time Tour Director is with your group every step of the way on tour, providing insight about your destinations as well as great local tips.



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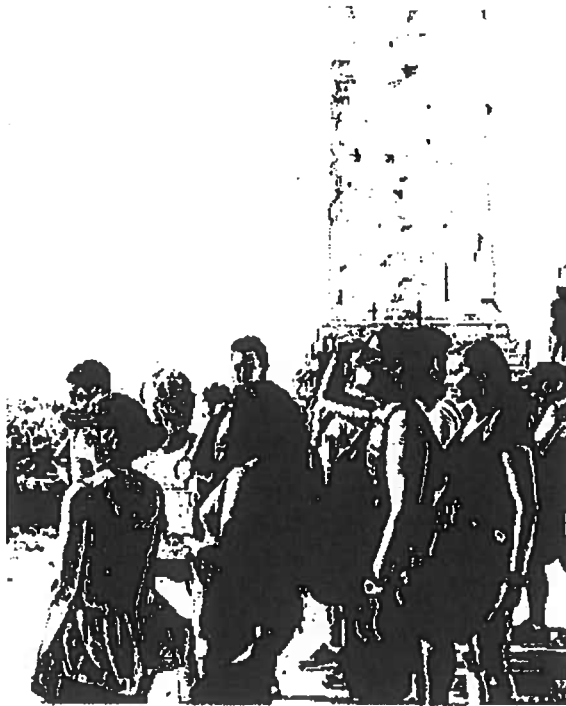
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2025 Spring Break Trip to Italy and Spain

International Travel

Program Proposal

Nansemond River High School /Toni Kershasky



Toni Kershasky - Nansmond River SPRING BREAK TRIP PROPOSAL

TRAVEL & EDUCATION

EF TOURS (Education First)

Rome, Florence, Barcelona, and Madrid

Dates- April 11-21, 2025

Program Price ¹ \$4,011

******* No money exchanges hands with teachers or students - EF does all of this through their company.**

Includes:

Round-trip airfare and on tour transportation

Hotels with private bathrooms

Breakfast and dinner (see itinerary for meal details)

Full-time Tour Director

Daily activities, tours and entrances to attractions

Global Travel Protection \$190

Single Departure Date Request \$100

*EF's Peace of Mind Program * Free*

Total for Students (under 20) \$4,011

All Families have options to pay:

12 monthly payments

One time

Payments until 90 days before departure

Fundraising options

Spaghetti Dinners

Gourmet Popcorn Online Sales

Yankee Candle (40% profit)

Winter Holiday Catalogs (40%)

Joe Corbis

Chaperones

1 free chaperone per 6 students - Toni Kershasky - Head Chaperone (NHS Sponsor) Other Chaperones TBA

Mrs. Schmidt

Days out of School - at most one - on either side of Spring Break - depending on flights - which we do not know until 1 month before departure.

How to accommodate for students who want to go but cannot afford it - PLEASE SEE PROPOSAL BELOW

Fundraising

NHS Scholarship Application for part of the money.

Automatic Payment Plan

Donation pages

Global Citizen Scholarship Fund -

Risk-free enrollment period -

Why schools partner with EF

Safety and experience - Our rigorous safety and risk management policies, plus enhanced flexibility and support in response to COVID-19, mean you're in good hands.

Liability and travel coverage - Teachers and districts are covered by our \$50 million liability policy, and travelers may enroll in our Global Travel Protection and Cancel for Any Reason plans.

Global presence - Having 600+ schools and offices in more than 50 countries around the world means we're accessible wherever and whenever you need us.

Credit Options - Students can earn high school and college credit, and educators can earn free professional learning units or graduate level credits.

Dedicated support team - Support at all levels of planning (pre, during and post-tour) helps teachers seamlessly fit this into their busy schedules.

Training and mentorship - Experienced teacher mentors and on-tour training helps to ensure teachers feel prepared and confident to travel with their students.

Best value - Our unmatched global presence and longstanding relationships with airlines and hotels ensure that you will always give your students the best experience at the lowest prices.

Financial assistance for travel - Students have the option to apply for scholarships through EF to help offset the cost of their tour and create more access to travel.

EF OFFERS

As an education company, we provide a wide range of immersive, experiential educational opportunities under the same umbrella. We help schools build diverse travel programs that appeal to a wide variety of needs and interests, to ensure as many students as possible can experience the world.

ONE FREE CHAPERONE (No Trip Fees) per 7 students - with adult rooming options

Full participation on all activities scheduled on the itinerary, on the same basis as the students, including transfers, entrances, sightseeing tours, etc.

NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM FEES:

Visa and or passport fees.

Lunch, snacks, souvenirs

Personal expenses.

Additional field trips that have not been specified.

Usage and upgrades on provided mobile phones.

Optional Excursions: We will choose these on trip

TARGET enrollment: @20-28 students, but we are willing to take more.

Nansemond River Teacher Toni Kershasky would like permission as soon as possible so that she may have an interest meeting with said parents and students. She needs to prepare program materials and recruit to guarantee the price quoted.

Your partner intravel-based learning

EF Education First is the world leader in international education. For over 55 years, we've partnered with educators around the world to help more than 15 million students gain new perspectives and build skills for the future through experiential learning.

Our mission is to empower educators to do their best work. At EF Educational Tours, we're working to define the modern educational tour experience. Our itineraries are more than places to go and things to see. We build programs that challenge assumptions, spark connections, and inspire curiosity in young students. Students will expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, grow more confident and independent, and understand new people, places, and cultures.

We take care of every last detail of the tour experience—transportation and lodging, meal reservations and menus, museum tickets and local tour guides, and much more. That also includes behind-the-scenes elements, like safety checks at hotels and background checks on adult travelers. With all that taken care of, educators and students can focus on the bigger picture.

You'll find all the details and more on the next few pages.

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Safety

Your students' safety is our number one priority. We would never send a traveler to a location we believe to be unsafe—and with our extensive global presence, our best-in-the-industry experience, and our close working relationships with U.S. and international authorities, that's a statement we can back up with real insight. Whether it's a worldwide pandemic or a sprained ankle, a missed flight or confusing medical paperwork, we make sure every situation is taken care of.

***For specific information on EF's response to COVID-19, visit [eftours.com/covid](https://www.eftours.com/covid)**

Worldwide presence

EF's global presence is truly unmatched. We have staff on the ground 365 days a year in over 50 countries. And we don't just work in those countries—we call them home. EF team members live in nearly every one of our tour destinations, meaning we have the local knowledge to help keep our groups safe. That presence allows us to be there to support you on the ground wherever and whenever you need us.

24/7 emergency support

In the event that anything on tour goes wrong, EF staff is always available to help. Your Tour Director is your group's constant companion and first point of contact in an emergency. Additionally, our fully trained support teams are on hand 24/7 to walk teachers through any issues and provide the resources necessary to get things back on track. Our Safety and Incident Response Team—comprised of industry experts, healthcare experts, and even former FBI personnel—is ready to spring into action 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And when they aren't directly helping EF travelers, they're actively innovating on and shaping the new worldwide standards for cleanliness and safety.

Your team

This group is fully committed to your school's trip and the safety of every traveler.

Operations Safety & Incident Response Team – This team is strategically based in our Boston, Panama, Tokyo, and Zurich offices to accommodate for all time zones. Available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, they are trained to react quickly if travelers need help. The team uses a combination of extensive training, simulations, incident response planning, and previous experience to manage emergencies. As needed, they can facilitate additional support for groups on tour, solve operational issues, arrange assistance from outside specialists, and liaise with local and international authorities.

Emergency Services & Support Team – Our support team is available 24/7 to help resolve any issue, from a missed flight to a lost passport to more serious on-tour incidents. They also facilitate communication between travelers and families in the event of an emergency at home. The team is made up of highly trained and dedicated EF staff in our Boston and Denver offices who are equipped to solve problems and answer questions that may come up, even outside of regular business hours.

Tour Director – Assigned exclusively to your tour for the length of the stay at your destination, your Tour Director meets your group at the airport and travels with you until your departure. All Tour Directors undergo a background check as permissible by local law every two years and are required to participate in ongoing EF safety trainings. They're the first point of contact in an emergency and also communicate information to help travelers stay safe in a foreign destination. Tour Directors assist Group Leaders with hotel check-ins, coordinate meals, facilitate excursions with local guides, and much more. They're also culturally connected and expertly trained to support impactful learning experiences.

Tour Consultant – This itinerary expert is devoted to the growth of your students. They are your school's partner, working with you on everything from finding the perfect tour and enrolling students to offering fundraising advice and creating long-term travel programs for your school community. They work directly alongside the Group Leader (a.k.a. local teacher), right up until the moment of departure to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Traveler Support – Our team of support specialists are readily available to walk families through insurance inquiries, payment plans, food allergy issues, and any other topics that arise.

Chaperones – For every six travelers who enroll on your school's tour, your group is eligible to bring along a chaperone for free (the first spot goes to the Group Leader). This allows for a 6:1 ratio of students to chaperones, who assist Group Leaders with supervision of students to help keep them safe.

Protection for travelers, schools, and districts

We understand that unpredictable things can happen, either on tour or before departure. We offer a variety of protections, programs, and policies to make sure that, no matter what happens, travelers, schools, and districts are covered. We're doing everything we can to make planning for the future as flexible as possible.

General liability insurance

All Group Leaders, schools, and districts who travel with EF are automatically added as additional insureds under our **\$50 million General Liability Policy**, regardless of whether or not the tour is affiliated with the school. EF's liability coverage is primary and non-contributory for covered third-party claims. The policy helps safeguard Group Leaders and their schools for covered third-party claims related to bodily injury or property damage, which includes providing a legal defense and covering legal costs for such claims. In addition, all travelers are required to sign EF's Release and Agreement, which includes a release of liability of their Group Leader, school, and school board.

Flexibility to change tours

The world is always changing. And while our belief in the positive impact of travel is unwavering, it can feel hard to predict what life, here in the U.S. and abroad, will look like several months, a year, or even two years from now. When you decide to travel with EF, we want you to feel secure in that decision. That's why these benefits are built into every EF program.

Peace of Mind

Provided to all groups

We understand that plans can change due to unforeseen circumstances. EF provides this exclusive program to account for such situations. It provides groups with flexibility to change the dates and destination of their tours in uncertain times. This program accounts for such circumstances and can be enacted up to 45 days prior to departure at the group level for any reason, including terrorism or other world events.

COVID Care Promise

Provided to all groups

If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 while on tour, we will coordinate and facilitate support services and logistics including translation services, connections with local health care providers, communication with family, and flights home at no additional cost.

Protection for individual travelers

Travelers can help protect their investment and themselves from certain unexpected events and expenses while on tour with the Global Travel Protection Plan and Global Travel Protection Plan Plus.

Global Travel Protection Plan

Available to all travelers

Designed specifically with EF travelers in mind, this plan provides both pre-departure and post-departure benefits, including medical expense coverage that may apply on tour and tour cancellation for specified reasons.

Global Travel Protection Plan Plus

Available to all travelers

To further protect your investment from the unexpected, this plan provides all of the benefits included in the Global Travel Protection Plan as well as expanded cancellation protection.

Background checks for adult travelers

EF requires all adults (18 years and older) to pass a criminal background check before traveling on our student tours. This provides a safer tour experience for all travelers and aligns with the process and expectations of many school districts for adults who volunteer in schools or chaperone school activities. The secure process, provided by a leading professional provider, only identifies those individuals who could present a risk to student travelers while on tour.

Affordability

We believe every student should have the opportunity to travel. That's why we're dedicated to providing the lowest prices possible and giving travelers multiple resources for managing payments.

Tour Consultants work closely with teachers to build a tour that's exactly right for your students. Through discussions with your teacher, they take into account learning objectives, cost, timing considerations, and any other factors to craft a tour that's accessible to as many students as possible.

Resources for managing cost and payments

Automatic Payment Plan – Our recommended payment plan offers the ability to break the tour fee into smaller installments. With most tours planned well in advance, travelers can enroll for only \$95, then pay over a long period of time—often up to 18 months or two years—with final payment due 30 days before departure. Families make payments directly to EF, with no payments going through the school.

Donation pages – Each student has access to their own unique and customizable donation page. The easy-to-share page makes it simple for friends and family to contribute a little something that is automatically applied to the balance of the tour, with no fees whatsoever.

Global Citizen Scholarship Fund – EF Educational Tours provides \$100,000 worth of scholarships to students across the country every year. Any student is able to apply for the Global Citizen Scholarship, which is awarded on both a merit and need basis.

Risk-free enrollment period - New travelers who enroll by their Early Enrollment Discount Deadline can cancel for any reason up to 14 days after enrollment for a full refund of 100% of the money paid to EF. Travelers must pay in full or enroll in our Automatic Payment Plan at the time of program enrollment and must remain either paid in full or enrolled in our Automatic Payment Plan and in good financial standing at the time of cancellation to remain eligible. To be eligible, the traveler must enroll on a tour at least 110 days prior to the scheduled departure date.

Educational value

Our tours help prepare students for the future by teaching them more about the world, themselves, and the impact they can have on the world. Combining the power of experiential learning with the thrill of global travel, our tours help students:

- **Expand their knowledge of the world around them**
- **Grow more confident and independent**
- **Understand new people, places, and cultures**
- **Discover more about themselves**

To learn more about EF's educational philosophy, visit <https://www.eftours.com/our-story/educational-approach>

EF is an accredited institution

We echo your commitment to education. Our travel-based learning approach is designed to blend classroom and experiential learning. This allows us to meet the same rigorous standards as schools like yours, ensuring students gain valuable experiences that transform the way they look at the world.



Earning credit for new experiences

EF makes it easy for students to turn their tour experience into high school credit, college credit, or to get a head start on their college essays—all while making their travel experience even more engaging.

- **Students in grades 6 - 12 can earn .5 elective high school credit by successfully completing the final project as part of EF's Personalized Learning Guide. Tuition is free.**
- **Students in grades 9 - 12 can earn 3.0 undergraduate credits, along with the confidence that comes with taking a college course, by completing a series of assignments and a final research project with our partner, Southern New Hampshire University—all for just \$215.**
- **Educators traveling on student tours may earn up to 45 free hours toward relicensure OR 3 or 6 graduate level credits (\$285/\$450) through Southern New Hampshire University.**

Itinerary specifics - See Attached

For robust details, the complete itinerary is attached to this document. It includes specific locations, each day's activities, travel plans, and more.

Price of the proposed tour

The tour program price covers a wide range of services that ensure students have an incredible experience. It includes all the planning and preparation that leads up to departure, travel and accommodations, plus logistical support and details once the group reaches their destination.

Hotels

Every hotel we work with must meet our high standards for safety, quality, and cleanliness. Hotels are vetted by our team to make sure they meet our requirements and are subsequently inspected regularly to ensure they continue to satisfy those parameters. Please note that hotels abroad may have different amenities than travelers are accustomed to in the United States.

Hotels & accommodations on tour
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You'll spend most of your time on tour exploring and learning, but you should also know what to expect when you settle in for the night.

Hotels

A good night's sleep is important, so travelers can count on safe, clean and comfortable hotels with private bathrooms. And rest assured, we inspect every hotel personally.

Please keep in mind that groups may not all be roomed next to each other and may be on different floors. Some hotels may be located outside the city center.

Also, some common differences from North American hotels include:

Rooms are usually smaller and have multiple single and/or shared double beds (read more on rooming)

Rooms seldom have air conditioning or televisions

Not all hotels have elevators

WiFi may not always be available or only accessible in the lobby

Please note: If your tour involves a Greek cruise, you'll receive specific details about those accommodations later.

Overnight ferries

Overnight ferries are a fun and efficient way to travel from one destination to another. To ensure smooth sailing, there are a few important things to keep in mind:

Students will room 3-4 to a cabin. Adult travelers (age 20 and older) will share twin cabins with adult travelers based on the sex/gender identified on their passports (with the option to upgrade to a single cabin). If twin cabins are not available, adult travelers will room 3-4 to a cabin. Double beds are not available on overnight ferries.

Cabins are exclusive to EF travelers.

Basic cabin amenities include air conditioning and a private bathroom.

The services offered onboard vary by ship, but all ferries include a self-service restaurant, Internet access and shops.

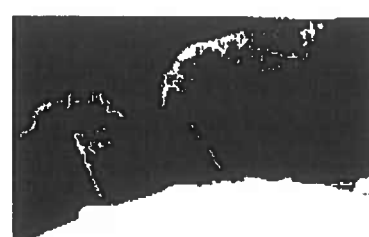
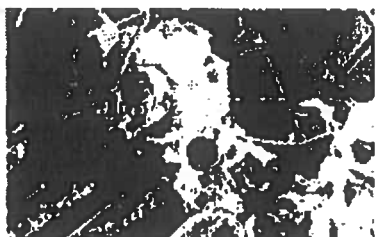
There is very limited luggage space on overnight ferries. With that in mind, please pack light if your tour includes an overnight ferry.

Sample meals

Meals are selected to establish a more immersive cultural experience and give students an idea of how locals eat. Below are some examples of local dishes travelers may try at the destination that your teacher has chosen, but please note that meals can vary from tour to tour.

On tour, breakfast generally is simple and will be at the hotel; it could be plated or buffet-style.

Lunch typically is your chance to make culinary discoveries of your own. Dinners will be a mix of familiar dishes and local specialties. All meals will be a mix of familiar dishes and local specialties all served from a pre-set group menu.



"I am now more confident than ever in the safety and experiences of my students after working with EF on this trip. As a leader, I am committed to ensuring a global mindset throughout my district and student/teacher travel."

Angela M., Administrator, Brunswick, ME

"I advocate for travel because the world is vast and diverse. If we want to truly understand our neighbors in other states or countries, we must reach out and meet them where they live. Travel provides a glimpse into another world that our students may have Googled or watched on a device, but living it with the smells, food, smiles, and various challenges teaches flexibility, tolerance, understanding, and empathy."

- Chuck C., Group Leader, Central, SC

From a single tour to a whole program

A single tour can open up endless possibilities for a small group of students. Our goal at EF is to bring that experience to as many students as possible, including the broadest collection of students at your school. By progressing from a single tour to a consistent travel program, you'll not only build a culture of exploration, but you'll provide the opportunity of travel to even more students. We can work directly with you and your staff to establish a framework for your travel program that's tailored specifically to your school's needs and goals.