

D-Day Meeting

April 2019

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and reminders
 2. Flight Itineraries and rough itinerary
 3. Travel to/from the Nashville airport (fees due at Bon Voyage meeting)
 4. International cell phone plan information
 5. Packing lists
 6. Tip money (due at Bon Voyage meeting)
 7. WeShare credit
 8. Group T-Shirts
- Optional Seine River Cruise Excursion
Student rooming preferences

Reminders:

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REMIND GROUP CODE: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE JOINED!

Text the code: @b2g6f3 to the number 81010

2. Flight Itineraries!

Departure: May 31, 2019

Flight 1: From Nashville to Detroit

Departs at 9:10am, lands in Detroit at 11:51 am

Delta Flight #2692

Layover in Detroit: from 11:51 am - 5:45 pm, EF is providing us each a meal stipend due to the long layover length

Flight 2: From Detroit to Munich

Departs Detroit at 5:45 pm, lands in Munich at 8:25 am on June 1

Delta Flight #0022

Travel from Germany to France: June 5, 2019

Flight 3: From Berlin to Paris (Orly)

Departs Berlin at 9:15 am, lands in Paris at 11:05 am

Easy Jet Flight #5533

Return: June 10, 2019

Flight 4: From Paris (De Gaulle) to Atlanta

Departs Paris (De Gaulle) at 3:40 pm, lands in Atlanta at 6:58 pm

Delta Flight #0085

Layover in Atlanta: From 6:58 pm - 9:45 pm

Must go through customs during this layover!

Flight 5: From Atlanta to Nashville

Departs Atlanta at 9:45 pm, lands in Nashville at 9:55 pm (arrival time back at BHS TBD)

Delta Flight #2699

3. Travel to/from Nashville airport

We will caravan/take a school bus to the Nashville airport on May 31. We will leave the BHS parking lot in front of the GOLD GYM AT 4:00 AM.

There is a (\$30) fee for transportation, payable by cash. This must be paid by all travelers, regardless of if you plan to take the bus or drive your personal vehicle, due to the high cost of operating the buses.

---STUDENTS MAY NOT DRIVE THEMSELVES TO THE AIRPORT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

---IF YOU TAKE A PERSONAL VEHICLE, YOU MUST PAY FOR AIRPORT PARKING YOURSELF (~ \$100)

4. International cell phone plan information

General tips before departure:

Check your settings and turn off any apps that refresh in the “background”

Plan to access wifi whenever possible - hotels, restaurants, etc! This will save data!

If you have an iphone, messaging on wifi (iMessage) is FREE (your texts are blue)

Try to hold off on posting to social media once you are on WiFi

Both Germany and France are covered under ATT & Verizon & T-Mobile plans

Handy apps to download PRIOR to departure: WhatsApp, Xe Currency Converter, GoogleTranslate

5. Packing Lists

A NOTE ON MONEY: You are responsible for your own spending money! If you plan on using a card, you MUST call your provider prior to departure and let them know you will be traveling to GERMANY and FRANCE. You may also want to contact your bank and pre-order local currencies so that you do not have to deal with exchanging USD upon arrival.

Remember the golden rule:

If you can't carry it yourself, DON'T BRING IT!

Weather in Germany/France:

High/Low of 71/54 in Germany in June

High/Low of 73/57 in France in June

Airline baggage restrictions:

- Delta: you can have ONE carry-on item (such as a backpack) and ONE carry-on “personal item.” Personal items = a purse or camera bag, laptop bag, etc.
- Delta: for those of you that wish to do ONLY carry-on, a good plan would be to carry on either a large backpack (like a hiking backpack or duffle bag) OR a small suitcase, AND a smaller “personal item” such as a purse or messenger bag (or EF backpack!).
- Delta: you get one free CHECKED luggage item. It cannot exceed 62 total inches (length + width + height). Weight is limited to 50lbs - please don't pack more than you can carry, and remember you'll be pulling your luggage around on cobblestones and up LOTS of stairs! Please attach luggage tags to assist in identifying your bag!
- Liquids/toiletries: You can bring liquids in your carry-on, but they can be no larger than 3.4oz/100ml. AND THEY ALL MUST FIT INTO A QUART SIZE ZIPLOC BAG!
- Razors: you CAN bring a razor in your carry-on, as long as it is a disposable razor. You cannot bring razor blades.

Packing list:

- **Carry-on luggage:**
 - **PASSPORT:** YOU will be responsible for keeping up with your passport during the trip.
 - **MONEY**

- One FULL change of clothes (including underwear) **in case your checked luggage gets lost!**
- Camera/phone and any chargers and adapters you'll need - you can charge in airports for free!
- Headphones or a book
- Neck pillow or sleep mask if you need one while on our overnight flight to Germany
- Travel-size toiletries - you will want these to freshen up before we hit the ground running in Munich upon arrival! Think deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, glasses/contacts, etc.
- Travel pack of baby wipes or toilet paper/tissue - many European public restrooms DO NOT have toilet paper.
- Enough medicine to get you through the travel days - if it's a prescription, it MUST be in a bottle labeled with YOUR name!
- **Checked luggage:**
 - 4-5 nicer casual shirts/blouses that can be mixed & matched with multiple bottoms
 - 3-4 t-shirts and 1-2 pair of shorts to sleep in
 - 3-4 pairs of nice casual shorts/jeans/skirts (please don't wear track shorts or leggings every day!)
 - 1 cardigan/sweater/light jacket
 - 2-3 pair of pants/khakis (please, no leggings!)
 - Enough socks/underwear for **11 days**
 - 1 rain jacket/travel umbrella
 - **Comfortable** walking shoes - Pro tip: wear the bulkier ones while flying and pack the lighter/smaller pair!
 - 1 swimsuit (only for if we have swimming pools at the hotels)
 - Any additional toiletries or products as needed - try to share hair dryers/straighteners!

Do's and Don'ts of Packing:

- DO try to re-wear items like pants & pajamas, DON'T worry if you wear the same shirt twice, no one will judge!
- DO bring any medication you'll need in your carry-on, DON'T put it into an unlabeled container!
- DO use ziploc bags or travel organizers and try to pack light, DON'T bring your entire closet! Less is more when YOU have to carry it!
- DO leave a little extra space in your checked luggage for souvenirs on the way home, DON'T max it out!

6. Tip Money

We are required to tip certain individuals while on tour. This breaks down as follows:

Tour director: \$60

Bus driver: \$30

Local tour guide: \$6

We will collect your tip money at the final Bon Voyage meeting. Please bring **CASH**.

8. WeShare Credit Options

See Ms. Carnell for more information

9. Group T-Shirts
Seine River Cruise Excursion
Student Rooming
Allergies/Medical

Please fill out the Google Survey that was sent via Remind.