



**To:** Dr. Charles Johns  
Board of Education

**From:** Dr. R.J. Gravel

**Date:** Monday, May 9, 2022

**Re:** Overnight Student Trip for Glenbrook North Choir and Theatre Paris Performance

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the overnight trip for Glenbrook North choir and theatre students to participate in a performance experience in Paris from Friday, March 24, 2023 through Friday, March 31, 2023.

**Background**

Board Policy 7230 authorizes student trips that offer valuable experiences for students outside the school district's boundaries. The policy was recently revised in February 2022 to define conditions and parameters based on the type of trip and the consideration process for all requests. The principal first approves all day and overnight trips, and any trip requiring an overnight stay must also be approved by the superintendent and the Board of Education.

Before being presented to the Board for consideration, the Associate Principal for Administrative Services works with the Business Services department to ensure that each trip proposal adheres to all conditions and parameters defined in Board Policy. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Classification of the trip;
- Determination of the approval process;
- Determination of financial responsibility and the process for collecting fees (if applicable);
- Travel insurance coverage (if applicable);
- Collection of a permission slip and verification of accident and health insurance coverage (if applicable);
- Lodging, meals, and transportation arrangements; and
- Registration requirements.

Earlier this month, we received a request from Fine Arts Instructional Supervisor Mr. Chad Davidson, requesting approval for choir and theatre students to participate in a performance experience in Paris, France from Friday, March 24, 2023 through Friday, March 31, 2023. During this experience, students will offer two concert performances, participate in a theatre workshop, visit several local attractions including The Louve, Notre Dame, Les Invalides, and the Eiffel Tower, and participate in guided excursions to Versailles and Chartes.

A detailed overview of the trip is provided in the attached materials. Additionally, a summary of the trip's conditions and parameters is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**Summary of Trip Conditions and Parameters**

Condition or Parameter	Summary
Number of Staff	4
Number of Students (estimate)	75
Trip Category	Other Trip: Connected with a regularly scheduled school-sponsored activity and a performance or exhibition displaying special talent by an individual or group of students (e.g., band, choir, etc.).
Classification of Trip	Overnight Trip
Approval of Trip	Principal, Superintendent, and Board of Education
Trip Insurance	Refundable or transferable credit required for lodging and transportation arrangements.
Verification of Accident and Health Insurance Coverage	Required
Source of Trip Funding	All Overnight Trips Over 400 Miles from the School District: The Board of Education does not cover any costs of the performance or exhibition experience.  Students will cover 100% of expenses, including those incurred for staff members traveling with students.
Fee Collection Method	All fees will be collected by the travel agency, WorldStrides.
Amount Paid by Each Student	\$3,843.00
Remaining Trip Costs Paid by District	\$0.00

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the overnight trip for Glenbrook North choir and theatre students to participate in a performance experience in Paris from Friday, March 24, 2023 through Friday, March 31, 2023. If there are any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Markey or me.



# Glenbrook North High School

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May 2, 2022

Mr. Markey,

Please consider this letter as a formal request to take registered GBN choir students and inducted Thespians in grades 9-12 on a performance and educational tour to Paris from Friday, March 24, 2023 – March 31, 2023. I've attached our preliminary tour proposal, including itinerary, from WorldStrides Educational Travel and Experiences (formerly BrightSpark Travel).

Highlights of this tour include two concert performances, entrance to several museums and other culturally significant sites, along with excursions to neighboring cities. The choral program at GBN has a 40+ year relationship with WorldStrides (formerly called Brightspark). In fact, the founder of WorldStrides was the very first president of the GBN Choral Parents Organization. This long standing relationship has always resulted in excellent service. Included in the cost of the tour are:

- 2 guaranteed concert performances
  - Given the timeline, it is currently impossible to determine the exact details of the performances to ensure the best performance experience. For all performances, Worldstrides works closely with each group to secure the perfect venue to meet their vision.
  - Potential Paris venues include (but not limited to): La Trinité, where Messiaen served as organist and where Hector Berlioz had his funeral, Saint-Étienne-du-Mont, The American Church in Paris, and the Église de la Madeleine, which is another of our most popular venues for attracting good audiences. Finally, the Église St-Roch regularly hosts concerts. It is an excellent venue for visiting choirs and has good facilities and very organized publicity.
  - Potential Chartres venues include churches, temples, museums and cultural centers, significant historic sights or exchange concerts with local schools, universities or community groups.
- Theatre workshop
- Ascent of the Eiffel Tower and Arc du Triomphe
- Seine River Cruise
- Chocolate Pastry Class
- Guided excursions to Versailles and Chartres
- Entrance to The Louvre, Notre Dame, and Les Invalides

**Glenbrook North High School is a learning community dedicated to students and committed to quality of thought, word, and deed.**

Additionally, all bus and air transportation, hotel stays (one student per bed), breakfast and dinner daily are included, and we'll have 2 tour guides at our service 24 hours a day. And, all students are eligible to receive 3 college credits by participating in this tour.

Although the costs associated with any trip of this scope are significant, we offer many fundraising opportunities throughout the years for students to defray the cost of the trip. Funds raised by individual students are kept in an account (managed by our Choral and Theatre Patrons Organization, an independent 501(c)3 organization) and may be used to pay for the tour. Our current proposal is \$3,843. This includes travel insurance, which guarantees a 75% refund if students cancel for any reason, and the ability to reschedule the tour if it is canceled due to Covid-19.

The breakdown of expenses is as follows:

### France Program Quote Breakdown

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

Program Fee	\$3,546.00
Airport Transfers	\$55.00
Night security	\$30.00
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$249.00
On-Tour Tipping	\$63.00
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Total Fee	\$3,843.00

Our contact person at WorldStrides:

#### ***Linda Hanaford***

Senior Concert Tours Representative  
Domestic and International programs  
855-451-4704  
lindaha@worldstrides.com  
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Thank you for your consideration,

Chad Davidson, Kelsey Nichols, Tim Broeker, and Julie Ann Hill



# Field Trip Request for Overnight Trips

Revised: January 2022

## Trip Description

Type of Field Trip:  Instructional  Student Activity / Co-Curricular

School:  Glenbrook North  Glenbrook South  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s): Chad Davidson, Tim Broeker, Julie Ann Robinson, Kelsey Nichols Extension: 2455

Activity / Class Name: All registered choir students (grades 9-12) and inducted Thespians (grades 9-12)

Description: Paris Tour - Spring Break 2023

Date(s) of Trip: March 24, 2023 - March 31, 2023

Number of Chaperones: 4 Number of Students: approx. 75

Names of Chaperones: Chad Davidson, Julie Ann Robinson, Tim Broeker, Kelsey Nichols

## Transportation Information

Departing from: GBN date: 3/24/23 at: TBD  AM  PM

Traveling to (complete address): O'Hare International Airport

Returning from (complete address): O'Hare International Airport date: 3/31/23 at: TBD  AM  PM

Returning to: GBN date: 3/31/23 at: TBD  AM  PM

Students released from class (indicate time or blocks): No school will be missed

Permission Slip Needed?  Yes  No Should the bus remain with the trip?  Yes  No

Car(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Bus(es): \_\_\_\_\_ D225 Van(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Information

Does this trip require money to be collected from students?  Yes  No

Begin Collection on: TBD End Collection on: TBD

Cost Per Student

Cost per Student\*: \$ 3,843 Can the Student Pay in Installments?  Yes  No

\* See attached cost allocation worksheet for additional expense detail.

### Accounting Details

Account Number: GBN:  10L200 4922 0000 20 000000  \_\_\_\_\_  
 GBS:  10L300 4922 0000 30 000000  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please write account number above.

**Approval**

Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/11/22  
Instructional Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/4/22  
or Assistant Principal\*: Clud Dacht  
Associate Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/11/22  
Lauren Bonner

\* Instructional field trips require the signature of an Instructional Supervisor; Student Activity field trips require the signature of the Assistant Principal.

**Superintendent and Board of Education Approval**

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5/2/2022  
Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For School Office Use*

Date Request Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Trip Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Bus Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date D225 Van Reserved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost of Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Request Sent to Business \_\_\_\_\_ GBN:  gbnfeesetup@glenbrook225.org Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Services Department: \_\_\_\_\_ GBS:  gbsfeesetup@glenbrook225.org

*For Business Services Department Use*

Fee Setup Activities:  Master Fee Roster  PowerSchool  e-Funds for Schools  F/R Setup  
 Notice to Bookstore, Faculty Sponsor, and Administrative Assistant



Printable options: [Basic Itinerary \(?p=1&tourCenterCode=Glenbrooknorth-2110&view=basic\)](#) | **Detailed Itinerary**



## Glenbrook North Choir & Theatre - Performing in France

### GROUP INFORMATION



**Trip ID:**  
Glenbrooknorth-2110

**Departing From:**  
Chicago (CHI)

**Departing:**  
March 24, 2023

**Returning:**  
March 31, 2023

**Sign Up Deadline**  
April 29, 2022

**Total Fee: \$3,843.00**

### Program Quote Breakdown

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

Program Fee:	\$3,546.00
Airport Transfers	\$55.00
Night Security	\$30.00
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$249.00
On-Tour Tipping	\$63.00

**Total Fee \$3,843.00**

### PROGRAM ITINERARY (DETAILED)

#### Day 1 Start tour

#### Day 2 Bonjour Paris

Meet your tour director and check into hotel  
Paris city walk  
Île de la Cité, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Île St. Louis, Latin Quarter visit

*Details: Paris city walk*

This city was made for walking. Stroll grand boulevards with sweeping views of the city, pristine parks with trees planted in perfect rows, and narrow streets crowded with vendors selling flowers, pastries and cheese. Then head to the Île de la Cité, a small island in the Seine, to see Notre Dame Cathedral. Please note Notre Dame Cathedral is currently closed due to fire damage.

*Details: Notre-Dame Cathedral*

View the Notre-Dame Cathedral. Work began in 1163 on a spot that had been a holy shrine since Roman times. Over the centuries, the cathedral has been the scene of some of France's most momentous occasions, including the coronation of Napoleon.

#### Day 3 Paris



Workshop and theatre performance en français  
 Louvre guided visit  
 Montmartre & Sacre Coeur night walking tour

10-14 Travelers \$855  
 15-19 Travelers \$492  
 20-24 Travelers \$294  
 25-29 Travelers \$173  
 30-34 Travelers \$94  
 35-39 Travelers \$31  
**40+ Travelers \$0**

*Details: Workshop and theatre performance en français*

Take part in a fun theatre workshop in English that includes oral expression games, icebreakers and improvisation lessons with a professional bilingual actor, your group will quickly start directing and performing small scenes in front of their classmates. After class, enjoy a play or musical performance en français in a prestigious Parisian theatre. Don't worry, those not quite fluent enough, English surtitles running above stage will allow you to follow the play with ease

*Details: Louvre guided visit*

The world's largest art museum, the Louvre is housed in a medieval fortress-turned-castle so grand it's worth a tour itself. You walk through the 71-foot glass pyramid designed by I.M. Pei and added in 1989, and step into another world-one with carved ceilings, deep-set windows, and so many architectural details, you could spend a week just admiring the rooms. But check out the art on the walls. The Mona Lisa is here, as well as the Venus de Milo and Winged Victory (the headless statue, circa 200 BC, discovered at Samothrace). The Louvre has seven different departments of paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures and antiquities. Don't miss the Egyptian collection, complete with creepy sarcophagi, or the collection of Greek ceramics, one of the largest in the world. (Please note the Louvre is closed on Tuesdays.)

*Details: Montmartre & Sacre Coeur night walking tour*

A bohemian hub during the Belle Epoque era, Paris' Montmartre neighborhood is crowned by the Basilica du Sacre-Coeur. Explore one of Paris' most historic districts while you experience one of the best views of Paris from the Basilica du Sacre-Coeur.

**PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip airfare and other transportation described in the itinerary
- Traveler Assistance, Medical Insurance & Travel Insurance
- Three college credits upon completion of on-line course (grades 9-12 eligible)
- Centrally located three- and four-star hotels
- Plentiful daily breakfast to start the day energized and ready to go
- Appetizing, culturally representative, three-course dinner daily
- Full time, multilingual, WorldStrides tour director who is LEAP-trained in experiential education
- Local guide at sites and on city tours as described in the itinerary
- Local guide and local bus driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- LEAP! Learning through Exploration and Active Participation; trademarked immersive approach of learning by doing

**Day 4 Paris**

Garnier Opera House guided tour  
 Eiffel Tower ascent  
 Paris choir performance

*Details: Garnier Opera House guided tour*

The Opéra Garnier is an immense and opulent opera house with a 6 ton central chandelier, a vast Grand Foyer and a stage that can hold up to 450 artists. Tour this impressive building and learn all about its Napoleon III style, the subterranean lake that was found beneath the building and the unusual and mysterious factors that inspired the writing of the 1909 gothic novel "The Phantom of the Opera".

*Details: Eiffel Tower ascent*

Line up to climb to the top floor of this iconic landmark for a spectacular birds-eye view of the glittering City of Light.

*Details: Paris choir performance*

Potential venues include (but not limited to): La Trinité, where Messiaen served as organist and where Hector Berlioz had his funeral, Saint-Étienne-du-Mont, The American Church in Paris, and the Église de la Madeleine, which is another of our most popular venues for attracting good audiences. Finally, the Église St-Roch regularly hosts concerts. It is an excellent venue for visiting choirs and has good facilities and very organized publicity.

### **Day 5 Paris**

Arc de Triomphe ascent  
Chocolate pastry class  
Seine River cruise

*Details: Arc de Triomphe ascent*

Climb to the top of this triumphal arc, which honors all of the soldiers who fought for France during the Napoleonic Wars, for a breathtaking view of Paris.

*Details: Chocolate pastry class*

Learn all about the delicate and delicious art of chocolate pastry-making. Participate in this 2.5 hour cooking class where you will make pastries like éclair, moelleux and mendiante au chocolat.

*Details: Seine River cruise*

See the city from the water on an hour-long cruise along the River Seine. The Seine cuts right through Paris, dividing the city in half. See the Eiffel tower rising up on the Left Bank, the walls of the Louvre on the Right Bank. A guide will point out other monuments and architectural marvels as you pass, many of which are illuminated by clear white light at night.

### **Day 6 Paris**

Les Invalides and Napoleon's Tomb visit  
Versailles guided excursion  
State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, Gardens of Versailles

*Details: Les Invalides and Napoleon's Tomb visit*

Explore this immense complex of museums and monuments, all relating to the military history of France, as well as the burial site of some of France's greatest war heroes, including the infamous Napoleon Bonaparte.

*Details: Versailles guided excursion*

The ultimate palace, Versailles was built by Louis XIV, and housed the royal family and its groveling court from 1682, when the Sun King moved in, to the French Revolution. Everything in Versailles is worth a look, from the 250-foot-long Hall of Mirrors, with themed salons- "war" and "peace" -on either side, to Marie Antoinette's faux country hamlet. When being a queen became too much to bear, she would pretend to be a commoner, tending her sheep and wearing peasant clothes. (Please note Versailles is closed on Mondays.)

### **Day 7 Paris**

Chartres excursion

Chartres city walk, Chartres Cathedral visit, Chartres choir performance

*Details: Chartres excursion*

The city of Chartres, lying near the border of the Loire Valley, was one of the first urban conservation sites in France. With its half-timbered houses, cobbled streets, and stone bridges, the venture has successfully retained the town's unique charms.

*Details: Chartres city walk*

Enjoy a walking tour with your Tour Director through the Vieux Quartier (Old Town), exquisitely representing Medieval France with its cobblestone streets, graceful bridges, and gabled houses.

*Details: Chartres Cathedral visit*

Built on an ancient worshipping ground to house a piece of the Virgin Mary's veil (which is still on display), this 13th-century Gothic church is best known for its windows. With over 20,000 square feet of stained glass, visiting Chartres can be like walking around inside a large jewel. But don't spend all your time looking up—on the floor is the only surviving medieval labyrinth. The faithful travel the winding 300-yard path on their knees to reach the image of paradise at the centre. Ouch.

*Details: Chartres choir performance*

Choirs often enjoy performances at churches (some have restricted sacred repertoire and others allow secular,) temples, museums and cultural centers, significant historic sights or exchange concerts with local schools, universities or community groups. Participating in a choral or cultural festival can also be a rewarding experience. For all performances we work closely with each group to ensure the perfect venue to meet their vision. Speak with your Worldstrides representative about what options would be best for your group.

**Day 8 End tour**

# Travel Protection & Insurance Cheat Sheet

<b>WorldStrides Intl Insurance &amp; Travel Protection Plans</b>	<b>Embedded WS Insurance</b>	<b>CPP (no longer being offered)</b>	<b>Travel Protection Plan</b>	<b>Ultimate Protection Plan</b>
	Included for all Pax	\$25/day	\$149 flat rate	\$249 flat rate
	Plan: F369W		Plan: UF380H	Plan: UF380H
Plan Coverage	<a href="https://www.tripmate.com/wpF369W">https://www.tripmate.com/wpF369W</a>	<a href="https://worldstrides.com/terms-conditions-high-school/">https://worldstrides.com/terms-conditions-high-school/</a>	<a href="https://www.tripmate.com/wpUF380H">https://www.tripmate.com/wpUF380H</a>	<a href="https://www.tripmate.com/wpUF380H">https://www.tripmate.com/wpUF380H</a>
Accident Injury Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$57,500	\$57,500
Sickness Medical Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$57,500	\$57,500
Dental Accident Expense	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Medical Evac & Repatriation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Accidental Death/Dismemberment	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Travel Delay	None	None	\$150/day (up to \$750)	\$150/day (up to \$750)
Baggage, Personal Effects	None	None	\$3,000	\$3,000
Baggage Delay	None	None	\$300/24 hrs	\$300/24 hrs
Trip Interruption for Covered Reason	None	None	Reimbursement of missed activities or cost to rejoin tour	Reimbursement of missed activities or cost to rejoin tour
Cancellation for Covered Reason	Standard Cancellation Fees	Reimbursement of \$300 of Standard Cancellation Fees	Full Refund of Cancellation Fees	Full Refund of Cancellation Fees
Cancellation for ANY Reason (non-covered)	Standard Cancellation Fees	Cancellation fee is replaced by voucher of up to \$1500	Standard Cancellation Fees	Refund of 75% of Cancellation Fees up to 2 DPD



# Travel Protection & Insurance Cheat Sheet

Explorica Insurance & Travel Protection	Travel Protection Plan	Travel Protection Plus
	\$12/day (max \$180)	\$18/day (max \$270)
	Plan: A433E before 5/1/19 and UF433E after this date	Plan: A433E before 5/1/19 and UF433E after this date
Accident Injury Expense	\$50,000	
Sickness Medical Expense	\$50,000	
Dental Accident Expense	\$750	
Medical Evac & Repatriation	\$50,000	
Accidental Death/Dismemberment	\$25,000	
Travel Delay	\$150/day (up to \$750)	
Baggage, Personal Effects	\$3,000	
Baggage Delay	\$300/24 hrs	
Trip Interruption for Covered Reason	Reimbursement of missed activities or cost to rejoin tour	
Cancellation for Covered Reason	Full Refund of Cancellation Fees	
<b>Cancellation for ANY Reason (non-covered)</b>	Standard Cancellation Fees	Refund of 75% of Cancellation Fees up to 30 DPD
<b>Cancel fee if Covid Policy is applied to group</b>	\$399	Cost of CFAR plan premium + \$75





## **WorldStrides TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN BENEFITS**

The following benefits apply to both of WorldStrides comprehensive Travel Protection Plans:

### **TRIP CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION**

If you have to cancel or interrupt your WorldStrides trip prior to departure, or cancel due to an interruption during your WorldStrides trip for a covered injury, sickness, or death (your own or that of a traveling companion or a family member) or for other covered reasons such as: cancellation of arrangements by an airline due to strike or bad weather; a documented theft of passports or visas; or a terrorist incident which occurs in a city which is listed on the itinerary of your trip and within 30 days prior to your scheduled departure date for your trip, as defined, you will be reimbursed up to the trip cost for the unused, non-refundable land or water arrangements and the additional transport charges paid to return home or to rejoin your trip (limited to economy one-way airfare, or first class if your original tickets were first class).

### **TRAVEL DELAY**

Reimburses up to \$150 per day (maximum of \$750) for reasonable accommodation and traveling expenses until travel becomes possible if you are delayed for 12 hours or more due to a covered reason such as a common carrier delay; injury, sickness, or death of you or your traveling companion; quarantine; loss of passport, travel documents, or money; or natural disaster.

### **MEDICAL EXPENSE/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

Provides reimbursement up to \$57,500 for reasonable and customary medical expenses incurred while on your trip; emergency dental treatment received during your trip, up to \$750; the costs for emergency transport to home or an appropriate hospital, including escort expense (both, if deemed necessary by the attending physician), for a covered injury or sickness which occurs while on your trip; or the cost of homeward carriage if deceased, up to \$100,000.

### **BAGGAGE & PERSONAL EFFECTS**

Coverage up to \$3,000 for direct physical loss or damage to your baggage, passports, or visas while on your trip. A \$600 maximum limit applies to jewelry, gems, watches, cameras and camera equipment, and furs; a \$1,500 per article limit applies to all other items. If, while on your trip, your baggage is delayed for more than 24 hours, we will reimburse you up to \$300 for the purchase of necessary additional clothing and personal articles.

### **ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT**

Benefit of \$35,000 paid if loss occurs within 180 days of a covered Injury that occurs while on your WorldStrides Trip.

### **CONDITIONS & LIMITATIONS**

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the "Description of Coverage" brochure. For example, coverage does not apply to: any sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this

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exclusion is waived if your premium is received at or before final payment for your Trip), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Unforeseen events, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather or unannounced Strike that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours, a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster within 10 days of departure; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment; involuntary job termination (must be employed with same employer for 1 year); a politically motivated Terrorist Attack occurs within the territorial limits of the City listed on Your itinerary (within 30 days of Your departure). The Terrorist Attack must occur after the Effective Date of Your Trip Cancellation coverage; or revocation of military leave.

A “Description of Coverage” which provides complete details of the plan, including conditions, exclusions, and limitations, is available to you on our website terms and conditions or is available to you at any time by request.

**For the Description of Coverage online, you can view the policy details at <http://www.tripmate.com/wpuf380h>.**

**Note:** The plan exclusion for pre-existing conditions is waived if you purchase the plan within 14 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip. This plan may not be purchased after you have made final payment for your trip.

### ***What's the difference between the Travel Protection Plan and the Ultimate Travel Protection Plan?***

Along with providing you the same benefits as our standard Travel Protection Plan (including cancellation for a covered reason, trip delay and interruption, enhanced medical, and more), the Ultimate Travel Protection Plan Plus also includes a Cancel For Any Reason benefit.

If you cancel your trip for any reason not otherwise covered by this policy, we will reimburse you for 75% of the non-refundable cancellation fees which apply to your trip, provided payment for this plan is received by WorldStrides within 14 days of your initial deposit/payment of your trip and the participant cancels 48 hours (2 days) or more before your scheduled trip departure date.

RE: Academic Credit

In the document below, there is a description of the Academic Credit offered by WorldStrides Education Travel & Experiences. For the Choir & Theatre Paris Tour 2023, only the College Credit option will be offered to participating students.





## Earn Academic Credit – International

Students! You can register for **Discovery for Credit** coursework before, during, or after the travel portion of the program. Courses consist of the travel portion of the program combined with an online course. Most assignments are designed to be completed after travel, since they ask that you incorporate much of what you learned during the field experience. We encourage you to log on before travel, if time permits, to get a feel for the course and explore its components. There is a 6-month deadline from the return date of travel to complete all online assignments.

Upon successful completion and the processing of credits, a transcript may be ordered directly from WorldStrides or George Mason University. Transcripts can be submitted to school registrars for consideration or attached separately to college applications or résumés. Students and educators should check with receiving institutions with regard to credit transfer policies.

WorldStrides holds accreditation through multiple regional agencies, including both corporate-level and school-level accreditation through Cognia (formerly AdvancED). This enables our traveling students to earn academic credit in conjunction with travel programs.

## Types of Academic Credit

### High School Credit

Students who are in grades 6-12 at the time of travel on WorldStrides programs are eligible to enroll in courses to earn high school credit at no additional cost. Courses vary in theme, content, and length based on the travel destination. For in-depth descriptions of courses applicable to your program and to register, go to your MyTrip page and click on the Academic Credit banner.

### College Credit

Students who are in grades 9-12 at the time of travel on WorldStrides programs are eligible to enroll in courses to earn college credit in conjunction with our university partnership with George Mason University at no additional cost. Courses vary in theme, content, and length based on the travel destination. For in-depth descriptions of courses applicable to your program and to register, go to your MyTrip page and click on the Academic Credit banner.



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## Available Courses

Our experience working with successful students in our courses informs our recommendation for choosing the course level that's best for you. These guidelines are quite flexible!

- Global Perspectives 0.5 credit high school
  - Global Perspectives 1 CR college
  - Global Perspectives 3 CR college
- Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade are likely going to enjoy and be successful in the high school course.
- Students in 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade are likely going to need to weigh their comfort working in a self-paced environment and choose between high school credit or the 1-credit college course.
- Students in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are likely going to need to weigh the amount of time they can dedicate to their online studies and their experience with advanced coursework as they choose between the 1-credit and the 3-credit college courses.

## How to Register

1. Visit your MyTrip page
2. Click the Academic Credit banner
3. Select your course
4. If you have questions, please email us at [discovery@worldstrides.com](mailto:discovery@worldstrides.com).

