

February 1st, 2021

Dear Europe Trip Travelers and Parents:

I hope you all have been staying healthy and positive during this crazy school year. It was with great hope that we would be able to travel this summer. However, within the last few days, RUSD has banned all travel abroad for the summer of 2021. Yes, this is unfortunate, however the trip is only postponed to the summer of 2022. I, along with Mrs. Ludvigsen (group leader from Park High School), are committed to our trip and want to give our travellers an experience they will never forget. We had hoped that travel wouldn't be an issue. With the uncertainties of the effects of COVID-19, we could not guarantee your traveler would receive the trip that you purchased. Even with the safety protocols EF Tours has in place, it simply is not safe to travel which is why RUSD is not allowing it. It is best to look ahead to the summer of 2022.

For our travelers, even the graduating seniors, postponing means that they have to wait a year to travel. Payments would be spread out over the course of the next year. If you have not taken care of getting a passport, you can wait until January of 2022. It also means that we, hopefully, will be able to do group fundraising to deflate costs like the tipping expenses, the bus to O'Hare, and T-shirts. You have options if the summer of 2022 does not fit into your schedule. Graduating seniors, you have options as well.

EF has enhanced their Peace of Mind Program to provide extra flexibility in light of the COVID pandemic. This means we will have the ability to adjust our tour as we get closer if needed. If as an individual you decide to withdraw yourself from the trip, then you do have the following two options to choose from at any time up until 45 days prior to departure under their COVID Peace of Mind Program:

- Receive an [electronic Future Travel Voucher](#) for all monies paid from EF.
 - This voucher is eligible for a variety of trips through EF (Graduating Senior Trips, Adult Travel, College Study, etc.) and is also fully transferable to family members, or to another family in the community, should you want to sell it for another traveler to join the trip.
 - The voucher does not expire until Sept. 30, 2023
- If EF's future travel voucher does not work for you, you may request a cash refund of all the monies you paid less \$500.

However, I do encourage you to wait to see how things develop as we get closer to tour if possible! If you are curious about the updates, you can review the program here: [Click here](#)

I have created a google classroom for travellers and parents to join so that there can be direct communication. Please join the google classroom room through clicking on the link or typing <https://tinyurl.com/y2ud55dx> . I also would like all travellers to join the Remind app by texting @8cgdb6 to 81010. Please use your first and last name in order for me to accept your join request.

We will be meeting as a group virtually on **Monday, February 15th at 6:30pm**. Use the google classroom link to enter the meeting. Invites for the meeting will also be sent out closer to the date. It is best for all travellers and parents to attend the meeting, but I understand that schedules may not permit it hence the meeting will be recorded. I will go over the options provided by EF Tours to the best of my ability. Should you have questions I cannot address, it is best to contact **Traveler's Support at 1-800-665-5364**. I will have a google form available for individual questions so as to respect your time.

I know this was not the plan, but we will travel as a group. Now, there is more time to get the travelers together when it is safe to do so.

Should you have any questions at all, please let me know!

Sincerely,

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