



SHS Senior Trip Proposal

Introduction

In partnership with Education First, Sanford High School would like to introduce an annual senior trip opportunity that begins with the **Class of 2023**. This trip would take place annually during February Vacation, when most teams and extracurriculars are out of session, to maximize student availability.

Trip Highlights/Overview:

- *Proposed 2023 Travel Dates: Saturday, February 18 - Sunday, February 26*
- An 8-day European excursion accompanied by certified EF tour guide(s)
- All expenses are covered (hotels, round-trip airfare and on-tour transportation, daily tours/activities with Tour Guide, breakfast and dinner) except for lunch
- Students are encouraged to sign up for an automatic payment plan to help with costs
- Fundraising opportunities available (for example, to raise money for buses to take groups to and from the airport or to buy group t-shirts)
- Student-Teacher Ratio: 6:1

Why Education First?

For over 50 years, Education First (EF) has led the educational travel industry, proudly partnering with schools and educators to transform the way students look at the world and themselves. Their global presence, focus on safety, and stability in times like these are some of the main reasons why schools and parents choose EF and why they are the world leader in international education.

As an education company, EF provides a wide range of immersive, experiential educational opportunities under the same umbrella. EF helps 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.

Some of what EF has to offer:

Safety and experience: 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 EF is accessible wherever and whenever we need them.

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: EF's unmatched global presence and longstanding relationships with airlines and hotels ensure that students will always get 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.



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Peace of Mind Program - 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 Peace of Mind

Provided to all groups

In addition to our standard Peace of Mind Program, EF provides an exclusive COVID-19 Peace of Mind Program to account for situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is automatically included for all travelers and can be enacted up to 45 days prior to departure at the group level, while specific options can be implemented at the individual level.

COVID Care Promise

Provided to all groups

If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 while on tour, EF 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.

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.

Automatic Payment Plan

EF's 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.