

September 2018

RE: WHS Trip to France

Dear Parents and Guardians of students currently enrolled in HS French,

As you may know, for the past two years Weston High School partnered with Joel Barlow H.S. to host a group of students from a private French school, Cours Saint Charles. It was a tremendous success, and a number of our students continue to stay in touch with the students who stayed at their homes.

This year, we will have the opportunity to travel to Orléans to visit our partner school. The travel is arranged through Prométour, a well-known group travel agency. This year, the trip will occur February 14 through February 23, 2019. The total cost of the trip, including most meals and transportation to and from the airport, will be approximately \$2,880.

The itinerary is as follows:

ORLEANS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Joel Barlow High School and Weston High School will organize the program in Orleans. Meals, activities and associated transportation costs are not included in your Prométour cost (unless otherwise mentioned).

Lycée Saint Charles
31 Avenue Saint Fiacre, 45100 Orleans
Tel: 011 33 2 38 51 98 00
www.stcharles-orleans.com

We have at least twelve spots available for the trip, possibly more depending on the ability of Cours St. Charles to host a larger number of students. Priority will be given to juniors and seniors, but sophomores are welcome as well, especially those who hosted students from France last year.

In addition, any families who do not want to participate in the trip abroad, but are eager to provide an authentic French experience for their children, are urged to volunteer to host a student. The dates for the Cours St Charles student visit have not yet been released, but further information will be provided as that information becomes available.

There will be an informational meeting on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the library for all those interested in travelling to France. I look forward to sharing more details about the trip during that meeting.

Regards,
Laura Del Savio

September 8, 2017

Proposed Exchange to Orléans, France
Fact Sheet
FEBRUARY 14-23, 2019

Overview: Immersion Partial Homestay with French students who visited Barlow in April with excursion to Paris

Dates: Thursday, February 14* - Saturday, February 23, 2019
**Evening Departure*
**4 days of school missed*

Cost: \$2,880 (Approximate)
Includes: Transportation to & from JFK Airport, Roundtrip Airfare, Ground Transportation in France, Guide Services, One-day trip, 3-night stay in Paris with Hotel and Meals

Chaperones: Laura Del Savio + 1 TBD

Max # of Students: 24

Student-Teacher Ratio: 8:1

Target Audience: All French students at WHS



WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Weston, Connecticut

INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Date: 9/2018

APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP TO FRANCE

Weston High School is proposing a joint exchange trip with Joel Barlow High School. Joel Barlow H.S. has been running this exchange program with the Cours St Charles School in Orléans, France, for the past 13 years. During that time, they have established a strong relationship with the teachers there, and have an established exchange. This exchange provides time for our students to spend immersed in family life in France. They will attend a French school, affording them the opportunity to learn a great deal about the educational differences between the U.S. and France. Additionally, the trip allows time for students to travel and see several of the famous monuments and museums they have learned about in class.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE OR RATIONALE FOR THE TRIP:

Students will have the opportunity to stay with host families, helping them learn about French family life. They will attend school with their host student to learn about how French school life is different from American school life. And, in addition, cultural visits will allow them to see some of the sites they have learned about in class.

DATES: Depart Thursday, February 14, return Saturday, February 23, 2019

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: Approximately 12 students, grades 10-12. Trip will be open to all students. Preference will be given to students in grades 11 and 12, and to those who hosted students in the 2017-2018 school year.

CHAPERONES: Laura Del Savio and TBD. Other Adults: Edouard Smith – Barlow HS

COST ESTIMATE PER PERSON: Based on participation from Joel Barlow and WHS combined.

20 to 23 participants: **2,900 USD**

18 to 19 participants: **2,920 USD**

16 to 17 participants: **3,020 USD**

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Air France

14-Feb-2019

AF1840 JFK – New York City CDG – Paris 18:40 08:10 (next day arrival)

23-Feb-2019

AF10 CDG – Paris JFK – New York City 16:10 18:55

PRICE INCLUDES

PROMETOUR PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM

Student Group Insurance Program covering group dates of travel

Coverage includes:

Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Delay

Cancel for Any Reason up to 75% of prepaid, forfeited, non-refundable payments or deposits

Baggage & Personal Effects; Damage Loss & Delay

Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses

Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation

24 hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment

Travel Assistance & Concierge

Roundtrip airfare* NYC / PARIS / NYC

Bus Transfer: Orleans / Paris Hotel

Bus Transfer - Paris Hotel / Airport

CHARTRES EXCURSION: Full day bus service with Paris Airport pick-up (8 hours), Guided visit of Chartres

Cathedral, Service of a dynamic bilingual French Tour Director

AMBOISE EXCURSION: Full day bus service (8 hours), Guided visit of Château Amboise, Entrance to Clos Lucé

PARIS: 3 nights' accommodation at well-located hotel (3-star standard, 3 per room, single beds not guaranteed), 3

Breakfasts / 1 Snack / 3 Dinners (group menu with 1 non-alcoholic beverage + vegetarian option), Public transportation tickets as required by the daily program, Service of a dynamic bilingual French Tour Director, All aforementioned activities, tours and admissions

Applicable service fees, taxes and FICAV** contribution

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airline baggage charges according to their policies
- Meals that are not indicated in the daily program
- Tips – these are standard guidelines
- Tour Director: € 3 EUR per day, per person
- Bus Drivers: € 1 EUR per day, per person
- Personal spending money
- Associated costs for the Orleans Exchange Program (to be organized by the schools)
- Any applicable processing fees (\$25 pp)

NOTES

* AIRLINE FUEL SURCHARGE(already included in these prices): Airlines have the legal right to impose fuel surcharges to tickets even after bookings have been made. Departure taxes and airline fuel surcharges at time of this quote = \$645

EXCHANGE RATE: Prometour has quoted this package at an exchange of 1 EUR = 1.13 USD

ORLEANS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Joel Barlow High School & Weston High School

February 14 - 23, 2019

10 DAYS

Thursday 14-Feb-2019

Board your transatlantic flight from New York and fly through the night to **France**

Friday 15-Feb-2019

Bienvenue en France! Meet your **French Prometour Tour Director** upon arrival at the airport

Transfer to your hotel to drop off your luggage, check-in will be later

While in Paris, travel as the locals do by walking or taking public transportation

Enjoy a delicious **Pain au Chocolat** and a **Cafe au Lait**

With your Tour Director explore the always exciting **Quartier Latin**

Have lunch on your own

Enter the **Pantheon**, its facade is modeled after the Pantheon in Rome

Discover **Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris** and admire its rose window & French

Gothic architecture, it's as impressive inside as it is outside

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant

Overnight accommodation in Paris

Saturday 16-Feb-2019

Breakfast at the hotel with your group

Explore **Musée d'Orsay** which was originally a railway station, and discover a collection of French art from the 19th and 20th centuries that includes paintings, sculptures, and literature (audio guide)

Have some free time for some shopping at the **Galleries Lafayette**, be sure to look up, the ceiling is spectacular

Have lunch on your own Discover **Opera Garnier**, probably the most famous Opera house in the world, and known to be the inspiration for Leroux's "The Phantom of the Opera"

Explore Paris with your Prometour Tour Director; see **Place de la Concorde**, stroll along the **Champs-Elysees**, considered the most beautiful avenue in the world, and admire several French monuments including the **Arc de Triomphe** and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Discover **Quartier Montmartre**, known as "la Butte" and make sure to enter the **Sacre Coeur Basilica**

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant

Overnight accommodation in Paris

Sunday 17-Feb-2019

Breakfast at the hotel with your group

Explore the **Musée du Louvre**; learn about some of the great European artists and see their masterpieces including **Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa** and the Venus De Milo (audio guide)

Spend time in the **Jardins des Tuileries**, a wonderful place to watch Parisians go about their day

Have lunch on your own

Admire the architecture of Paris as you cruise along the River Seine on board a **Bateau Mouche**

Get a bird's eye view of Paris from the observation platforms of the **Eiffel Tower** (3rd floor access is included but subject to availability)

Have dinner with your group in a local restaurant

DAY 1 : NEW YORK CITY – PARIS

DAY 2 : PARIS

DAY 3 : PARIS

DAY 4 : PARIS

Metro de Paris _
Galerie Lafayette _
Louvre Museum _
Overnight accommodation in Paris

Monday 18-Feb-2019

Breakfast at the hotel with your group
Say a fond Au revoir to your French Prometour Tour Director and continue on with your trip
Transfer by motorcoach to your French school Orleans
Your host families will welcome you at the school and take you to their home to settle in
Get to know your host family over dinner followed by overnight accommodation
Meals, activities & associated transportation costs are not included in your Prometour cost (unless otherwise mentioned)
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Tuesday 19-Feb-2019

Wednesday 20-Feb-2019

Breakfast with your host family
Spend the day with your host family
Dinner and overnight accommodation with your host family

Thursday 21-Feb-2019

Breakfast with your host family
Board your motor coach and travel to **Chartres**
Follow your local guide on a **walking tour of Chartres** including the **Cathedral**; a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Cathedral is a still place of historical and religious significance for Christian pilgrims
Have lunch on your own
Free time to explore the local shops of Chartres, there is always something to look at while in this charming town
Board your motor coach and return to **Orleans**
Return to your host families for dinner and overnight accommodation

Friday 22-Feb-2019

DAY 5 : PARIS – ORLEANS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

DAY 6 & DAY 7: ORLEANS HOST FAMILY

DAY 8 : EXCURSION: CHARTRES

DAY 9 : EXCURSION: LOIRE VALLEY

Breakfast with your host family

Meet your local guide for today's Loire Valley Excursion
Board your motor coach and travel to **Chambord**
Enter the royal **Château de Chambord**, one of the most recognizable châteaux in the world due to its very distinctive French Renaissance architecture (non-guided)
Board your motor coach and continue on to **Amboise**, a small market town
Enjoy some leisure time to explore the charming town of Amboise
Have lunch on your own
Enjoy a guided visit of the gothic **Château d'Amboise**, a favorite residence of several French Kings
Board your motor coach and return to **Orleans**
Return to your host families for dinner and overnight accommodation

Saturday 23-Feb-2019

Breakfast with your host family
Say a fond goodbye & thank you to your host families; be sure to take lots of photos to show back home
Board your motor coach and travel to **Paris**
A Prometour Representative will meet you at the airport to assist with check-in
Board your transatlantic flight from Paris and fly back to New York

DAY 10 : ORLEANS - PARIS - NEW YORK CITY

SUPPLEMENTS

Adult Insurance Premium \$10 per day, per person
Adult Activity Supplement \$10 per day, per person
Twin Room Supplement \$40 per night, per person
Single Room Supplement \$80 per night, per person

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$ 500 pp 30-Sep-2018
\$ 1200 pp 20-Oct-2018
Balance 20-Nov-2018 (based on final group size)
Monthly installments available at time of online Registration

PRICE INCLUDES

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Baggage & Personal Effects; Damage Loss & Delay
Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses
Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation
24 hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment
Travel Assistance & Concierge
Roundtrip airfare* New York City / Paris / New York
Bus Transfer: Paris Airport / Paris Hotel
Bus Transfer: Paris Hotel / Orleans School
Bus Transfer: Orleans School / Paris Airport
Associated costs for Chartres Excursion; 8-hour bus service, local guide for walkingcity tour including Cathedral
Associated costs for Loire Valley Excursion; 8-hour bus service, local guide, entrance to Chateau de Chambord, guided visit of Chateau D'Amboise All aforementioned Paris activities, tours & admissions; Louvre & Orsay (audio guide), Pantheon, Opera Garnier, Eiffel Tower & Bateau Mouche Cruise (entrance only)
Paris public transportation tickets as required by program
3 nights' accommodation at a centrally located Paris hotel (3-star standard, 3 occasionally 4 per room, single beds not guaranteed)
3 Breakfasts / 1 Snack / 3 Dinners (group menu with 1 non-alcoholic beverage + vegetarian option)
Service of a bilingual French Tour Director while in Paris
Service of a Prometour representative on Day 10, to assist with check-in at the airport
Complimentary trips as indicated in the price grid above (based on full paying participants, in single room accommodation)

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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Associated costs for the Orleans program (organized by Joel Barlow High School)

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