

Coach Hall's 2017 International Art Trek

Destination: Venice, Italy, Bilbao and Barcelona, Spain

This is NOT a school sponsored trip.

Dates: 11 days - July 2 - July 12, 2017

4 nights, 4.5 days in Venice, 1 night, 1.5 days in Bilbao, 4 nights, 4.5 days in Barcelona

Cost: \$3500

(includes airfare (international and inter-European flights), ground transportation, accommodations, excursions, but does **NOT** include meals, ground transportation to Dulles, or incidentals like souvenirs, snacks, and personal expenses). It is recommended that you provide your child with approximately \$40-50 per day for non-covered expenses.

Number of Participants: Approximately 12-16 travelers (plus 2 parent chaperones and 2 children) for a total of minimum of 16-20 maximum in our party.

Itinerary: Below, are the activities that are planned, although we will be flexible to take advantage of unique opportunities presented while on the ground.

Day 1, Sunday , July 2 - Travel Day

- Meet at Maggie Walker 2:30 PM
- Drive to Dulles Airport
- Delta departs from Dulles at 9:35PM

Day 2, Monday, July 3 - Venice, Italy

- Arrive in Venice
- St. Mark's Square
- Bridge of Sighs
- Doge Palace
- Campanile

Day 3, Tuesday, July 4 - Venice, Italy

- Venice Biennale
- "Giardini"
- Gondola ride

Day 4, Wednesday, July 5 - Venice, Italy

- Venice Biennale (Arsenale) (optional)
- Murano (optional)
- Lots of drawing!

Day 5, Thursday, July 6 - Venice, Italy

- Visit St. Mark's Basilica
- Visit Doge Palace & Campanile
- Explore the unique neighborhoods of Venice (Burano)

Day 6, Friday, July 7 - Venice and Bilbao

- Peggy Guggenheim (optional)
- Sight-seeing and shopping
- Flight to Bilbao, Spain 3:25PM
- Arrive in Bilbao- Night walking tour

Day 7, Saturday, July 8 - Bilbao and Barcelona

- Guggenheim Bilbao
- Depart for Barcelona 5:30 PM
- Arrive in Barcelona

Day 8, Sunday, July 9 - Girona, Figueres and Dali Museum Day Trip

- Girona
- Figueres
- Dali Museum

Day 9, Monday, July 10 - Barcelona

- Gaudí walking tour
- Park Güell
- Lots of drawing!

Day 10, Tuesday, July 11 - Barcelona

- La Sagrada Família
- Gothic Quarter & Las Ramblas
- Picasso Museum

Day 11, Wednesday, July 12 - Travel Day

- Departure time 12:45 PM
- Arrive at IAD 4:15 PM

Next Steps/Important Information:

Please talk with your student about the trip, planned activities, and overall experience and make sure this is something they would like to do and you will support. Be sure that your child is ready for an experience like this and can conduct himself in manner which will reflect positively on himself, his parents, our school, and his country. We will all be ambassadors and will want to make a positive impression on everyone we meet during our adventure.

If you decide you would like to proceed, parents and students should return **registration forms and \$700 deposit by Nov. 18, 2017**. Space is limited to 16 spots. Evaluation of applications will take place immediately and continue until all spots are filled. Soon after the forms are in, I will schedule a meeting with you and your student to discuss the trip and make sure they understand the details of the experience and the expectations of all participants.

A participant information session will be held on **April 7th** to discuss the details of trip planning and behavioral expectations with students and parents. **On this date, proof of passport and travel insurance will need to be provided.**

Terms and Conditions:

1. Each student must fill out a registration form.
2. Parents must sign a release of liability to be provided.
3. Parents must provide a notarized statement giving permission for their student to travel without a parent outside the U.S.
4. Each student **MUST** be covered by basic travel insurance with medical evacuation. Parents are responsible for any deductible that may apply. We recommend <http://www.travelguard.com>. Estimated at \$100.
5. Each student must have a passport with an expiration date at **least 6 months beyond** our return travel date (approximately Jan. 1, 2018). If necessary, passport applications should be made **now** to avoid any problems.
6. The total cost of this trip is **\$3500**. **A deposit of \$700 is due within two weeks on Nov. 18**. **Four** additional payments of **\$700** are due on the monthly thereafter (Dec. 16, Jan. 17, Feb. 17, Mar.17) **Failure to make payments on time and/or non-completion of required paperwork* will forfeit all monies paid.**
7. Deposits are **NON-refundable** unless the trip is cancelled due to lack of minimum number of **12** participants (not including the Halls). This will be announced on **Friday, Dec. 2, 2017** at which point deposits will be returned if the trip is cancelled.
8. Each student and parent will be required to attend pre-trip orientation sessions.
9. Space is limited. Applications will be accepted starting immediately and continue until all slots are filled.
10. All students and parents must be current with recommended vaccinations.
11. A recommended packing list and a strict weight limit will be discussed in the pre-orientation sessions to allow us to be as mobile as possible. **Additional baggage fees are the responsibility of the student and family.**
12. Any food allergies or medical needs must be communicated at the time of registration. Food accommodations are the responsibility of the traveler. Traveller must be eligible, able, and willing to self-administer medication.