

**Lewis Center for Educational Research
Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

Date of meeting: September 17, 2018

Title: Senior Class of 2019 trip to Italy & Greece

Presentation: _____ Consent: xx Action: _____ Discussion: _____ Information: _____

Background:

Request for approval on annual Senior Class Trip. This year's trip during Spring Break is to Italy & Greece for 10-13 days (depending on the desire of the travelers). EF Tours is the tour company handling all arrangements and payments. See attached brochure for itinerary. This will be the ninth European trip and twelfth senior trip organized by senior advisor, Ms. Wilmeth-Street.

Fiscal Implications (if any):

None to the school. Cost to students is approx. \$3,600 and adults \$4,100 plus spending money.

Impact on Mission, Vision or Goals (if any):

Vision:

With Courage, Generosity and Honor, the Academy for Academic Excellence works to ensure high levels of learning and to nurture a growth mindset for all. As a collaborative community, we use effective instructional practices that are STREAM-focused, research-based and data-driven. ***We engage in integrated learning experiences that promote global-mindedness, critical thinking,*** and a re-defined use of technology.

The impact on senior students who experience cultural, historical, and social aspects of other countries and cultures is unmeasurable, but their critical thinking about their own place in a global world will change drastically through this trip.

Recommendation:

Submitted by: Name, Title, Department

Charlotte Wilmeth-Street, Senior Class Advisor, AAE Humanities Dept. Chair
AP English Literature, AP European History, British Literature instructor



**LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH
FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM**

AAE NSLA

Office use only

Date/Time submitted:
Initials:
Transportation Booked:
Initials:
Calendared:
Initials:

Date Submitted: Aug. 29, 2018

Requested by: C. Wilmeth-Street

Destination: Italy & Greece Phone: 760-486-4992 (cell on trip)

Date(s) of trip: Mar. 25 - April 3, 2019 Grade Level Seniors

School departure time: TBD Destination arrival time: TBD

Destination departure time: TBD School Return Time: TBD

Overnight/Out-of-State stay: YES NO Water activities involved YES NO

Number of students: 15 adults: 2 Admission students: approx. \$3600 adults: \$4100

Transportation

Bus requested? (circle one) YES NO Bus company name: _____

Private Vehicle Used? YES NO Bus company contact name: _____

Proper Insurance Coverage? YES NO Other Transportation: _____

LCER Approved Driver? YES NO ASB or Club Sponsored? (Paid by Club) YES NO

PTC sponsored? (Paid by PTC) YES NO Name of Club _____

Brief Description of Educational Benefit to be Derived From this Activity:
Annual Senior Class trip: Italy & Greece through EF Tours. Cultural, historical, and social experiences of the two countries will expose the senior student to a wide variety of aspects of foreign life.

I have followed the checklist prior to submitting this form Wilmeth Street
Teacher Signature

Principal Signature: Valli Andreason

Funding Code: _____ Date: _____

BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR OVERNIGHT/OUT-OF-STATE STAYS and WATER ACTIVITIES
A DETAILED ITINERARY MUST BE INCLUDED FOR EACH FIELD TRIP
THREE MONTHS PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL FOR OUT OF THE COUNTRY TRIPS

Watch videos, read reviews, and enroll on your teacher's Tour Website

eftours.com/









This is also your tour number

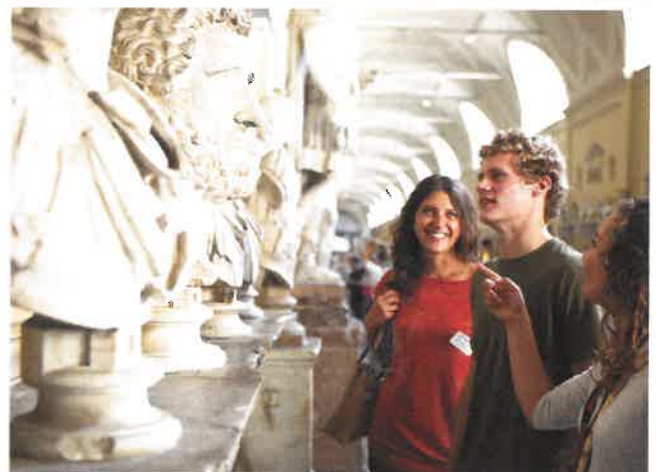
ITALY & GREECE

10 or 13 days | Italy | Greece

Do you like your temples well-preserved like the Pantheon or crumbling like the Parthenon? Italy and Greece practically own the early history of Western civilization, which becomes vividly clear as you walk through the ruins of the Roman Forum and the Acropolis in Athens. In Vatican City, crane your neck in awe inside St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. In Delphi, look deep into Greece's mythical past.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 6 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Sistine Chapel; St.Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Duomo; Meteora Monasteries; Delphi site; Delphi museum; Acropolis; Acropolis Museum
-  **weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; night ferry; *3-day Greek island cruise with extension (3 cruise excursions included)*; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 1 night cabin accommodation (*4 with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily (*3 meals daily during cruise extension*)
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Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

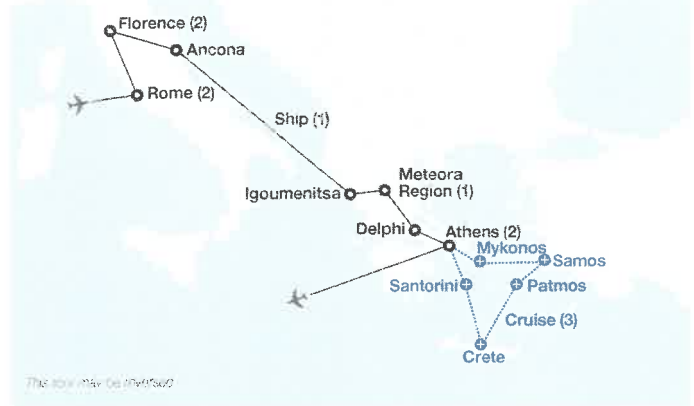
—MELISSA TRAVETUR



CHECK OUT WHAT A TOUR IS ALL ABOUT

Watch the videos at eftours.com/

Your teacher's Tour Website



What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other.

Day 3: Rome

- On your visit to the Vatican City, be sure to look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of the Vatican City.
- Marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling on your visit to the Sistine Chapel.
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica.
- Time to see more of Rome or [visit the Catacombs](#).

Day 4: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Rome
- Visit the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat.
- Visit the Roman Forum, the former heart of the Roman Empire where Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches.
- Continue on to Florence.

Day 5: Florence

- Welcome to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language and opera. Florence was the epicenter of the Renaissance movement from the 14th to 16th century, and is the former home of artists like Michelangelo and Botticelli.
- Take an expert-led tour of Florence.
- Visit the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline.

Day 6: Night ferry | Igoumenitsa

- Transfer to Ancona, a bustling port town. From here you'll take an overnight ferry to Igoumenitsa, the capital and largest city of northwestern Greece.

Day 7: Igoumenitsa | Meteora Region

- Arrive in Igoumenitsa before continuing on to the Meteora Region. The Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose name literally translates to "middle of the sky," is a stunning formation of natural rock pillars and hills that climb their way into the sky.
- Take an expert-led tour of the Meteora Monasteries, which are located atop the different natural pillars. Set high in the sky, the location feels almost magical, and provides breathtaking views. It was settled during the 11th Century by monks, and attracted not only the deeply religious, but also ancient Greek philosophers, poets, and painters.

Day 8: Delphi | Athens

- Take an expert-led tour of Delphi: Temple of Apollo.
- Visit the Delphi Museum.
- Continue on to Athens and discover the ancient city named for Athena, goddess of war and wisdom.
- Enjoy a free evening or [attend a Greek evening](#).

Day 9: Athens

- Snap a picture of the Presidential Guard in traditional costume on your expertly guided tour of the city. From here, pass the stadium that hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896. You'll also have the chance to see the Temple of Olympian Zeus, built in 515 B.C. to honor the most powerful of all Greek gods.
- Visit the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, perhaps the world's greatest architectural feat. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, her wings clipped to prevent her from deserting the city.
- Visit the Acropolis Museum.
- Take a walking tour of Athens: Plaka District.

Day 10: Depart for home

✦ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 10: Mykonos island

- Enjoy free time to explore the island's Old Town.

Day 11: Samos island | Patmos island

- Included excursion to Samos island features beaches and archaeological sites
- Enjoy free time to explore Patmos.

Day 12: Crete island | Santorini island

- Included excursion to the Palace of Knossos
- Included excursion to Oia Village in Santorini

Day 13: Depart for home



I will never forget this trip to Italy and Greece one of the greatest experiences of my life! #eftours #parthenon #Acropolis #Greece

– KASEY TRAVELER



/via Instagram

Just returned from a tour in Greece. Could not have chosen better tour guides if I had hand picked them: myself. Iris was GREAT! All the guides were extremely knowledgeable and informative. Not to mention the care that they took to ensure our safety and satisfaction! Great Job EFT! Thank you again Iris, for an unforgettable trip of a lifetime!

– SUE, GROUP LEADER



/via Facebook

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Cambridge, MA 02141

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—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVILED JUNE 2015



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