

EUROPE TRIP FAQs

1. What is the application process?

An application form must be filled out. Application forms can be obtained from the school office. The student must also submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, an essay explaining why they want to participate in the trip and a \$200 deposit. This is non-refundable, cash deposit. The application deadline is January 19, 2006. The remaining balance of \$1499.00 is due on March 6th, 2007. The total cost of the trip is \$1699.00.

Your application is not complete until you submit all the documents and the deposit.

2. What does the fee include?

The full payment includes round-trip airfare, transportation, lodging, transportation, and guide, admission fees to designated places, breakfast and dinner.

3. How much money should I send with my child?

Our estimate is between \$300.00 and \$400.00 for admission fees (undesignated places only), lunch and souvenirs. We did not include lunch in the trip fee because we wanted our kids to have a choice for lunch.

4. Where are we going to go?

Although our destinations are tentative, we are planning to visit

- Mannheim (for 2 days),
- Strasbourg (for 2 days),
- Istanbul (for 3-4 days),
- Bursa (for 2 days),
- Izmir (for 2 days) and
- Antalya (for 2 days).

5. When will we go?

May 25th -June 9th 2007

6. Where are we going to stay?

Host families are our priority for lodging. Wherever possible, we will arrange host families who have the same age daughter or son as our kids at each stop. When this cannot be arranged we will stay in hotels.

7. What about transportation?

We will use airplanes (between continents, countries and distant cities) and rental vans, which are called “minibuses” in Europe, in or around a city.

8. How is the weather going to be during the trip?

Historically, the average temperature has been 67 °F around Manheim and Strasburg. It is expected to be around 78 °F in Istanbul, Bursa, Izmir and Antalya at the beginning of the June.

9. What do I need to do for preparation?

We have a checklist for our parents.

- ✓ Passport (if not U.S. citizen, please check your visa requirements)
- ✓ Visa (for U.S. citizens, no visa fee in Germany and France; \$20 in Turkey which can be obtained at the airport)
- ✓ Clothes
- ✓ Money
- ✓ CD player and CDs DVD movies (PG!)
- ✓ Medication (enough for two weeks) in it's original container.
- ✓ Camcorders and digital Cameras
- ✓ European plug/converters
- ✓ Suitcases (2 suitcases are recommended)

10. Are there any scholarships available from the School of Science and Technology?

Yes, there is. SST will compensate for each grade level group, based on first semester's GPAs;

- 80% of the fee for the first ranked student,
- 70% of the fee for the second ranked student,
- 60% of the fee for the third ranked student,
- 50% of the fee for the fourth ranked student,
- 40% of the fee for the fifth ranked student.

This means that we will be able to provide scholarships to twenty students for the Europe Trip.

Eligible students will be determined and notified by January 19, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Dogan at bdogan@ssttx.org.