

DORA KENNEDY FRENCH TRIPS

4th, 6th & 8th Grade Travel Abroad (2019)

TRIPS OVERVIEW

Students at DKFI have the opportunity to take 3 French-based international trips during their time in the immersion program.

- 4th Grade -- students travel to Montreal, QC
- 6th Grade -- students travel to Quebec, QC
- 8th Grade -- France and surrounding countries

These trips are incredibly enriching for students but very costly. By planning early, the trips are more attainable for students.

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THE TRIPS

MONTREAL, QC

4th Grade Travel



\$650 + SPENDING \$, LUNCHESES, ETC.

- 2 HOTEL NIGHTS, 2 BUS NIGHTS
- 3 DAYS OF TOURING

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Montréal

with optional Montreal Extension

LENGTH: 3 - 4 DAYS



Climb Mount Royal, wander through the blue and gold interior of the impressive Notre Dame Basilica to see the history of Montréal portrayed in the stained glass windows, and visit the 1976 Olympic Stadium.

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SAMPLE MTL ITINERARY

Day 1 Hello Montréal

Old Montréal, McGill University, Place Ville Marie, Bell Center, Mont Royal, St Patrick's Basilica, Dinner

Day 2 Montréal landmarks

Breakfast, Notre-Dame Basilica, MTL Museum, Olympic Park Tower Observatory, MTL Science Centre visit, Dinner

Day 3 Latin Quarter

Breakfast, Sightseeing, Travel home

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS (MONTREAL)

- 4 kids per room
- No adults rooming with kids
- Student-only tour, no parents
- Kids will need to figure out how to divide time in bathroom to get ready
- Kids will need to know how to REPACK their luggage themselves.
- Montreal breakfasts and dinners included
- Students must purchase lunches and snacks
- Lunch Budget: \$12-15 each
- Snacks: \$10-20 total
- Send Canadian or American money. **MOST places will accept American dollars in Montreal.**

FACTS & TIPS (MONTREAL)

- About two-thirds of students attend.
- Student travellers **MUST** have a passport.
- Students who do not attend are combined into 1 class at school and do alternate activities.
- Trip registration begins in September.
- There is an **early bird discount**; don't miss out.
- Adult-to-student ratio on trip is approx. 1:12.
- Explorica tour guide usually posts updates via Explorica account.

QUEBEC, QC

6th Grade Travel



\$800 + SPENDING \$, LUNCHES, ETC.

- 3 HOTEL NIGHTS, 2 BUS NIGHTS

- 4 DAYS OF TOURING

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Dora Kennedy School 6th Grade Québec Excursion

126 Days til Departure | Departing From: Greenbelt, MD, USA

May 21, 2019 - May 24, 2019

TourCenter ID: Kennedy-5000

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▶ **STUDENT-ONLY TOUR**

▶ **TIMELINE**

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SAMPLE QC ITINERARY

Day 1 Bonjour Québec

Crêperie dinner, One-hour “musical extravaganza”

Day 2 Québec City landmarks

Breakfast, Montmorency Falls, Chez Marie Bread Oven, Les Galeries de la Capitale, Atelier Paré - Woodcarver, Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Manoir Montmorency Dinner



QC ITINERARY CONTINUED

Day 3 Quebec City

Breakfast, La Citadelle, Musée du Fort, Old Quebec, Copper Museum, Village des Hurons visit, Dinner M/V Louis Jolliet Dance Cruise

Day 4 Au revoir Québec City

Breakfast, Observatoire de la Capitale, Plains of Abraham, Old Quebec, Museum of Civilization, Dinner, Travel home

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS (QUEBEC)

- 4 kids per room
- No adults rooming with kids
- Student-only tour, no parents
- Kids will need to figure out how to divide time in bathroom to get ready
- Kids will need to know how to REPACK their luggage themselves.
- Quebec breakfasts and dinners included
- Students must purchase lunches and snacks
- Lunch Budget: \$12-15 each
- Snacks: \$10-20 total
- Send Canadian money. **Few places will accept American dollars** in Quebec City.

FACTS & TIPS (QUEBEC)

- About two-thirds of students attend.
- Student travellers MUST have a passport.
- Students who do not attend do other activities @ DKFI.
- Trip registration begins in September.
- There is an **early bird discount** AND a **repeat traveller discount** (for any student who went to Montreal).
- Adult-to-student ratio on trip is approx. 1:12.
- Explorica tour guide usually posts updates via Explorica account.

FRANCE

8th Grade Travel



\$3,600 + SPENDING \$, TIPS, ETC.

- 9 HOTEL NIGHTS, 1 AIRPLANE NIGHT
- 10 DAYS OF TOURING (11 TRAVEL DAYS)

SPRING BREAK



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FOR THE 8TH GRADE
TRIP, DKFI USES A
DIFFERENT TRAVEL
COMPANY THAN FOR
THE OTHER TRIPS

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SAMPLE EUROPE ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly overnight to Paris

All students leave DKFI via coach bus.

Day 2: Paris

Palace of Versailles

Day 3: Paris

Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Eiffel Tower, Latin Quarter, Visit Notre-Dame Cathedral

Day 4: Paris | Lucerne region

Stop for a photo in Burgundy



EUROPE ITINERARY CONTINUED

Day 5: Lucerne (Switzerland)

Walking tour, Boat ride across Lake Lucerne, Ride the cog rail train to the top of Mount Rigi, Descend via a gondola ride

Day 6: Lucerne | Venice

Exploration time in Verona

Day 7: Venice

St. Mark's Square, Grand Canal, Doge's Palace, Glass-blowing demonstration, Gondola ride



EUROPE ITINERARY CONTINUED

Day 8: Venice | Florence

Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Gates of Paradise, The Duomo

Day 9: Florence | French Riviera

Leaning Tower of Pisa, Baptistry of St. John, Pisa Cathedral

Day 10: French Riviera

Monaco, French perfume factory, Nice Vieille Ville & Promenade des Anglais

Day 11: Fly Home

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS (EUROPE)

- 4 kids per room; option to room with fewer for a fee
- No adults rooming with kids
- **Parents WELCOME**
(Grandparents, other family members, too)
- All adults on trip need fingerprint check
- Kids must REPACK their luggage themselves.
- Many breakfasts and dinners included
- Students must purchase lunches and snacks
- Lunch Budget: \$15-20 each
- Snacks: varies
- Send Euros. **Do NOT plan to exchange American dollars in Europe.**

FACTS & TIPS (EUROPE)

- About two-thirds of students attend.
- Student travellers MUST have a passport.
- Students who do not attend do other activities @ DKFI.
- Trip registration begins in **September of 7th Grade**.
- There is an **early bird discount**.
- Adult-to-student ratio on trip is approx. 1:10.
- Some trip activities must be paid in Europe (e.g., Gondola ride) and are not included in the EF Tours price.

THE SUMMARY

MONTREAL, QC

\$650 Explorica

\$50 Meals

\$50 Spending +

\$750 Total

QUEBEC, QC

\$800 Explorica

\$60 Meals

\$55 Spending +

\$915 Total

FRANCE & EUROPE

\$3,600 EF Tours

\$175 Meals

\$300< Spending

\$225 Tips/Fees+

\$4300 Total

TOTALS

\$5965
give
or
take

\$6,000

Total Cost for all 3 Trips (including meals & spending)

AFFORDING TRIPS

Start early and
start small

- Start in Kindergarten and save monthly
 - Fundraise through your travel account with relatives and friends
 - Split with kids:
Parents = Tour Company
Kids = Spending Money
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MONTHLY SAVINGS

- Save \$60/mo. = K-8th grade
- Sept. K to Dec. 8th grade = 100 months
- \$60 x 100 months = \$6,000

FUNDRAISE VIA TRAVEL ACCOUNT

- Works like GoFundMe
- Can send link to others to donate money to trip
- France Trip: 18 months to pay

SPLIT WITH KIDS

- Budget for to pay for the tour companies
- Have your kids save for their own spending money
- Birthday \$, extra chores, etc. = kid savings

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Although the trips are for students, there is a lot of work involved for the parents. DKFI will hold multiple meetings each trip year for the respective 4th, 6th, and 8th grade travellers. You may need to submit notarized documents, travel permission slips, etc.

For the France trip, parents may also need to include lost/stolen passport replacement documents.

Last but not least, we recommend you purchase the travel insurance offered by each tour company. It could spare you a headache and a whole in your wallet later.