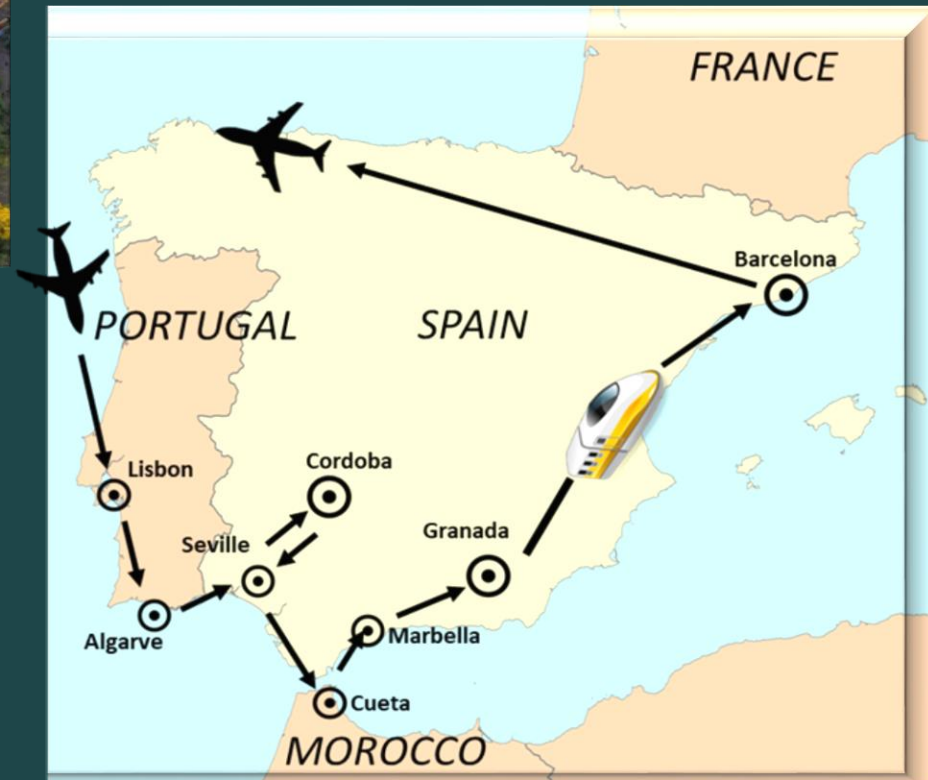




Olá to Hola Portugal/Spain

June 17- June 27, 2019



*Note – this trip is not affiliated with Moscow Middle School or the Moscow School District. It is an independent student/parent educational opportunity.

Agenda of Meeting

- Welcome: Cell phones off please
- **Just 35 days away ☺**
- **Safety Matters**
- **Phone tree**
- **Meet our tour director**
- **Travel Video**
- **Rooming arrangements**
- **Hotels and hotel safety**
- **Mug shots**
- **Counting groups**
- **Traveler vs. Tourist**
- **Travel smart / Travel Safe**
- **Travel Itinerary – updates**
- **Last minute packing reminders- Stacy**
- **On tour tips**
- **Nurse Amy**
- **Phones, debit cards, etc.**
- **Tour Diary**
- **June 1 - Ropes Course**
- **June 16 - Day before meeting**
- **TRAVEL quiz with Prizes!**
- **Calendar of upcoming events**

- **Questions, Comments, Freaking Outs ☺**



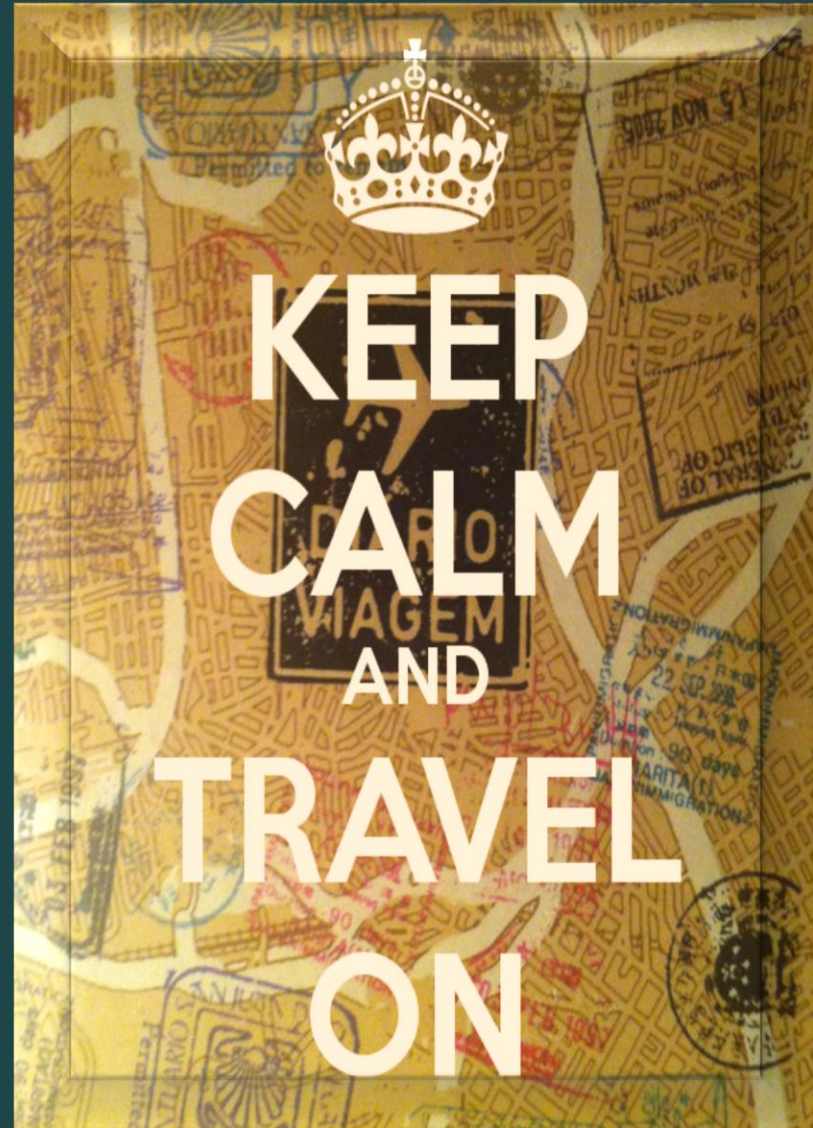
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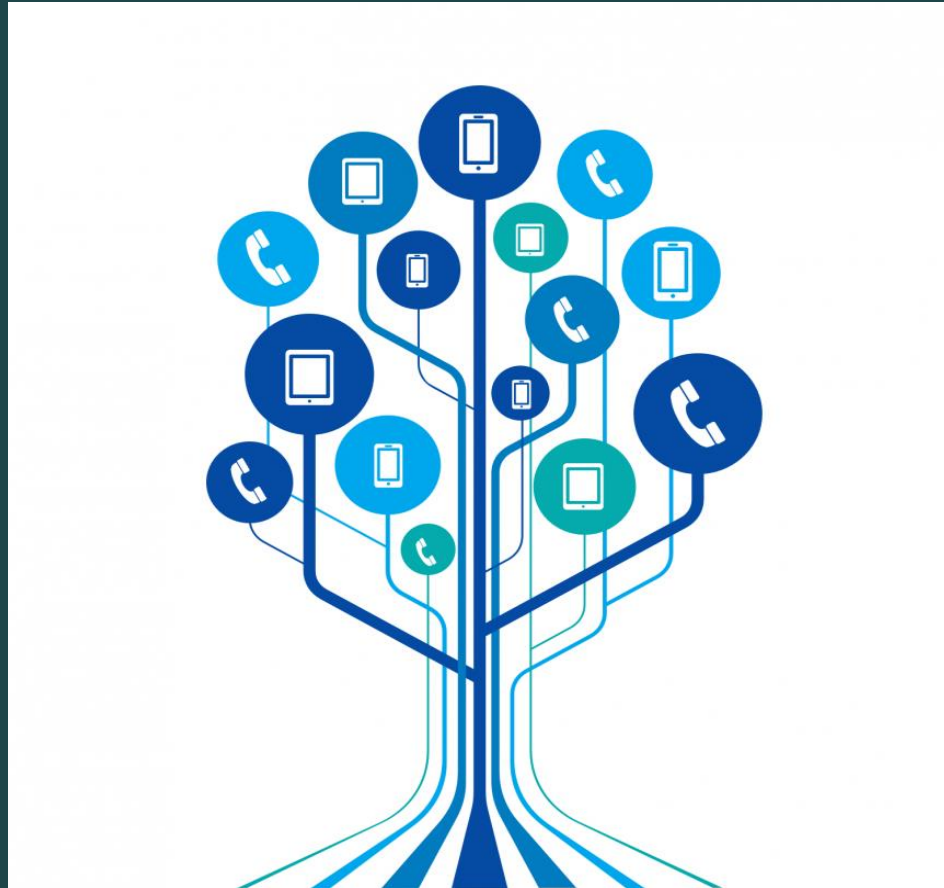


Safetymatters

- Explorica and the State Department
- Jason and Matthew
- Re-evaluate like every trip IF something arises
- Seen it before...Japan and Tsunami; China and North Korea issues, France and train strikes. We will take care and make things work!



Group Emergency Phone Tree



Please fill this out today and we will provide a copy to all parents at our departure meeting!

Meet our Tour Director

Michael Wighton

Born and raised in Canada, Michael has spent nearly every year of his life abroad since entering college. Armed with a Yale undergraduate degree and a Master's degree in Acting from the Moscow Art Theatre, he's been lucky enough to become a university professor and soap opera star in Greece, a globetrotting stage actor throughout Europe and Russia, a translator in Switzerland, a vagabond in Japan, and most recently a new father in Copenhagen with his lovely Danish wife. Traveling has always been a passion, and at the moment he's managed to trek through more countries than the number of candles on his birthday cake. Teaching and tourism have also remained a central part of his life, since his very first job as a tour guide on Vancouver Island to his days now sharing the secrets of Europe with curious Explorica travelers. Every new tour still manages to surprise, as one of his greatest pleasures is the chance to share a trip with new people, introducing them to the sites of each city they'd most hoped to find.





Hotels, Planes, Buses, & Ferries



Hotels: Rooming based on which rooms are available. We will do our best to stick to the requests provided by you.

Planes: The airlines will provide you with a ticket/seat on the morning of departure. We will not be shuffling at the last minute on the plane. Sit in your assigned seat please.

Buses: Boys and girls in separate seats at all times.

Boats: They will provide the seating and we'll roll with the punches.

Rooming arrangements for kids

These are set up to accommodate different rooming options that may occur on the trip. They were created based on your recommendations and our rooming needs. Thank you for being flexible...remember we are in Europe!



Rooming Arrangements for 2, 3, or 4 persons per room

2 per Room

Kennedy T. and Lexie H.
(2 or 4)

Hannah M. and Hannah C.
(2 or 3)

McKenna K. and Maya A.

Makai R. and Kacie C.

Laina M. and Emma C.
(2 or 4)

Zac S and Caleb S. (2 or 4)

Bryce H, & Rylan P. (2 or 4)

Nick O. and Jaime G.

Drew U. and Braden W

Ethan K. and Wesley L.

Kaden S. and Jennings S.

Wyatt T. and Tanner F.

Angus H. and. Kenzie C.

3 per Room

Sophia K., Abby D., and
Sabrina R. (always three)

McKenna K. and Maya A
Kacie C.

Hannah M. and Hannah C
Makai R

Kaden S, Jennings S., and
Braden W

Wyatt T., Tanner F., and
Nick O.

Ethan K., Wesley L., and
Drew U.

Angus H., and Kenzie C.
Jaime G

4 per Room

Kennedy T. and Lexie H.
Laina M. and Emma C.

McKenna K. and Maya A.
Makai R. and Kacie C.

Zac S and Caleb S.
Bryce H, and Rylan P.
(2 or 4)

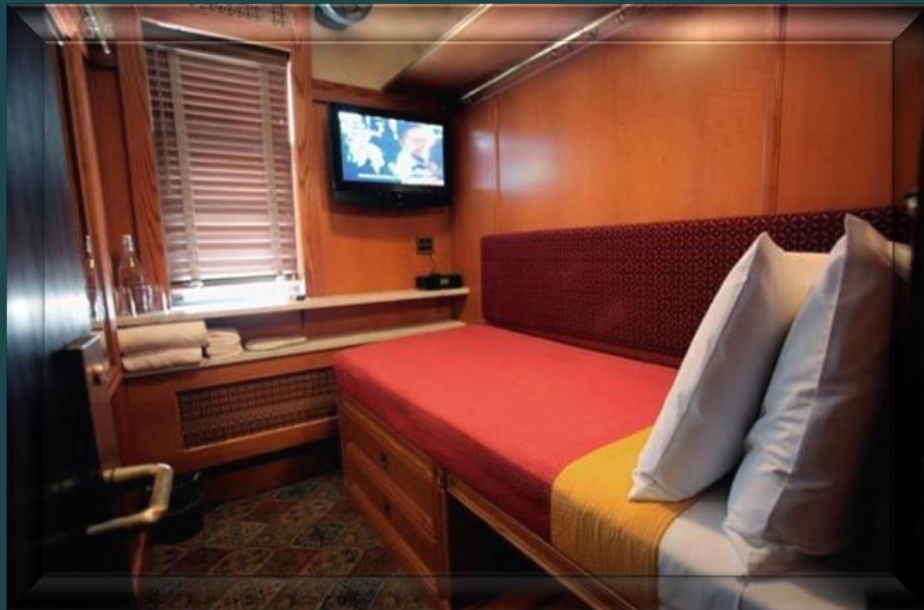
Wyatt T. and Tanner F.
Nick O. and Jaime G.

Ethan K. and Wesley L.
Angus H., and Kenzie C.

Drew U. and Braden W.
Kaden S. and Jennings S.

Remember we EXPECT your best behavior. That's why we chose YOU to come on this adventure. We expect the best from the best!

Rooming arrangements for adults



Adult Rooming Arrangements

2 per Room

Tiffany Skinner and Kristin
Hansen

Gen Fealy and Malia
Odberg.

Amy Conway and Stacey
Thornycraft

Marilyn Pope and Pattie
Haley

Casey Green and Kim Rytter

Matthew Haley & Daniel
Haley (brothers)

Jason and Stacy Albrecht
(Married Couple)

Hotels we will be staying in

June 18 - June 20 Portugal, Lisbon: Standard Hotel

June 20 - June 21 Portugal, Algarve: Standard Hotel

June 21 - June 23 Hotel TRH La Motilla Dos Hermanas, Spain

June 23 - June 24 San Cristobal Marbella, Spain

June 24 - June 25 Hotel Guadalupe Granada, Spain

June 25 - June 27 Mercury Hotel Santa Susana (Barcelona)

**For further details, please see your
Explorica Account**

Hotel Safety

- Upon checking in, immediately review evacuation procedures that normally will be posted in your room and be sure to know where the emergency exit is in case of fire.
- When out of your room for the day, do not leave cash, passports, computers, or valuables in plain sight.
- If your hotel room has both a deadbolt and a latch, use both when you are sleeping.
- Remember any damages or missing hotel items will be charged directly to you and we will not leave the hotel until it is paid.
- Do not open the door unless you know who it is. We (your group leaders) will always announce that it is us when we do bed checks.

Mug Shots



Jason Stacy Bryce Kristin Zac Caleb Tiffany Rylan Hannah Sophia Abby Jennings Hannah



Sabrina Kim Kennedy Drew Lexi Laina Emma Amy



Matthew Pattie Marilyn Jamie Casey Nicholas Malia Tanner Gen Wyatt Stacey Kacie Maya



McKenna Makai Angus Kenzie Ethan Wes Kaden Brayden Daniel

Spain and Portugal 2019 Counting Groups

Jason and Stacy's Group

| | | |
|----|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Albrecht | Jason |
| 2 | Albrecht | Stacy |
| 3 | Hansen | Bryce |
| 4 | Hansen | Kristin |
| 5 | Skinner | Zac |
| 6 | Skinner | Caleb |
| 7 | Skinner | Tiffany |
| 8 | Pickard | Rylan |
| 9 | Clay | Hannah |
| 10 | Kayler | Sophia |
| 11 | Duke | Abby |
| 12 | Shook | Jennings |
| 13 | Marcoe | Hannah |
| 14 | Rytter | Sabrina |
| 15 | Rytter | Kim |
| 16 | Thompson | Kennedy |
| 17 | Underwood | Drew |
| 18 | Heikkinen | Lexi |
| 19 | McFarland | Laina |
| 20 | Carr | Emma |
| 21 | Conway | Amy |



**Rule
of 4**

We ALWAYS
travel in small
groups of no
less than FOUR



Practice!

Matthew and Daniel's Group

| | | |
|----|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Haley | Matthew |
| 2 | Haley | Pattie |
| 3 | Pope | Marilyn |
| 4 | Green | Jamison |
| 5 | Green | Casey |
| 6 | Odberg | Nicholas |
| 7 | Odberg | Malia |
| 8 | Fealy | Tanner |
| 9 | Fealy | Gen |
| 10 | Thornycraft | Wyatt |
| 11 | Thornycraft | Stacey |
| 12 | Clyde | Kacie |
| 13 | Anderson | Maya |
| 14 | Knott | McKenna |
| 15 | Rauch | Makai |
| 16 | Hall | Angus |
| 17 | Cash | Kenzie |
| 18 | Kennedy | Ethan |
| 19 | Loftus | Wes |
| 20 | Summers | Kaden |
| 21 | Weaver | Brayden |
| 22 | Haley | Daniel |

Tourist vs. Traveler

| | | |
|---|---|--|
|  | OBSERVES |  |
| Just there to look around and see the notable "must sees" |  | EXPERIENCES |
| | | Immerses themselves in the culture |
| STICKS OUT |  | BLENDS IN |
| Separates themselves from the people and the local culture | | Makes friends and connections with the locals |
| COMPLAINS |  | CURIOUS |
| Constantly makes comparisons between here and home | | Asks questions and explore with an open mind |
| OBLIVIOUS |  | SENSITIVE |
| Doesn't pay attention to people or surroundings | | Aware and respectful of cultural norms |
| RESULT |  | GOAL |
| A nice tan and a thinner wallet | | Values are shaped and lifetime experience is gained |
| SOUVENIR |  | KEEPSAKE |
| An overpriced gift shop trinket | | A unique piece of physical culture |

2 tips for avoiding the stereotypes:

- 1 BE RESPECTFUL**
Wherever you are, be respectful of the cultural traditions and values of the place you're visiting.
- 2 BE YOURSELF**
Don't disregard or disown your own identity. Stay true to yourself, while still acclimating to the present culture.

Remember we are guests in their country



Be an engaged traveler!
Not like these guys

Travel Smart, Travel Safe

- Avoid wearing items that identify you as an obvious foreigner or otherwise call attention to your nationality, including clothing with logos.
- Most incidents can be avoided by using good sense and staying out of dangerous situations
- Be aware of your surroundings and suspicious activities. Always put your money in a money belt.
- If approached/threatened and told to hand over your valuables, do not resist. Everything can be replaced – except for you.
- Minority religions have freedom to practice but as always refrain from bringing up your specific religious beliefs.
- All travelers in Morocco are required to respect local dress and customs. Conservative attire, such as loose-fitting clothing that covers the legs and shoulders, is expected.

Itinerary Update

- Only 35 Days Away!
- We will meet at MMS at 2:15 AM to pick up the bus to the airport 😊
 - Bus Company ??



- Flights – Middle seats and we are spread throughout the plane ... no requests allowed/changing seats

- We will have several bus trips. Boys and girls seat separately.



When do we leave??



| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| DELTA AIR LINES 2072 | GEG (SPOKANE) Monday, June 17, 2019 7:05:00 AM | MSP (MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL) Monday, June 17, 2019 11:49:00 AM |
| DELTA AIR LINES 154 | MSP (MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL) Monday, June 17, 2019 3:10:00 PM | BOS (BOSTON) Monday, June 17, 2019 7:01:00 PM |
| DELTA AIR LINES 124 | BOS (BOSTON) Monday, June 17, 2019 8:17:00 PM | LIS (LISBON) Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:55:00 AM |
| DELTA AIR LINES 477 | BCN (BARCELONA) Thursday, June 27, 2019 12:45:00 PM | JFK (NEW YORK) Thursday, June 27, 2019 3:36:00 PM |
| DELTA AIR LINES 2409 | JFK (NEW YORK) Thursday, June 27, 2019 5:58:00 PM | SLC (SALT LAKE CITY) Thursday, June 27, 2019 9:43:00 PM |
| DELTA AIR LINES 2764 | SLC (SALT LAKE CITY) Thursday, June 27, 2019 10:30:00 PM | GEG (SPOKANE) Thursday, June 27, 2019 11:11:00 PM |

- Remember they are subject to change before departure
- Pre – Departure Meeting on 6-16-19 at 6:00pm
- Bus Meeting Time at MMS 2:15 am on 6-17-19

Last Minute Packing Reminders



✓ Dress for travel! Pack light and make sure to have appropriate clothes for the religious sites (shoulders covered and skirts/shorts past the knee)

- ✓ Make sure all liquids are placed in clear plastic bags and meet airline requirements. The 311
- ✓ Pack in plastic bags, use dryer sheets, and bring bag for dirty laundry
- ✓ Bring extra batteries as well as chargers, adaptors, and converters
- ✓ Backpack vs. Carry on -Keep under 35lbs total
- ✓ Extra bag for souvenirs
- ✓ Money belts and cards



Additional questions? Please read the packing list we have provided or Matthew's departure email

Passports and Luggage

ON TOUR

Keep your possessions organized:

- ❖ Colored flagging tape on all luggage
- ❖ Use colored dots and your counting numbers on passports
- ❖ We carry all the passports
“We’ll never lose one, we might lose 50”



Traveler's Macarena

ON TOUR

When a traveler always checks to ensure they have their “items”:

- ❖ Money belt/purse
- ❖ Cell phone
- ❖ Passport and emergency contact sheet



On-tour clip



KeepCalmAndPosters.com

Passport and Emergency Contact Sheet

ON TOUR

A traveler's best friend:

- ❖ The ONE sheet everyone carries with them 24/7

This document includes:

- ❖ Emergency instructions
- ❖ Color copy of their passport
- ❖ Flight and hotel information
- ❖ Your passport information for custom forms if needed

Traveler Contact/Emergency Sheet

Note: If you ever get lost or turned around while traveling, stay calm and go ask a person (store clerks, policemen, etc.) to use their phone to call our Explorica Tour Guide **Michael Wighton** his number is [REDACTED] **NEVER PANIC ... you will be just fine.** Here is all of the hotel and flight information for you to use as a point of reference.

Team Advisors: ONLY WHILE IN THE US

Jason Albrecht Cell # 509-330-2182 (within the US)
Matthew Haley Cell # 208-596-5592 (within the US)
Stacy Albrecht Cell # 509-330-0231 (within the US)
Daniel Haley Cell # 208-301-5008 (within the US)

Explorica United States' Contact:

1.617.210.6194 then follow the prompts for an "on tour emergency" and that will get you to a live person 24 hours a day 7 days a week.



Accommodations Information

June 16 - June 18

Hotel Ibis Aero Budapest
Ferde u. 1-3; Budapest, 1091; Hungary
Phone Number: +36 13479700

June 21 - June 23

A&O Salzburg
Fanny-von-Lehnert-Straße 4
Salzburg, 5020 Austria
Phone Number: +43 30800475110

“At Home” Packet for Parents

- ✓ When you attend the June 16 departure meeting we will be handing you a packet with the following Information:



- Contact phone numbers
- Hotel and flight and Information
- Copy of traveler’s passport
- Emergency Phone tree



Nurse Amy

- Do not wait to share your thoughts, feelings, and medical needs with Amy
 - She is here to help and be a resource while on tour
- Things Amy should know:
 - If you are taking a medicine
 - If you start feeling ill
 - If your friend reports issues
 - If you have any dietary concerns/allergies/etc.
- Constant reminders from Amy
 - Stay hydrated always – This prevents illness, heat exhaustion, jet lag, etc.
 - Be care filling up your water bottles from local taps
 - Specifically in Morocco – Use bottled water
 - Use hand sanitizer and wash your hands often
 - Keep sunscreen applied – avoid being burned
- In case of an emergency – Keep your emergency contact paper with you
- while traveling and follow the instructions. Also, know our meeting point
- so you can find your leaders



Homesickness while on tour???

Know that homesickness is very common on all travel tours. You are away from home, in different beds, eating strange foods, and touring with new people. Don't be embarrassed if you are homesick. But you do need to work through it.

Here is how to work through your Homesickness:

While on tour:

- Make the most of your tour – Stay positive
- Use your friends and roommates to minimize homesickness
 - Talk about it with them if needed
- Make sure to check in at home every once in a while on tour
- If you start feeling overly homesick ... let Amy know!



If your child reaches out to you while on tour about being homesick:

- Remind your child that it is normal
- Keep your child positive – Don't let them be upset and frustrated while on tour
- Encourage them to chat with their friends and Amy

Any Medical Updates???

Please let us know of any additional medical issues that have come up.



Cell Phones, Debit Cards, & Internet

- Check your phones and know your data plan!



- Follow on Facebook Search: Globalxpeditions

- Check with your bank and let them know you will be traveling overseas
- We will get cash at the first ATM we find in country
- Check your name is on your card



Online Tools: Tour Diary

The ability to “share” [1] the experience via email and social media as well as activity updates from the Tour Director [2]

The screenshot shows the Explorica website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Explorica logo and links for HOME, CONTACT US, SIGN UP, CALL US (1.888.310.7120), and a search bar. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for TEACHERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS, ABOUT US, and MY ACCOUNT. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home > Tour Diaries > Tour Diary. The title of the diary is "riviera london, paris, switzerland & italy" in orange text, with a date range of "June 10, 2009 - July 1, 2009". A large red square with the number "1" is overlaid on the date, and a "share" button is visible. Below the title is a large photo of a gondola ride in Venice, with a red square and the number "2" overlaid on the image. To the right of the photo is a "select a day:" dropdown menu with days 1 through 15. Below the photo is a "gondola ride" caption and a grid of smaller thumbnail images. To the right of the photo is a text block for "DAY 10: JUNE 19, 2009" with "previous" and "next" navigation links. The text describes the itinerary for that day, including a drive to Punta Sabbione, a boat transfer to Venice, a morning tour of St Mark's Square, a visit to the Doge's Palace, a view of San Marco, a visit to the church of St Mark's, a glass factory demonstration, and a transfer to Lido di Jesolo. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for SITE MAP, PRIVACY POLICY, CAREERS, and TERMS OF USE, along with contact information for Explorica, Inc. (145 Tremont St., 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02111) and phone numbers for Teachers (1.888.310.7120) and Travelers (1.888.310.7121).

Adventure Learning and Team Building Day for International Travel

- Meet at Paradise Ridge at 9:00am on Sat. June 1 (rain or shine☺)
- Or meet at MMS at 8:30am to carpool or caravan
- Pick-up at 3:00pm
- Bring a sack lunch, sun screen, close toed shoes, and a great attitude!



Paradise Ridge Challenge Course
An Experiential Adventure in Building
Meaningful Relationships, Trust & Respect

<http://www.paradiseridgechallenge.com/>

Day Before Departure Meeting on *JUNE 16*

- Meet at MMS at 6:00pm for pre-trip check-off
 - All travelers and stay-at-home contacts must be there
- Bring your passport, luggage, and backpacks for weighing and tagging
- Hit the sack and get up EARLY! You need to be at MMS at 2:15 AM to catch the bus to Spokane
- “If you are not early ... you are late!”



Important
DATE!

Upcoming Events

- **May 13th, 2019** Pre-travel information @ 7pm in the MPR
- **June 1st 2019** Ropes course #2 (pre-trip) @ Paradise Ridge 9am-3pm
WE NEED EVERYONE HERE Rain, snow, dust... We go 😊
- **June 16th 2019** 6:00 pm Night before departure meeting.
- **June 17th 2019** **2:15 AM** Head out on our adventure
- **August TBD** Reunion Dinner



Travel Quiz Questions to prepare you for your tour! (Kids ONLY, No Phones 😊)

- To start our tour we fly in to this capital city? Name the city and country.
 - Lisbon, Portugal
- To pass between Spain and Morocco, a person must cross what Strait?
 - Strait of Gibraltar
- Name two of the three Moorish stronghold cities of Andalusia (Southern Spain).
 - Sevilla, Granada, and Cordoba
- Barcelona's Sagrada Familia and Parque Guell are creations of which architectural master?
 - Antoni Gaudí

Questions, Comments, and/or Freaking Outs



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