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# FRANCE & ITALY

## CULTURAL TOUR

Middlebury Union High School

10 DAYS

Time to review the details, in this document you will find:

- **The What:** The breakdown of each day of your adventure
- **The Who:** Names and contact information of your Prométour Tour Director and Project Manager, insurance provider, hotel(s) and air and bus transit providers
- **The How:** Specific tips on air travel, hotels, money, telephoning and more

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## FINAL ITINERARY

Certain last minute changes may arise. Group Leaders should compare this itinerary with that of your Prométour Tour Director upon arrival.

**Departure:** April 16, 2015

**Return:** April 25, 2015

**Tour Guide Name(s):** France : Fabien Gasior // Italy : Massimo Pontesilli

## DETAILED ITINERARY

Thursday April 16, 2015			
	21:40	SWISS AIR	Board your flight and depart from Boston to Paris, via Zurich. Flight LX53
Friday April 17, 2015			
	13:50	NOTE	Arrive in Paris, collect your luggage and meet your French Tour Director Fabien.
	14:45	Bus AUTOCARS SUZANNE <b>Home City</b> - VILLENEUVE ST GEORGES	Board your private motor coach and transfer to your hotel.
	16:00	Hotel COMFORT HOTEL ANDRE LATIN*** <b>Home City</b> - PARIS	Check in to your hotel.
	17:00	Act CATHEDRALE NOTRE DAME <b>Home City</b> - PARIS	With your audio guides in hand, explore this magnificent example of French Gothic architecture.
	19:00	Resto JULES <b>Home City</b> - PARIS	Have dinner with your group.
Saturday April 18, 2015			
	08:00	BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at the hotel.
	09:30	Act MUSEE DU LOUVRE <b>Home City</b> - PARIS	Be guided through the collections of Western art from the Middle ages and the Ancient civilizations. Don't miss the Mona Lisa!
	12:00	NOTE	Have some time for lunch on your own and souvenir shopping.
	15:00	Act BATEAUX PARISIENS CROISIERE <b>Home City</b> - PARIS	Sit back and relax as you enjoy Paris from your Seine River Cruise.

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16:30	Act	TOUR EIFFEL <b>Home City - PARIS</b>	Climb up to 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor of this world famous monument and get a bird's eye view of the City of lights.
18:30	Resto	LA CREMAILLERE <b>Home City - PARIS</b>	Have dinner with your group in Place du Tertre.
20:00	Act	DISCOVER THE MONTMARTRE QUARTER <b>Home City - PARIS</b>	After dinner, walk around La Butte and practice your French with the street artists in Place du Tertre. Visit the Basilique Sacre Coeur and see all of the mosaics, then head outside to enjoy the view of Paris.

**Sunday April 19, 2015**

06:00		BREAKFAST	Have a quick breakfast at the hotel.
06:30	Bus	AUTOCARS SUZANNE <b>Home City - VILLENEUVE ST GEORGES</b>	Board your private motor coach and transfer to the train station.
08:36		TRAIN PARIS-AVIGNON	Board the TGV and depart for Avignon.
11:23	Bus	LIEUTAUD <b>Home City - AVIGNON</b>	Arrive in Avignon and board your private motor coach to transfer to your hotel.
11:45	Hotel	IBIS AVIGNON CENTRE PONT DE L EUROPE *** <b>Home City - AVIGNON</b>	Check in to you hotel.
12:15		NOTE	Have some time to grab some lunch.
13:30	Act	PALAIS DES PAPES <b>Home City - AVIGNON</b>	Be guided through the largest Gothic Palace in Europe.
16:00		FREE TIME	Have some free time to explore this fortified city.
18:30	Resto	LA GRANDE BRASSERIE LE CINTRA <b>Home City - AVIGNON</b>	Have dinner with your group.

**Monday April 20, 2015**

07:00		BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at the hotel.
07:30	Bus	LIEUTAUD <b>Home City - AVIGNON</b>	Board your private motor coach and transfer to Pont du Gard.

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08:30	Act	PONT DU GARD <b>Home City</b> - Vers-Pont-du-Gard	See the world famous Roman Aqueducts.
09:30	Bus	LIEUTAUD <b>Home City</b> - AVIGNON	Board your private motor coach and continue to Arles.
10:45	Act	LES ARENES ROMAINES <b>Home City</b> - ARLES	Visit this impressive Amphitheater that measures 136X107 meters.
12:00		NOTE	Have some free time for lunch.
13:00	Bus	LIEUTAUD <b>Home City</b> - AVIGNON	Board your private motor coach and continue to Nice
17:00	Hotel	HOTEL LE LAUSANNE*** <b>Home City</b> - NICE	Check in to your hotel.
18:00		NOTE	With your group and Tour Director, take a walk along the Mediterranean coastline.
19:00	Resto	LA CASITA NICE <b>Home City</b> - NICE	Have dinner with your group in the Carré D'Or.

Tuesday April 21, 2015

08:00		BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at the hotel.
09:00		NOTE	With your group and Tour Director, explore a local market. Don't forget to pick up snacks for your drive to Italy.
10:30		NOTE	Head back to your hotel to pick up your luggage.
11:00	Bus	FABBRI BUS <b>Home City</b> – DICOMANO, FL	Say goodbye to Fabien, and board your private motor coach and depart to Florence.
16:00	Hotel	HOTEL GIGLIO <b>Home City</b> - FIRENZE	Meet your Italian Tour Director Massimo and check in to your hotel.
16:30	Act	PIAZZA DEL DUOMO <b>Home City</b> - FIRENZE	With your group and Tour Director, marvel at the majestic Cathedral and the Campanile Tower.
17:15	Act	PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA <b>Home City</b> – FIRENZE	Continue on to explore the open air sculpture museum.

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17:15	Act	PONTE VECCHIO <b>Home City - FIRENZE</b>	Have some time to browse the many goldsmith and silversmith shops.
19:00	Resto	RISTORANTE GIANNINO <b>Home City - FIRENZE</b>	Have dinner with your group.
<b>Wednesday April 22, 2015</b>			
08:00		BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at the hotel
09:30	Act	SANTA CROCE BASILICA <b>Home City - FIRENZE</b>	Visit the largest Franciscan church in the world and the burial place of some of the most illustrious Italians like Michelangelo, Galileo and Rossini.
11:30	Act	GALLERIA DEGLI UFFIZI <b>Home City - FIRENZE</b>	Meet your local guide Carolina and visit one of the world's most famous fine art museums.
13:00		NOTE	Have some time for lunch.
15:00		NOTE	Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring this beautiful Tuscan city with your group and Tour Director.
19:00	Resto	RISTORANTE LORENZO DE MEDICI <b>Home City - FIRENZE</b>	Have dinner with your group.
<b>Thursday April 23, 2015</b>			
07:30		BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at the hotel.
08:30	Bus	FABBRI BUS <b>Home City - DICOMANO, FL</b>	Board your private motor coach and depart to Rome.
11:00	Hotel	HOTEL BEST <b>Home City - ROMA</b>	Check in to your hotel.
12:00		NOTE	Have some time to grab some lunch.
14:15	Act	VATICAN CITY <b>Home City - VATICANI</b>	Meet your local guide and visit Vatican City. Start by visiting the Vatican Museum and see the Tapestry Gallery. Continue to the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica.
19:00	Resto	RISTORANTE IL TEMPIO DI MINERVA <b>Home City - ROMA</b>	Have dinner with your group.

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Friday April 24, 2015

08:00		BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at your hotel.
09:00	Act	EXPLORE ROME <b>Home City - ROMA</b>	With your group and Tour Director, begin the day by heading to Santa maria in Cosmedin to see the Bocca de la Verita. Then head to Piazza Novano, the Pantheon, Palazzo Quirinale and make sure to secure your return to rome by throwing a coin in the Trevi Fountain. Finally, cross the Tiber River to climb the terrace at the summit of the Castel Sant'Angelo.
12:00		NOTE	Have some time for lunch.
13:30	Act	ANCIENT ROME <b>Home City - ROMA</b>	Meet your local guide to explore Ancient Rome. Start by visiting the Colosseum, a masterpiece of classical architecture where public spectacles and gladiator contests were held. Then see the Arch of Constantine and continue on to the Foro Romano which was the political and religious center of Ancient Rome.
16:30		NOTE	Spend the remainder of the afternoon getting your last minute souvenir shopping done maybe just pick a place to sit back and relax with your group.
19:00	Resto	RISTORANTE ROMANTICA <b>Home City - ROMA</b>	Reminisce about all of the great memories you made over dinner with your group.

Saturday April 25, 2015

09:00		BREAKFAST	Have breakfast at your hotel.
11:00	Bus	T.D.I <b>Home City - ROME</b>	Board your private motor coach and transfer to the airport.
14:55		SWISS AIR	Board your flight and depart from Rome to Boston, Via Zurich. Flight LX1737.



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## IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION / HOTEL / TOUR INFORMATION

REMINDER: LEAVE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, THE FINAL ITINERARY AND THE PHONE & EMAIL LIST AT HOME.

### HOW TO CONTACT PROMÉTOUR

North America - Montreal Office **514 848-7292** (Local)  
Toll Free Number (24-hour Emergency Service) **1-800-657-7754** (from Canada)  
Toll Free Number (24-hour Emergency Service) **1-800-304-9446** (from USA)

**Prométour Tour Project Manager:** Mireille Hanna

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Main Airline Carrier: **SWISS AIR**

#### April 16, 2015

LX 0053	BOS-Boston, Logan	ZRH-Zurich	21:40	10:55+
LX 0638	ZRH-Zurich	CDG-Paris, Charles de Gaulle	12:30	13:50

#### April 25, 2015

LX 1737	FCO-Rome, Fiumicino	ZRH-Zurich	14:55	16:35
LX 0052	ZRH-Zurich	BOS-Boston, Logan	17:30	19:55

#### Air Travel Tips

- Most airlines now charge a fee per checked bag (contact the airline to verify the policy about checked bags)
- Check the airline's website 24 hours before departure to verify the flight time
- Arrive at the airport 3 hours prior to departure for an international flight (2 hours prior for a domestic flight)

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## PASSPORTS & VISAS (INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL)

### All travellers should:

- Verify that your passport is valid by confirming that the expiration date is at least 6 months after your trip
- Verify that you have the appropriate visa(s) if required (for example, a visa is required to enter in China and must be issued by the Chinese embassy)

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### COMFORT HOTEL ANDRE LATIN\*\*\*

52 RUE GAY LUSSAC  
PARIS,  
France  
PHONE : 01,43,54,76,60  
<http://www.andre-latin-paris-hotel.com/>

### IBIS AVIGNON CENTRE PONT DE L EUROPE \*\*\*

12 BOULEVARD SAINT DOMINIQUE  
AVIGNON,  
France  
PHONE : 04,90,82,00,00  
[WWW.IBISHOTEL.COM](http://WWW.IBISHOTEL.COM)

### HOTEL LE LAUSANNE\*\*\*

36 RUE ROSSINI  
NICE,  
France  
PHONE : 04 93 88 85 94  
[HTTP://WWW.HOTEL-LAUSANNE-NICE.COM](http://WWW.HOTEL-LAUSANNE-NICE.COM)

### HOTEL GIGLIO FIRENZE

Via Camillo Benso Cavour 85  
Firenze,  
Italy  
PHONE : (05) 5486621  
<http://www.hotelgiglio.fi.it/>

### HOTEL BEST ROMA

Via di Porta Maggiore, 51  
Roma,  
Italy  
PHONE : 06 7707 6928  
[WWW.HOTELBESTROMA.COM](http://WWW.HOTELBESTROMA.COM)

### Important Note about Hotels

Hotels in Europe often require a deposit from student groups for possible damages. Group Leaders and participants may be asked to pay the deposit upon check in. In most cases, this deposit is returned because no damages are incurred. In the event of damages, the hotel reserves the right to retain the deposit and charge additional fees if required.

Hotel deposits vary depending on the destination and hotel chain.



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## INSURANCE

### All Travellers should:

- Immediately contact the insurance company for assistance if an emergency occurs while not in the company of a Prométour Tour Director
- Keep all associated receipts and unused travel documents to submit with your claim if you are required to pay up front for medical aid

### Groups from USA are insured with:



P.O.Box 280568  
East Hartford, CT 06128-0568  
Customer Care: (866) 684-0218  
To make a claim: (800) 243-2440

### Group Insurance Included in your Package:

Student Deluxe Protection Plan

### Group policy number:

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## MONEY

### All travellers should:

- Have at least \$100 of local currency upon arrival (the group will go to a money exchange; however, we recommend bringing enough local currency for the first day of arrival)
- Have a recommended \$30 - \$35 of pocket money per day in small denominations
- Contact your bank or credit union to inform them that you will be using the card abroad (this will help to avoid a stop being placed on the card due to unusual activity)
- Confirm with your bank that your ATM card can be used in your destination
- Bring a VISA or MasterCard if you wish to bring a credit card since these are the most widely accepted

## TIPPING

- Tips for your Tour Director(s), Tour Guides, and Drivers are not included in the cost of your trip (please reference the chart below for recommended tips)
- Group Leaders and chaperones are encouraged to tip if they appreciate the service provided on the tour
- Other service providers who would appreciate tips are transfer drivers, hotel porters, and local guides

DESTINATION	PERSON	RECOMMENDED TIP
Europe	Prométour Tour Director	3 Euro per day / per person
Europe	Bus Driver(s)	1 Euro per day / per person

## TELEPHONING

- If you wish to use a personal cell phone, verify with your service provider that your phone will be operational in your destination (check the associated costs per minute as these are typically VERY expensive)
- Using telephone cards purchased from newsstands and convenience stores is generally easier and less expensive than using a personal cell phone
- Visit [www.countrycallingcodes.com](http://www.countrycallingcodes.com) to find the country code for your destination

## REMINDERS

- Leave a photocopy of your passport at home
- If you have a student I.D. card, bring it with you
- Label your suitcase and camera with your name and address