

# GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Updated 2/1/05

## Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted: **12.14.17**

Proposed Effective Date: **4.17.19-4.24.19**

Grade(s) impacted: 9-12

Name: <b>Anne-Sophie Meeks</b> <b>Rachel Melecio</b>	Position/Item: <b>Student Trip to</b> <b>France &amp; Spain</b>	Submitted By: <b>Dr. Danielle F.</b> <b>Sneathen</b>	Building: <b>High School</b>
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Proposed cost/amount: <b>Approximately \$3200</b> <b>per student</b>	Funded through: <b>Fundraising and</b> <b>parent cost</b>	Hours/Days per week:	Benefits: Y or N (circle one)
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Is candidate currently employed by District:

☐ No ☒ Yes

(if yes, what position)

☐ Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, part time or full time (circle one)

Is candidate a former employee: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Check references/review district personnel file?

☐ No ☐ Yes

### Board Action Requested:

We are seeking Board Approval for a trip to France & Spain during the spring break in 2019. The trip dates potentially run from April 17- April 24, 2019. The tour company confirms travel dates a month before the tour leaves. The chaperones requested for the trip are Anne-Sophie Meeks as the Group Leader and Ms. Rachel Melecio as the additional trip chaperone. A third male chaperone will be named as the trip dates approaches. The tour company will also have a Tour Director serving as a chaperone.

### Details and ramifications:

The cost of the trip would be approximately \$3200 and students would tour Paris and Barcelona through the EF Tour Company. The tour would include round trip airfare, 6 overnights in hotels, breakfast and dinner daily and guided tours. The students will be able to use their study of French and Spanish in a real way.

### Positives:

This would be the sixth trip Madame Meeks has planned for our French students. As in the past, students would do fundraising in order to help defray some of the cost of the trip. Ms. Meeks would be able to guide Ms. Melecio in her first overseas field trip with students.

### Concerns:

### Other Comments:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Board Date:

Approved: Y or N

Index #:

Dec. 14, 2017

Dear Glassboro Board of Education, Dr. Sneathen, & Dr. Silverstein:

I would like to propose a combined trip to both France and Spain during our GHS *spring break in 2019*. The eight-day trip would run approximately **Wed. April 17th, 2019 through April 24th, 2019**. My expectation is that students would only miss 1-2 days of school. The tour company determines the exact traveling dates much closer to the departure date. I would serve as the Group Leader of this tour of French and Spanish students at GHS, with GHS Spanish teacher Ms. Melecio at my side as a chaperone. It would allow our students to experience both cultures first-hand and the ability to extend their classroom learning of French and Spanish in a very real way.

Since I traveled last year, this year is the planning year and next year would be the travel year. The trip to France and Spain that is the first choice for our students is **Paris & Barcelona** through EF Tours. Students would be able to visit Paris. There, they will see Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, Le Louvre museum, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées, experience a boat ride on the Seine River, and more. In addition to seeing Paris, the students will also explore the palace of Versailles. They then would travel to Barcelona Spain and be able to see Plaza de Catalunya, Plaza España, La Sagrada Familia, Park Guell, Las Ramblas, a Flamenco dancing show, the Barcelona Cathedral, and more. The tour would include: round-trip airfare, 6 overnights in hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, a tour director, guided tours, and walking tours.

For every 6 students that participate, one chaperone would attend. I anticipate a group of no more than 22 students. The trip will cost students **approximately \$3200**. Tip money, optional excursions, and departure fees are extra. My expectation is to encourage students to do school-wide individual fundraisers to help them earn some money towards their trip costs. In addition, we will organize a few fundraisers to help them raise their tip money for on tour, etc.

We plan to have a meeting of interest for students to give them paperwork to share with parents. Then, we will have one for parents and students in the evening. I have enclosed a copy of the EF Tour we will be participating in. There truly is no better opportunity for our GHS students to enhance their language learning and cross-cultural communication than by experiencing the diversity of France and Spain. Ms. Melecio and I appreciate your consideration of this very worthwhile experience for our Glassboro French and Spanish students. Thank you!

Yours truly,  
  
Madame Anne-Sophie Meeks

## MacMichael, Mary

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**From:** Meeks, Anne-Sophie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:05 AM  
**To:** Sneathen, Danielle; MacMichael, Mary  
**Cc:** Melecio, Rachael  
**Subject:** Survey Results for the France/Spain 2019 proposed trip  
**Attachments:** Survey Results Traveling Abroad Chart.png

Attached please find the results from our survey of parents who attended the proposed France/Spain 2019 trip meeting. The meeting was held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. There were 13 respondents to the survey. We are hoping that the trip proposal can be put on the next Board Meeting agenda so that our families who have children interested can begin to enroll.

Thank you,  
Anne-Sophie Meeks & Rachael Melecio

**Au revoir!**

**Bien à vous,**

**Madame Anne-Sophie Meeks**

*Glassboro High School French Teacher*

*French Club Advisor*

*Ghs Dual Credit Coordinator*

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In light of terrorist events around the world in recent years, how concerned are you about sending your child abroad?

Answered: 13 Shipped: 0

100%

80%

60%

40%

20%

0%

Little to no concern

Somewhat concerned

Moderately concerned

Extremely concerned

ANSWER CHOICES

Little to no concern

Somewhat concerned

Moderately concerned

Highly concerned

Extremely concerned

TOTAL

RESPONSES

30.77%

38.46%

15.38%

15.38%

0.00%

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# TOUR PRICE QUOTE

## Paris and Barcelona

PREPARED FOR  
Anne-Sophie Meeks

PREPARED ON  
December 13, 2017

TOUR PAGE  
[www.ef-tours.com/PBC](http://www.ef-tours.com/PBC)

### GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICE

Price valid for travelers enrolled December 13, 2017 - December 31, 2017\*

#### Student

**\$3,244** or \$210 / 15 mos

#### Adult

**\$3,644** or \$237 / 15 mos

#### PRICE BREAKDOWN

Program Price	\$2,910
Global Travel Protection	\$165
Flamenco Evening Barcelona	\$70
Versailles (pre-book only)	\$99

\*Adult supplement required for travelers age 20 and older at the time of travel. Change and cancellation fees of up to the total price will apply. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at [ef-tours.com/baggage](http://ef-tours.com/baggage). All prices subject to verification by an EF Tour Consultant. Program price validity excludes special discounts. To view EF's Booking Conditions, visit [ef-tours.com/bc](http://ef-tours.com/bc).

## Your travel details

TOTAL LENGTH  
8 days

DEPARTING FROM  
Philadelphia (PA)

REQUESTED TRAVEL DATES  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 - Wednesday, April 24, 2019

#### YOUR DEPARTURE DATE RANGE



EARLIEST  
Mon. Apr. 15



REQUESTED  
Wed. Apr. 17



LATEST  
Fri. Apr. 19

## Your experience includes

#### AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TOUR

Round trip airfare, hotels with private baths, regional-style meals, on-tour transportation and sightseeing activities are covered. Discover all of your itinerary details at [www.ef-tours.com/PBC](http://www.ef-tours.com/PBC).

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Your expert local guides are natural historians, adding cultural insight and global perspective on your sightseeing tours.

#### WESHARE—PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.

#### CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

Your dedicated EF team helps you every step of the way—from recruiting and enrolling travelers to planning and managing your tour.

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## Your Tour Consultant

ANNIE FRENCH  
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[Annie.French@ef.com](mailto:Annie.French@ef.com)













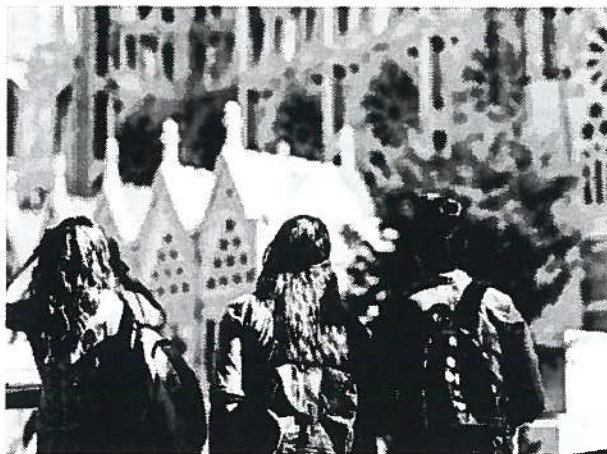
# PARIS & BARCELONA

9 or 11 days | France | Spain

You can learn a lot about a city on its grandest boulevards. The Champs-Élysées in Paris has witnessed many historical moments, and today it's the No. 1 symbol of France's affinity for fashion. On Las Ramblas in Barcelona, Spanish guitarists play flamenco rhythms, and the sights and sounds reveal a stimulating blend of local traditions and international buzz.

## YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 *with extension*); 2 walking tours; *with extension*: 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director
-  **Entrances:** Notre Dame Cathedral; Louvre; Park Güell; La Sagrada Familia; *with extension*: Guggenheim Museum; Monte Iguelo
-  **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; TGV train; 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 *with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily





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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*

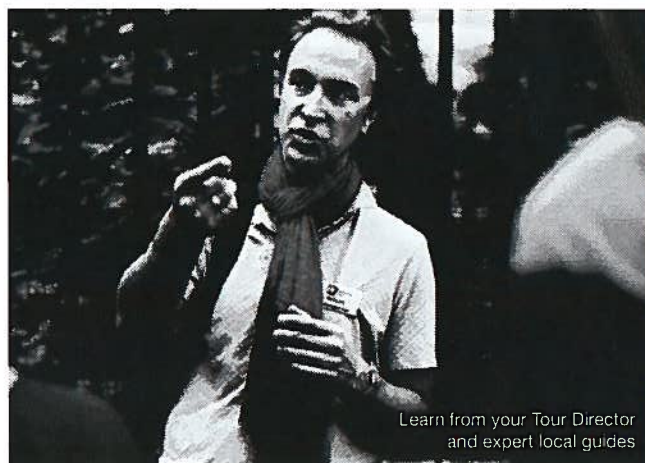
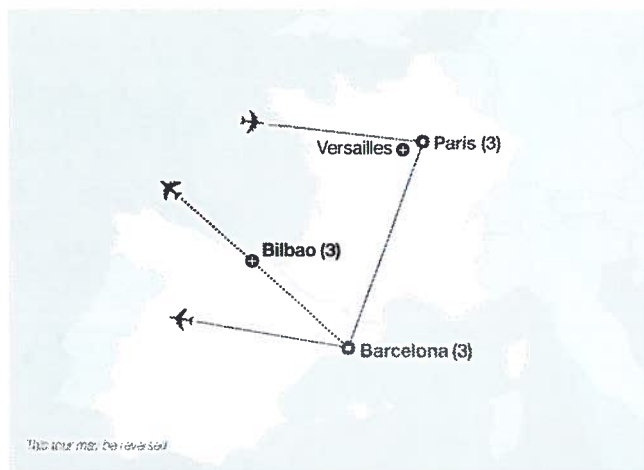
— MLISSA, TRAVELLER



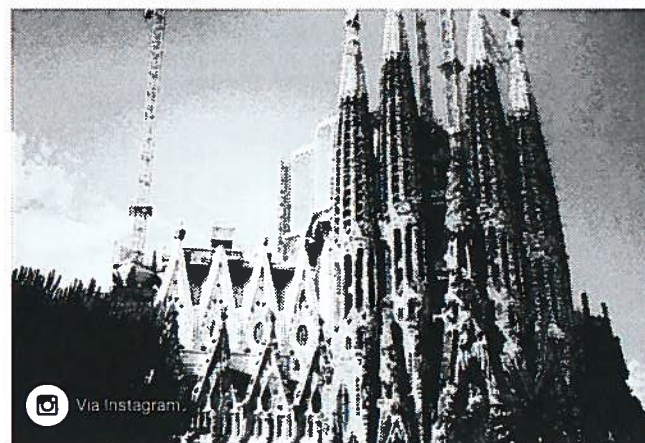
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Watch the videos at  
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Your teacher's Tour Website



Learn from your Tour Director  
and expert local guides



Via Instagram

## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly overnight to France

#### Day 2: Paris

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Paris, the City of Light. During your stay you'll get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. At the École Militaire, see where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. I.M. Pei's iconic glass pyramid marks the entrance to the renowned Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Then, admire the Notre Dame Cathedral's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

#### Day 3: Paris

- Take an expertly guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe; Les Invalides; Eiffel Tower.
- Time to see more of Paris or
  - ✦ visit Versailles.

#### Day 4: Paris

- Take a walking tour of Paris: Île de la Cité; Conciergerie; Sainte-Chapelle.
- Visit the Louvre and explore art from around the world as you wander from wing to wing of one of Paris's biggest attractions and the most visited museum in the world. Built to defend the city in the 13th century, today the Louvre safeguards collections that span continents and the ages. Enter by I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, considered a controversial addition by many resident Parisians. Inside, discover Greek, Roman and Asian antiquities, as well as precious objects from the Middle Ages. These massive halls are home to over 35,000 objects; among them is Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa. Be sure to get an up-close look at her beguiling smile.
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral.

### Day 5: Paris | Barcelona

- Travel by TGV train to Barcelona, an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. During your stay you'll explore open-air plazas dotted with avant-garde gems, like the Plaza de Catalunya and Plaza España. Snap photos of the twisting spires of La Sagrada Família and marvel at the landscaped greenery and playful Modernist mosaics on your visit to Park Güell. Flower vendors and street performers greet you as you walk the tree-lined Las Ramblas.
- Take a walking tour of Barcelona: Las Ramblas.
- Enjoy a free evening or
  - ✦ attend a Barcelona flamenco Evening.

### Day 6: Barcelona

- Take an expertly guided walking tour of Barcelona: Barrio Gótico; Barcelona Cathedral.
- Time to see more of Barcelona or
  - ✦ enjoy a "Taste of Spain" market visit and cooking demonstration.

### Day 7: Barcelona

- Visit Park Güell.
- Visit La Sagrada Família.

### Day 8: Depart for home

#### ✦ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 8: Pamplona | Bilbao

- Travel to Zaragoza.
- Take a tour of Pamplona.
- Continue on to Bilbao.

#### Day 9: Bilbao

- Take an expertly guided tour of Bilbao.
- Visit the Guggenheim Museum.

#### Day 10: San Sebastián | Bilbao

- Take an expertly guided tour of San Sebastián.
- Visit Monte Igeldo.
- Return to Bilbao.

#### Day 11: Depart for home



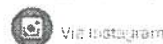
*The Louvre. #paris @Eftours can run a heck of a tour.*

– AMY, TRAVELLER



*Salamander at Parque Güell. Built by Gaudí. #gaudi #parqueguell #barcelona #spain #españa #vivaaespaña #eftours #iger #instagood #instalikes #instagrammer*

– SHANNA, TRAVELLER



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

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



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# Educational Tours

## PARIS AND BARCELONA / 2018 SAMPLE TOUR SCHEDULE

### Day 1: Overnight flight to Europe

Depart North America on an overnight flight to Europe.

### Day 2: Arrive in Paris

Upon arrival at the airport the group should be prepared to wait up to 2 hours for consolidated groups to arrive. Transfer from the airport to the hotel to store baggage. Take public transportation into the city center for dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day 3: Sightseeing of Paris | *Optional Versailles*

- Morning: Depart from the hotel and pick up the local guide for the sightseeing tour of Paris. The tour will include driving by the major sights in the city. There will be a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower and the tour will end near the Opera or Arc de Triomphe.
- Afternoon: Free time.

*Add this in-depth excursion: Versailles*

Continue with the bus and guide to Versailles. Free time for lunch upon arrival (1hr). Interior visit of the chateau (1hr) and free time to visit the gardens (1hr). Groups with more than 30 travelers will be split into two smaller groups. Return to Paris where the bus will drop the group off in a central location if there is free time, otherwise the group will go straight to dinner. [Those not participating in the optional will have a free afternoon and meet at dinner].

- Evening: Dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, the Tour Director may offer the chance to take a boat ride along the Seine River (for an additional cost).

### Day 4: Walking tour of Paris | Visit Notre Dame | Visit the Louvre

- Morning: Take public transportation into the city center for a walking tour led by the Tour Director along the Seine River. Self-guided visits to Notre Dame Cathedral (45mins) and the Louvre (2hrs).
- Afternoon: Free afternoon in Paris.
- Evening: Dinner at a local restaurant before taking public transportation back to the hotel.

### Day 5: Travel by train to Barcelona | Walking tour of Barcelona | *Optional Flamenco Evening*

- Morning: Travel by TGV train to Barcelona (6hrs30mins). Groups will arrive at the train station approximately one hour before departure. Luggage space is limited on trains; please pack lightly and have passport available for check-in.
- Afternoon: The Tour Director will lead the group on a walking tour to las Ramblas and the Barcelona Cathedral.

*Add this in-depth excursion: Flamenco Evening*

Attend a traditional Flamenco performance (1hr). One beverage is included for each traveler. [Those not participating in the optional will have free time].

- Evening: Transfer to the hotel for dinner.

#### **Day 6: Visit Parque Guell | Visit la Sagrada Familia**

- Morning: Depart hotel to meet your local guide for a guided sightseeing of Parque Guell and la Sagrada Familia. The guided tour includes visits into both Parque Guell and la Sagrada Familia (4hrs).
- Afternoon: Free afternoon in Barcelona.
- Evening: Return to the hotel for dinner.

#### **Day 7: Sightseeing of Barcelona | *Optional Taste of Spain***

- Morning: Depart hotel to meet your local guide for a guided walking sightseeing tour of the Gothic Quarter (2hrs30mins).
- Afternoon: Free time.

*Add this in-depth excursion: Taste of Spain*

Visit a local market to pick out ingredients for a traditional Catalan meal. Afterwards, learn from a professional chef how to prepare the meal. [Those not participating in the optional will have free time in Barcelona].

- Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

#### **Day 8: Flight home**

Transfer to the Barcelona airport for flight home.

### **2-Day Extension**

#### **Day 8: Transfer to Bilbao via Zaragoza and Pamplona**

- Morning: Board your coach bus and transfer to Zaragoza (4hrs30mins). Stop in Zaragoza to take some photos and grab lunch.
- Afternoon: Continue to Pamplona (2-3hrs). The tour director will lead a walking tour of central Pamplona (45mins). Continue to Bilbao (2hrs).
- Evening: Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **Day 9: Sightseeing of Bilbao | Visit the Guggenheim Museum**

- Morning: Depart from the hotel and pick up the local guide for the sightseeing tour of Bilbao (2hrs). The tour will include driving by major sites, such as the Catedral de Santiago.
- Afternoon: Free time for lunch (2hrs). The Tour Director will take the group to the Guggenheim Museum for a visit with audio-guides (2hrs).
- Evening: Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **Day 10: Excursion to San Sebastián | Guided sightseeing | Visit Monte Igeldo**

- Morning: Transfer to San Sebastián (1hr30mins) and meet local guide for sightseeing tour. The tour includes driving to Monte Igeldo to walk in the old town (1hr30mins).
- Afternoon: Free time for lunch and exploring San Sebastián before returning to Bilbao.
- Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

#### **Day 11: Flight home**

Transfer to the Bilbao airport for flight home.

### **TIPPING**

Tour Director: 7 days \* \$6/day= \$42/traveler (add \$12 for extension)

Bus Driver: 6 days \* \$3/day= \$18 additional/traveler (add \$6 for extension)

Local Guides: 2 \* \$2/guide= \$4/traveler (add \$2 for extension)

Total recommended per traveler= \$64 (\$84 for extension)

*\*DISCLAIMER: The above is an example of how this tour may run. All times and durations are subject to change, and the order of activities may be switched or substituted as needed based on availability. Tipping amounts are an estimate and do not include optional excursions.*

*\*Suggested tipping does not include optional excursions.*

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