



Pre-trip meeting

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Money

- ▶ Italy and France use the euro as currency. Right now, 1 USD will buy 0.82 EUR. Which means you should multiply all of the prices you see by 1.25, just to be safe.
 - ▶ A 2 € coffee would be about \$2.50 after exchange fees.
- ▶ Do not bring large amounts of cash. Bring both a credit card and a debit card. You need easy access to about 500 USD in case of emergencies.
- ▶ Tipping: Everyone on the trip must provide 87 USD cash or 90 USD card as a tip for our various guides. Cash must be given to Mr. Wooddell before we get to the airport. You may pay with card at the airport.
- ▶ You'll need at least 8 EUR for lunch every day. Plan for souvenirs, as well, although memories and photos are free and weigh nothing.
- ▶ Don't assume your card will work in Europe. Visit your bank to make sure before we leave.

Rules

- ▶ The only people who can drink are those who have graduated from high school.
- ▶ You may not be in a hotel room alone with a member of the opposite sex.
- ▶ In public, you must be with a buddy at all times.
- ▶ Your teachers are in charge.
- ▶ You must keep your passport with you at all times. We will do passport checks. Not having your passport will result in a loss of privileges.



Medical stuff

- ▶ If you take a liquid medication that you need on the plane, you must bring a paper prescription from your doctor to present at security. Non-liquid medications are fine.
- ▶ Please disclose any allergies—medical or otherwise—to your teachers before we leave. We will keep this information confidential.
- ▶ Ensure that you have enough of your medications before we leave. You will not be able to get refills in Europe without seeing a doctor.



Packing tips

Do ...

- ▶ ... pack light. You pack it, you carry it.
- ▶ ... pack layers, including a waterproof jacket.
- ▶ ... bring charger cables and battery backups.
- ▶ ... bring plug adapters.
- ▶ ... bring a neck wallet.
- ▶ ... leave space for souvenirs.

Don't ...

- ▶ ... bring hazardous materials, knives or firearms.
- ▶ ... bring valuables, heirlooms or any electronic devices that cost more than a mobile phone.
- ▶ ... pack touristy clothes, including anything overtly American, waist packs, etc.
- ▶ ... pack revealing clothing, as we will be touring churches
- ▶ ... bring cheap electronics, such as hair dryers, curlers, etc. They will explode, even with an adapter.

Weather

- ▶ Cloudy and rainy
- ▶ Highs in the 50s
- ▶ Lows in the 40s



On the flights

- ▶ You are permitted a suitcase, a carry-on bag and a personal item.
 - ▶ For size and weight restrictions, see the United Airlines website.
 - ▶ For limits on liquids and gels in carry-on bags, see the TSA website.
- ▶ Wear your bulkiest items on the plane as that makes it easier to pack. Dress appropriately, and cover what should be covered. The plane will be cold.
- ▶ Bring good headphones that end in a 3.5 mm (standard) headphone plug. (Not your new iPhone ones; not your fancy Bluetooth ones.) Download your music before we leave.
- ▶ Bring magazines, books, cards, etc., but no food or drink.

Flights to Europe

Vallecorosa

- ▶ Be at airport by 10:30 a.m.
March 10
- ▶ United 346
 - ▶ DFW-Newark: 13:26-17:45
- ▶ United 960
 - ▶ Newark-Frankfurt: 19:25-09:15
- ▶ Lufthansa 326
 - ▶ Frankfurt-Venice: 11:40-12:55

Wooddell

- ▶ Be at airport by 10:30 a.m.
March 10
- ▶ United 346
 - ▶ DFW-Newark: 13:26-17:45
- ▶ United 999
 - ▶ Newark-Brussels: 19:00-08:05
- ▶ Brussels 3201
 - ▶ Brussels-Venice: 09:50-11:25

Flights from Europe

- ▶ United 56
 - ▶ Paris-Newark: 09:25-13:25
- ▶ United 1866
 - ▶ Newark-DFW: 16:00-19:06
- ▶ Your ride should be at the airport no more than an hour after we land!

Phone service

- ▶ Major service providers (always check with your provider first)
 - ▶ AT&T: Passport plans start at \$60 for 1 GB. This provides unlimited texting and calls at \$0.35 a minute.
 - ▶ Sprint: free low-speed data and texting with Sprint Global Roaming. Calls are \$0.20 a minute.
 - ▶ T-Mobile: free low-speed data and texting with T-Mobile ONE. Calls are \$0.20 a minute.
 - ▶ Verizon: TravelPass allows you to use your domestic allowances while abroad for \$10 a day.
- ▶ You may elect to put your phone into airplane mode or disable mobile roaming. There will be free Wi-Fi networks on a limited basis.

Coming home

- ▶ Your ride should leave for the airport at the time when we are scheduled to land at DFW.
- ▶ You will be tired and hungry when we arrive home. Do not count on doing homework that night.
- ▶ Your absence on March 19 will not be excused.
- ▶ You are expected to be in class on time March 20.