

## Educational Travel Experience Designed for Morristown Beard School



# Cultural Exchange in France - 177204

March 14 - March 26, 2020

### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NEWARK
- DAY 2 ARRIVE PARIS - TGV - NANTES (8 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 4 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 5 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 6 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 7 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 8 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 9 NANTES (BY GROUP'S OWN ARRANGEMENTS)
- DAY 10 NANTES - TGV - PARIS (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 11 PARIS (THE FRENCH CULINARY SCENE)
- DAY 12 PARIS (PARIS OF THE IMPRESSIONISTS)
- DAY 13 DEPARTURE FROM PARIS

## ITINERARY

Investigate the World: France is an enchanting country that evokes elegance, opulence and richness with an incredible history spanning thousands of years. Each region is unique, and amid the beauty of the mountains, coastline and cities there are charming small towns filled with friendly people who embrace the true meaning of joie de vivre.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    



### DAY 1 Saturday, 14 March 2020

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Newark to Paris-Charles De Gaulle, France
-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

### DAY 2 Sunday, 15 March 2020

-  On arrival our Local Meet and Greet Guide will assist with transferring to the train.
-  We will travel by train from Charles-de-Gaulle Airport to Nantes.
-  Upon arrival in Nantes, all arrangements will be made by the school.

### DAY 3 Monday, 16 March 2020

-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.



### DAY 4 Tuesday, 17 March 2020

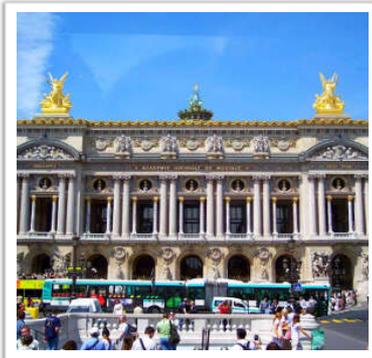
-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.

### DAY 5 Wednesday, 18 March 2020

-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.

### DAY 6 Thursday, 19 March 2020

-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.





**DAY 7 Friday, 20 March 2020**

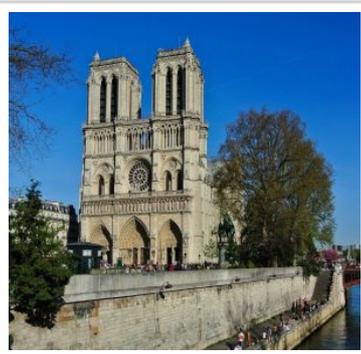
-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.

**DAY 8 Saturday, 21 March 2020**

-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.

**DAY 9 Sunday, 22 March 2020**

-  All arrangements today will be made by the school.  
Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.



**DAY 10 Monday, 23 March 2020**

-  We will travel by train from Nantes to Paris.
-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the train station and remain with us until our final airport departure.
-  We will board a private coach for our transfer to the hotel.
-  For the next three evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Paris hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
-  Paris is one of the most iconic cities in the world, filled with culture and history, monuments and museums. Known as the City of Light, Paris is a million things to a million people. No writer has ever been able to truly capture Paris in words, and only the experience of being there can begin to express the grandness and magic of this incredible city.
-  In Paris, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.
-  Tour the renowned Louvre Museum with a local specialist guide. We will see Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the imposing Coronation of Napoleon, and many of the finest paintings and sculptures from western civilization.
-  Visit Notre-Dame Cathedral. Work began in 1163 on a spot that had been a holy shrine since Roman times. Over the centuries, the cathedral has been the scene of some of France's most momentous occasions, including the coronation of Napoleon.
-  Tonight we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant in the Latin Quarter, a section of the city that dates back to the Roman times; it is generally associated with artists, intellectuals, and political unrest.
-  Ascend to the top of Paris' most recognizable landmark, the Eiffel Tower, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889. The wrought-iron tower was not meant to be permanent, and the first permit was only for 20 years. But by that time, it had proved to be a valuable communication device for radio. It is now France's global icon and has hosted over 200 million visitors. \*Pre-booking is not possible
-  Daily Reflection and Group Discussion  
"We do not learn from experience, we learn from reflecting on experience" - John Dewey  
On every evening of the program, we will set time aside to update our Reflection Journal and share thoughts and impressions that have come to the fore in the course of the day.





### DAY 11 Tuesday, 24 March 2020

-  During the course of our tour we will gain from the knowledge and insight of one half-day local guides while we are here in France.
-  Join Parisians in a time-honored tradition and explore a French Market. Shop among locals while surrounded by aromatic cheeses, fresh vegetables, and high-energy merchants.
-  Visit the 'Choco Story' and learn more about chocolate at the Musée Gourmand du Chocolat. Following our visit of the museum, we will watch some chocolates being produced and sample the finished product before participating in a workshop where we will work as a group to produce our own chocolate in the company of a chocolatier.
-  Visit the Musée D'Orsay, which is housed in a former railway station. It features mainly French art from 1848-1915, and is best known for its impressionist masterpieces by Monet, Degas, Renoir, and Cezanne.
-  Take a guided-tour of the Opera National de Paris, founded by Louis XIV in 1669. The Opera Garnier was founded by Louis XIV in 1669. The current Palais Garnier was inaugurated on January 15, 1875 and is the thirteenth theater to house the Paris Opera. Highlights of our tour will include: the Grand Staircase, built in marble of various colors; the Library-Museum, which houses a permanent gallery containing paintings, drawings, photographs and scale models of sets; the richly decorated Grand Foyer; the Salon du Glacier; and the Auditorium dominated by the immense crystal chandelier hanging below Marc Chagall's brightly colored ceiling.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

### DAY 12 Wednesday, 25 March 2020

-  Walk through the Jardin des Tuileries, the Neo-Classical gardens outside of the entrance to the Louvre and continue to La Place de la Concorde for a magnificent view of the Champs Élysées. Time permitting we will explore the Champs Élysées, which offers a beautiful look at Parisian life and architecture.
-  Ascend the Arc de Triomphe, a massive triumphal arch commissioned by Napoleon. Today, it is a symbol of Paris and is home to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
-  Visit Sacré-Coeur Basilica, a huge white church that dominates the Parisian skyline. Construction of the church began in 1875 and ended in 1914, just before WWI. Inside, we can admire the stained glass and some of the world's largest mosaics.
-  Tonight we will ascend to the Montmartre area of Paris, where we will have dinner in a local restaurant. This area was made famous in the late 19th century as an artists' haunt. We will also spend time in the Place du Tertre, a square known for its local artwork.
-  Final Reflection and Discussion Session  
This evening we make the final entries in our Reflection Journal and share some of the most significant observations and perspectives that have taken shape in the course of our travel experience and how these may be most relevant for us all as we return home.

### DAY 13 Thursday, 26 March 2020

-  Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.
-  Recognize Perspectives and Communicate Ideas:

3 College Preparatory Credits Through the University of California at San Diego Extension  
As a result of participating on this program, all high school students are eligible to take an online Global Perspectives course through a learning management system, where all the grading and assessment will be undertaken by the WorldStrides Curriculum and Academics team, led by Wendy Amato PhD.

The course offers 3 college preparatory credits through the University of California at San Diego Extension, where credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the online coursework with all costs associated with the course covered by WorldStrides.

### TOTAL PER PERSON TOUR COST BASED ON NUMBER OF FULL-PAYING PARTICIPANTS

Morristown Beard School (Subject to final airfare confirmation)	Full Paying Participants	Price In USD
This proposal is valid until Monday June 3rd.	<b>10</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<b>EZ Pay Option</b>		
Enroll by 06/03/2019 and make 8 payments of \$375.00 every 30 days by automatic deduction from your bank account. The final payment of the series will be deducted no later than 45 days before travel.		
**Based on the bolded pricing ratio from above.		
<b>How to Enroll</b>		
A \$300 initial deposit is due by 06/03/2019. Please contact your Program Leader for further information.		
<b>Program Leader:</b> Gorica Lalic <b>Contact Details:</b> glalic@mbs.net		
<b>Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!</b>		
Our Price Guarantee: Once you have accepted this proposal, the dates have been confirmed and WorldStrides online registration portal (or equivalent paperwork) has been made available for your group's tour, the prices shown for the relevant group size level(s) will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).		

#### What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed in Paris
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring in Paris
- A hearty three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening in Paris
- A full-time WorldStrides Tour Director, to accompany your group 24 hours a day from departure in Nantes to Paris until final departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour in Paris
- Meet and Greet Guide at Charles-de-Gaulle on Arrival Day
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring, except in the capital city, where public transport is used (and the cost included) for group sightseeing
- Roundtrip TGV between Nantes and Paris
- Tips and gratuities
- One roundtrip checked bag
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- Three college preparatory credits issued by UCSD-Extension for high school students (upon successful completion of online course work)

#### This Does Not Include:

- Any arrangements in Nantes
- Transportation to homestay location in Nantes
- Transportation from homestay location in Nantes to train station
- Lunches or personal beverages with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate Cancel For Any Reason travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149

## Students can earn 3 free college preparatory credits while gaining a global perspective!



### Be the teacher who gives your students a competitive edge for their future!

WorldStrides Global Competence programs offer students the opportunity to earn three free college preparatory credits for their travel. This type of academic credential gives students a competitive advantage on college applications, distinguishes them as savvy travelers and online learners, and gives them a jump start on their path to a successful completion of higher education. WorldStrides is the only educational travel provider that offers students this level of free preparatory college credit!

### Earning academic credit through WorldStrides

Middle school students traveling on a WorldStrides Global Competence program also have the opportunity to earn free high school credit - yet another differentiator from their peers. All credit, both college and high school, is available to students after they complete online post-tour coursework through our learning management system called Schoology. Students earning college credit are issued a transcript through our university partner, the University of California - San Diego Extension. Students earning high school credit will be issued a transcript directly from WorldStrides.



As an accredited school, our programs are centered on a structured curriculum that meets the same state and national standards that your school has to meet. Our Tour Directors are trained in our trade-marked approach to learning called LEAP - Learning through Exploration and Active Participation. Tour Directors use hands-on, interactive lessons to bring curriculum to life and engage students in the world around them. By challenging students to actively explore, ask questions, and develop a point of view about what they're seeing and doing, our LEAP methodology creates a richer experience that delivers a lasting impact.



## Offer your students a global perspective

Our courses focus on global perspectives and issues, and are designed to move students through awareness, understanding, appreciation, interaction, and experience in a foreign country. Forces behind global thinking - like technology, social mindedness, politics, environment, ecology, economy, and culture - will all feature prominently in the courses. We believe that strong global thinking leads to success in citizenship, stewardship, and leadership. Each day, your Tour Director will facilitate activities designed to ignite a desire for change and to cultivate a hope for the future. The lessons provide students with the ability to understand other traditions, cultures, viewpoints, and global issues; they position students to take an active role in society.

For questions on WorldStrides Discovery for Credit programs and how your students can receive 3 free college preparatory credits, please contact WorldStrides Curriculum and Academics Team at [discovery@worldstrides.com](mailto:discovery@worldstrides.com).

## Doctors on Call Program



WorldStrides has an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine and a George Washington doctor serves on staff as our WorldStrides Medical Director. The Doctors on Call Program offers teachers, parents, and students the unparalleled benefit of receiving medical phone consultations while traveling abroad. The doctors will evaluate the situation, injury, or illness over the phone and make recommendations for treatment accordingly.

### How does it work?

George Washington's Emergency Physicians will accept our phone calls, determine whether the patient should go directly to the hospital, and assist us from there all the way through the process. If someone needs to go to the hospital, they will expedite the process and help save valuable time for the patient, the Program Leader, and the Tour Director.

The Tour Director and Program Leader will initiate the process when it becomes necessary. The doctor on-call will contact the Program Leader and patient and determine the next steps to be taken.





## Traveling with WorldStrides: Layers of assurance

A WorldStrides trip is more than just a once-in-a-lifetime cultural and learning experience; each and every traveler is backed by the strength of the United States' largest and most trusted educational travel organization. Below is just a sampling of the support services WorldStrides provides through most of our divisions.

### Insurance: Liability and Financial Security

#### Liability Insurance –

WorldStrides' insurance is the largest in the industry at \$50 million. This coverage extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of WorldStrides as tour directors, program leaders, and chaperones. Your school can be named as additionally insured.

**Extensive Consumer Protection –** \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership.

**Affordable, Optional Medical and Cancellation Insurance –** Access to coverage available for all trip participants.

### State Department Registration and Legal Compliance

**Federal and State Regulations –** WorldStrides is in compliance with all Federal and State regulations, including all U.S. Seller of Travel Laws - [worldstrides.com/legal-policy](http://worldstrides.com/legal-policy).

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### Risk Management

**Embedded Insurance –** Program participants are covered by \$7,500 primary medical and dental insurance and \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

**Crisis Management Team –** Led by executives with decades of Risk Management experience, our team actively monitors world events, International SOS and State Department notices 24/7.

### Emergency Monitoring and Evacuation Services –

WorldStrides partners with WorldAware, a fully integrated risk management company providing world-class threat intelligence, innovative technology and response services.

**Doctors on Call Program –** A George Washington University Hospital doctor serves on staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization. Through an exclusive agreement with the GWU Department of Emergency Medicine, participants have worldwide, 24/7 phone access to medical support (including phone consultations and translation services).

### Emergency Contact Services –

WorldStrides' on tour support office is open 24 hours a day and staffed with trained professionals ready to assist with any problems or questions during travel.

### Accreditation and Educational Strength

WorldStrides is accredited as an educational institution through AdvancED. WorldStrides was the first travel provider to attain this accreditation, which validates the quality, stability, and educational value of our programs.

WorldStrides provides educational travel programs for more than 5,000 middle and high schools, 400 universities and 400,000 students annually.

WorldStrides programs are unique in offering the LEAP Enrichment Program. LEAP brings contemporary teaching strategies to the environments encountered while traveling.

### Student Registration and Payment Collection

Custom online registration platform to facilitate a smooth registration and payment process for students.

Dietary, health, and meal information collection.