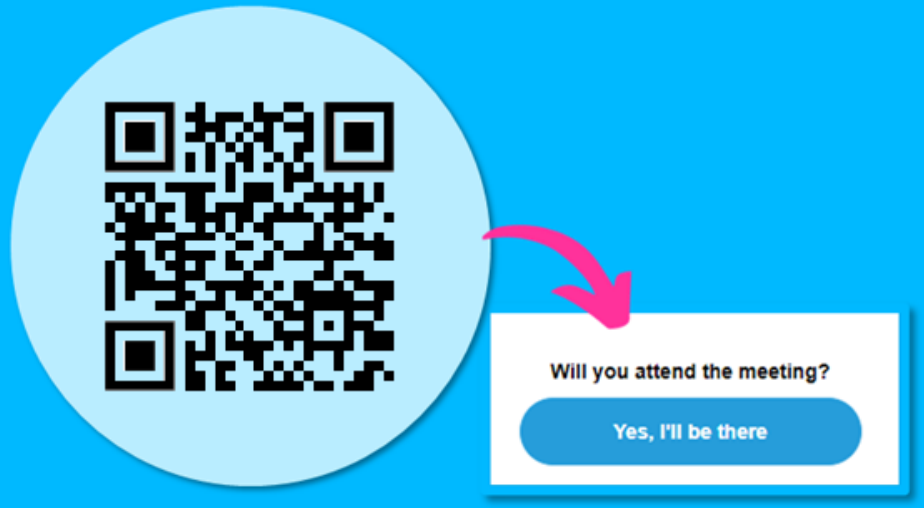
Before we begin our meeting



Did you RSVP to this meeting? If you haven't already, please do so through the QR code above.



Hold your questions until the end!

Hello! I'm your Group Leader

Erin Colvin

I teach 7th grade Language Arts here at Barker and this is my 18th year teaching. I also coach middle school soccer, and sponsor Newspaper Club.

I have been leading the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip since 2014 when I took it over from another teacher that was previously organizing the trip. We started out with traveling to D.C., Williamsburg, and Jamestown, but have since switched to experiencing D.C. and New York City. This will be my fourth year doing this particular trip. I have found that the New York part of the trip adds in a whole new level of excitement.

Most importantly, I'm excited to share this trip with your students because I'm passionate about travel and love the opportunities it opens up for students - gained independence, engaging experiences, and new connections.









Washington, D.C. & New York City

5 days

EXPLORE AMERICA



What we'll cover

- Our Travel Partner
- Our travel window
- Everything we'll see
- Before, during and after tour
- The lasting impact of travel
- All that's included
- Reserving your student's spot

Who is EF Explore America?

For over 55 years, EF has been working to keep the minds and the world wide open. EF designs tours to help educators teach, so students can learn more—about tolerance, other perspectives, and themselves.

EF Explore America's class trips are specially crafted to help students go beyond the ideas and experiences they know. The world is filled with endless potential, and I want to show your students that they are, too.

EF is here for us before, during and after tour.



Our travel window



Earliest possible departure date

Saturday, May 30th, 2026

Latest possible return date

Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Mark your calendars (for now)
EF uses an industry standard date range to ensure we get the best rates and activities.
We will confirm our exact dates of travel at least 90 days before we depart.

Washington, D.C. & New York City – 5 days

Explore Washington, D.C.
Photo stop at the White House
Lafayette Square and Black Lives Matter Plaza
Photo stop at the Washington Monument
WWII Memorial
Visit the Smithsonian museum of your choice
Take a guided night tour of Washington, D.C.
Lincoln Memorial
Korean War Veterans Memorial
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
See the U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center
Library of Congress & U.S. Supreme Court
Explore the Tidal Basin
FDR Memorial
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial
Jefferson Memorial
Visit Mount Vernon
Estate, museum, and education center
Mansion *(subject to availability)*
George Washington's tomb
The Slave Memorial
Enjoy an evening activity
Visit Arlington National Cemetery
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Kennedy gravesites
Military Women's Memorial
Marine Corps War Memorial

Travel to New York City
Enjoy views from iconic skyscrapers:
Empire State Building Observatory
Edge at Hudson Yards
One World Observatory
Visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
Explore the Ellis Island Immigration Museum
Take a walking tour of the Financial District
Bowling Green Park
Wall Street and Charging Bull sculpture
Federal Hall
Trinity Church
National September 11 Memorial
Visit Times Square
Attend a Broadway show
Take a guided tour of Midtown
United Nations Headquarters
Chrysler Building
Grand Central Terminal
Bryant Park
Rockefeller Center
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Fifth Avenue
Make a photo stop in Central Park

…and so much more!







Before Tour

- ## Don’t lift a finger

  Once you enroll, everything is taken care of. Meals, flights, hotels and attractions are all booked for us, so you don’t have to worry about planning a thing.

- ## One-on-one support

  Traveler Support Specialists work with you and your child to answer any what-ifs and how-to’s, Don’t understand travel options? Want to switch payment plans? Got food allergy questions? Your Traveler Support Specialist has your back.

- ## Explorer Scholarships

  Every year, EF awards $50,000 in needs-based scholarships to travelers from around the country through their Explorer Scholarship.

  https://www.efexploreamerica.com/explorer-scholarship

Personalized Travel Page

Upon enrollment, you’ll gain access to your personal travel page which includes a Help Center as well as The Giving Page. This is your free fundraising link to share with family and friends. 100% of donations go right towards your travel costs.



On the road

- ## Led by the best

  Along with your student's tour leader (me!), your child's tour will be led by a Tour Director who'll be with us from day one until they head home. They offer 24/7 support and the training, experience, and local knowledge to keep groups safe. Plus, their personality and logistical wizardry make our tours shine.

- ## Safety First

  Your child's safety is a non-negotiable. From our unmatched global presence to our dedicated, 24/7 Emergency Service and Support Team, EF helps ensure the safety and welfare of all of our travelers. For an extra safety precaution, professional overnight security dedicated specifically to our group will be at our hotels.

- ## Chaperone Team

  Your students will be accompanied by myself and our other chaperones. All adults on tour complete background checks in order to travel and are there as a familiar face as your child steps into the world.

Safe travels

EF is among the first recipients of the World Travel & Tourism Council's Safe Travels Stamp, certifying that EF adheres to strict safety and hygiene protocols.

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After Tour

- ## Set up for success

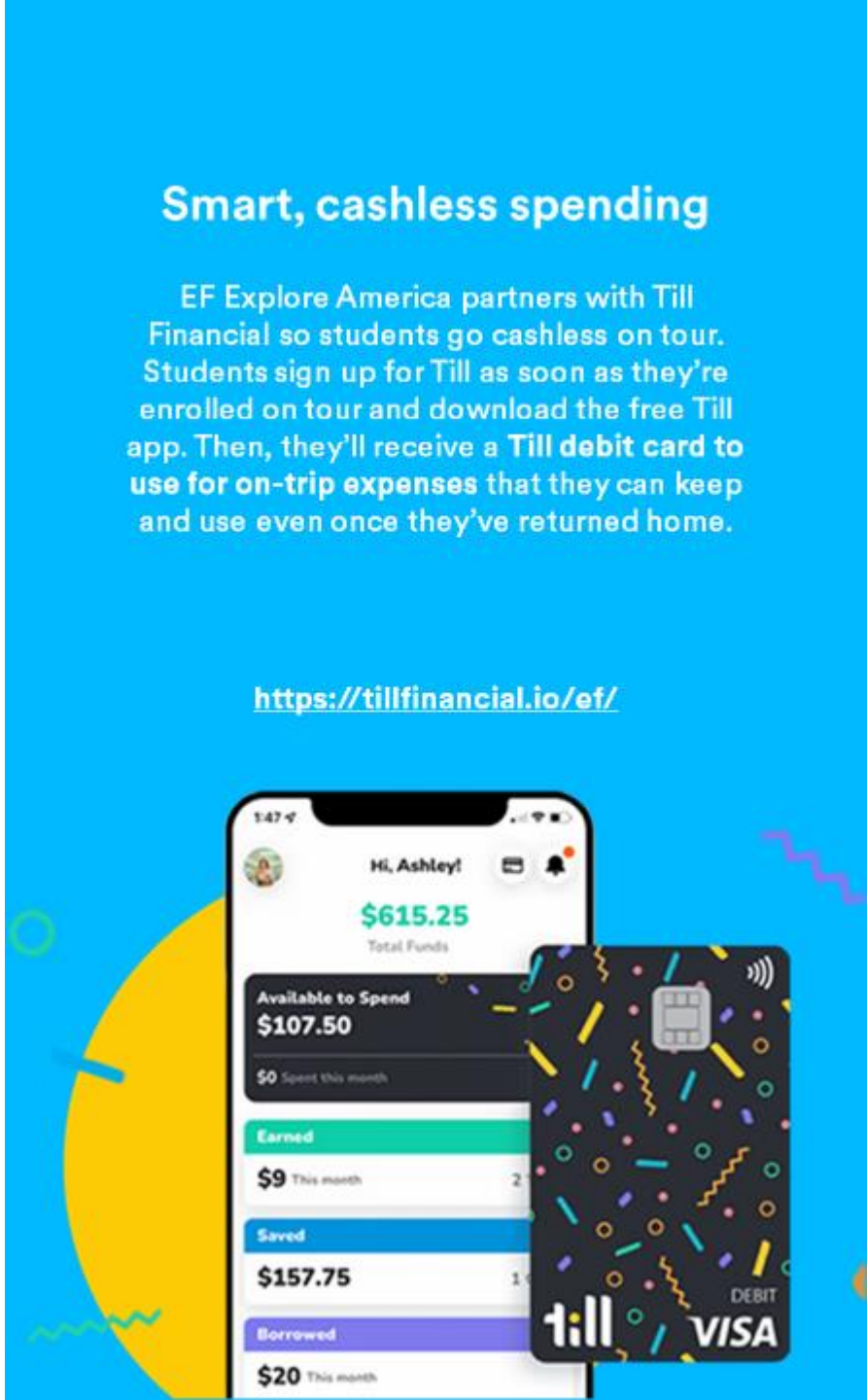
  Just like you, I'm thinking about your child's future. More specifically, how to help your child *succeed* in their future. That's why, when students travel, they return home with more than a suitcase full of souvenirs—they also gain understanding of cultural differences and most importantly, themselves. Insights that lead the way for small and big transformations. But don't just take it from us.

- ## Extra mileage

  Our educational tools are designed to give our travelers even more opportunities to grow from their experiences, this time in tangible ways. With EF's UnCommon App guide, students can turn their tour into inspiration for a college essay that will stand out to any admissions officer.

- ## From travel to transcript

  By focusing on reflection and investigating a topic that inspires them, students can earn high school or college credit as part of their EF tours. The exclusive online course, developed with Southern New Hampshire University, earns them three college credits and a confidence-building taste of higher-ed success.



By the numbers

93%

of travelers say their tour expanded their knowledge of the world

89%

say they understand more about new people, places, and cultures

92%

say they discovered more about themselves

88%

of travelers say they grew more confident and independent



Source: EF Educational Tours 2019 Post-Tour Student Survey

What will your student be most excited for?



Flying on a plane



Meeting our Tour Director *(aka their new best friend)*



Visiting Mount Vernon



Building smart spending habits



Gaining an expanded knowledge of the world



Seeing the Statue of Liberty



Choosing their own food



Sight seeing in Times Square



Climbing the steps of the Lincoln Memorial



Making new connections



Visiting Arlington National Cemetery



Learning more about themselves



Watching their textbooks come to life

Protection plans

Protect your investment against the unexpected

	+ $119 Travel Protection Plan	+ $309 Travel Protection *Plus* Plan
Rolls into your payment plan	✓	✓
Flight Delay coverage	✓	✓
Tour Interruption coverage	✓	✓
Baggage & Property coverage	✓	✓
Maximum refund available*	✓	✓
Cancel for a covered reason up until day of departure	✓	✓
Cancel for any reason up until day of departure		✓

*Maximum refund does not include Protection Plan fees or any non-refundable fees.
For full details, visit efexploreamerica.com/help-center/safety/travel-protection

Industry-Leading Protection of Investment



Cancellation Fee

Within 7 days of enrollment

$0



Cancellation Fee

Up to 1 year prior to departure,
when enrolled in the Travel Protection Plan

$95

**Additional details can be found on our tour enrollment page*

Everything that's included

- Airfare
- Full-time Tour Director
- Hotel accommodations
- Industry leading student-to-chaperone ratio
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included
- Professional overnight security
- High School & College Credit Opportunities
- Option for free Till Debit Card & App
- On-tour transportation
- Guided tours, activities and entries
- Expert local guides
- 24-hour emergency assistance
- Illness and Accident coverage
- Traveler support team
- All gratuities
- Personalized Giving Page

Plus some EF travel gear!



Let's do this

(Payments made easy)

Travel is for everyone and, by breaking the cost of your trip into manageable payments, our recommended **Automatic Payment Plan** makes it possible for everyone, too. We also have Pay-in-Full and our Manual Payment Plan as well.

Automatic!

$73	$150	$2,189	
Bi-weekly Payments	**Monthly Payments**	**Pay-in-Full upon enrollment**	**Manual Payments**
29 bi-weekly payments, after $95 deposit*	14 monthly payments, after $95 deposit*	One-time payment, includes $95 deposit (Traveler Preferred!)	Pay in larger, less frequent installments**

Risk-Free Enrollment Eligible°

*Card must display the Visa or Mastercard logo
* Estimated cost; may vary based on desired date of autopay withdrawal.
† Additional restrictions & fees apply

° New travelers who enroll within the enrollment discount window and paid in full or enrolled in our Automatic Payment Plan can cancel for any reason up to 7 days after enrollment for a full refund of 100% of the money paid to EF.

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$69	$143	$2,089	
Bi-weekly Payments	**Monthly Payments**	**Pay-in-Full upon enrollment**	**P**
29 bi-weekly payments, after $95 deposit*	14 monthly payments, after $95 deposit*	One-time payment, includes $95 deposit (Traveler Preferred!)	Pay in larger, less frequent installments**

FOR AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT

$100 OFF!

ENROLL BY Friday, March 21st

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Ready to travel?

Enrollment Deadline

Friday, March 21st at midnight

Interested Families

Over 70 interested families!

Guaranteed Spots
(first come first serve)

Only 20 spots available!

Grab your phones as the QR code to secure your spot on tour will be on the next slide!

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Enroll Here:

Scan QR with your camera, type the link below into your browser window or chat/call with our Tour ID number below.

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Chat: efexploreamerica.com/contact-us
Call: 1.888.333.9756

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