

DEPARTURE MEETING EUROPEAN QUARTET, APRIL 7, 2025 - 7:00 - at JM Cuelenaere Library

LARGE GROUP MEETING

1. Luggage MUST be identifiable -if you have black or blue luggage brighten it up with "hello kitty" etc duck tape - before our return flight be SURE you have your name tags on it (a few people had no names on their luggage and then when the luggage was lost there was no way to identify it. AS WELL, you must put on an Air Canada luggage tag with the destination as our 1st hotel -look on your lanyard to correctly tag this on your Air Canada luggage tag.
2. Packing your backpack -all BATTERIES and MEDS meds must be in there! Pack 5-6 snacks, plus you will pack 2-3 outfits plus 2-3 underwear /socks-just/umbrella or poncho in case your luggage is lost.
3. Packing your "liquids" bag – liquids cannot hold more than 100 ml, all of your liquids that are in your carry on must fit in a sandwich baggie. You can only have 1 bag of liquids.
4. Due to Covid things on flights have changed so, on the flights within Canada if you need to purchase snacks you can only purchase these with a credit card.
5. Jana -play EF's departure video
6. Jana -talk about where to find the blog and what to expect from the blog. We will not be answering any blog comments -do not ask us to tell so&so to call home -it will not happen
7. When going through security at different sites -pack your common sense -whatever would not make security at an airport will not pass through security at places we'll go to (ex. student packing a hunting knife as it was important to him) he didn't want to leave it in his hotel room -he was almost arrested for this at the Vatican City
0. Donna –go over luggage and some packing stories! **EVERYONE MUST KNOW WHAT MEDS THEY HAVE PACKED AND WHAT THEY ARE FOR AS WELL ALL TRAVELLERS MUST PACK THEIR BAGS –PARENTS ARE NOT TRAVELLING WITH YOU SO YOU MUST BE THE PACKER WITH YOUR PARENTS HELP!**

CARRY ON

Maximum size:

23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm

(9 in x 16 in x 22 in)

Wheels and handles included.

Maximum weight:
10 kg (22 lb)

CHECKED BAGGAGE

Max. weight per bag:
23kg (50lb)

Max. linear dimensions per
bag:
158cm (62in)

0. **PACK LIGHT –PACK LIGHT –PACK LIGHT** –so your suitcase should not weigh more than 35 lbs when leaving Canada

1. **EF's emergency number** 1-800 387-1460

2. **Flights – Red Bus and all advisors be at the airport by 8:45 AM on Sat. April 12 travelling AC #1122 S'toon-Toronto -Blue and Yellow bus must be at the airport by 9:00**

3. **ARRIVAL back into Saskatoon from Toronto Sun April 27th @ 9:57PM Air Canada 1125**

8. **Download the EF traveler app.** Tour Number 2669118NT and access code 645 839

4. **TD's for European Quartet 2025**

Thomai Stoulia	0044 0787 078760	td.thomai.stoulia@ef.com	Red Bus
David Mecoli	0044 7500 222671	d.mecoli.1058@ef.com	Blue Bus
Alex Garcia	0044 07810 453 551	a.garcia.2890@ef.com	Yellow bus

5. Tape itinerary into your journal

6. Hotel keys -must always turn them in at the desk whenever you're leaving the room as 3 of you need to know where the key is. A \$75 fee for a lost key.

7. Sam- talk about phone and using the Airalo

NEXT MEETING TO HEAR ABOUT OUR 2026 TOUR "Australia and New Zealand is May 5th at 7:00

SMALL GROUP MEETING

1. TD's lunch specials -you do not need to eat there -it's an option but lunches are your own choice
2. Go over "The last things to Think about" Doc
3. Go through scenarios of A) What does it look like to be a respectful roommate ie space /key/ helping pack/ if ill taking food back to them/ etc
 - B) What does it look like to be respectful to advisors
 - C) What does a "team player" on the travel club look like? – welcoming/inclusive/ asking questions about that person/ if someone is by themselves ask if they'd like to join you/ sharing/ understanding/cooperative/
4. For this trip to a success you MUST hydrate (drink at least 1.5 L of water daily) use hand cleanser all the time (before meals/every time you get on and off the bus
5. Your toothbrush -I NEVER TOUCH water that does not come from a water bottle on my tooth brush even in Europe. Some advisors do but this policy has kept me healthy in over 57 countries.
6. Hand out Jana's blog list and have students take a picture of it so they know when it's their turn. Discuss what they do when they are the blog writers.
7. Hand out money – they should have 180 GBP and 520 Euro – have travellers give you back the money they want you to carry. Have them put the money the advisor is carrying in a sealed envelope with their name on it. I'll be carrying all but 100 -120 GBP or approx. \$175 - \$215 Cdn. Once we get to the hotels this money will go into the safe - have a parent help collect spending money. Have separate envelopes for each optional and have the parent write the students name on the envelope when they pay for it. Then make sure that envelope balances.
8. EXTRA additional ACTIVITIES that our TD has suggested during this past week: Jack the Ripper 15 Euro
9. Collect Bus money for both Disney and Versailles at 20 Euro per person.
10. GO OVER FLIGHTS – **be at the airport by 8:45 AM on Sat. April 12 red bus and 9:00 Blue and Yellow buses**
11. Go over the rooming lists – we're hoping to be in triples and quads
12. Talk about packing - reiterate - batteries and liquids information

13. Talk about long flights and bus rides -get our heads around the long flights now!
14. Talk about advisors doing roomchecks -how one of them will be in the hotel during free time/we will be congregating in the roomcheck advisors' room so during the evening if you want an early bed check go to that room.
15. Every morning go to the advisor 1st to have them check off your name that your room is awake and up. Be sure to say your name and what room you are in. The same advisors doing room checks at night will be doing breakfast checking off. Look for them before you get your food to get that done.
16. Students must take a picture of the rooming list at every hotel so they know where the roomcheck advisor is and where their friends are.