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Freeland Travel Club Ireland, Scotland, England 2022



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Thank you for your interest in the 2022 trip to Ireland, Scotland, and England. The trip is open to students who will have completed 7th-12th grade in the 2021-2022 school year and their parents.

Parents, make sure you read the <u>Chaperone Guidelines</u> so you know what to expect when you go on tour!

If your student is currently in 7th or 8th grade, please give me a call (695-0500--or email me with the best time to call you) to discuss the trip. I would like to speak with you before you enroll your student to travel solo. See my note at the bottom of this document.

Important tour information:

- Enrollment link <u>www.eftours.com/2162667jy</u>
 - Plus lots of other trip information. Make sure to read the tour reviews and watch the video of the tour.
- Presentation from 5/20/19 information meeting
 - o P TBR Mindi Flintoft-Hannon 2020
- Itinerary for Ireland, Scotland, England tour
 - o Ireland Scotland England Itinerary 2022.pdf
- Parent Chaperone Guidelines for International Tours
 - Parent Chaperone Info International

- EF enrollment guide (all the fine print and EF policies)
 - Enrollment Booklet.pdf
- EF Global Travel Protection Plan information
 - https://www.eftours.com/help-center/safety/travel-protection
- EF Policies and FAQ regarding COVID
 - o https://www.eftours.com/help-center/safety/coronavirus-faq

Please note, I highly encourage parents of current7th graders to travel along with their student on this tour. If you would like to sign up your student who is currently in 7th grade, and you yourself are <u>not</u> interested in traveling, **please contact me before signing your student up. While I will allow middle school students to travel unaccompanied, I want to everyone to have an amazing time. I need to make sure that both you and your student are prepared for the rigors of an 11 day international tour, and I do not recommend that this tour be the very first time your young student is away from home and family.**

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Parent Chaperone Information

Freeland Travel Club International tours

Your role as a chaperone is an important one. This trip cannot happen without the support of parents on tour. Traveling with students is enjoyable, but it requires that you accept certain responsibilities. While this is an incredible opportunity to share with your son or daughter, please understand that you are not signing up for a leisurely family vacation.

By enrolling as an adult traveling on a student tour you are acknowledging the rigorous nature of touring versus vacationing and also accepting the additional responsibilities that adult chaperones take on while touring with a group of students.

This document will provide you with an overview of a chaperone's responsibilities both before and on tour. Please contact me with any questions or concerns before you enroll on tour.

Requirements

- **1.** Agree to the duties and expectations outlined in this document
- 2. Sign up for the tour with EF and pay all tour costs/fees
 - EF background check (no additional cost to you)
- 3. District approval to be a school volunteer
 - Submit a <u>FCSD Volunteer Application</u> (if out of date or never completed before)
 - Volunteer Application includes a background check

Before Tour Expectations

- Maintain contact with Mindi Hannon leading up to the international tour.
 - o Respond to emails and phone calls in a timely manner.
- Attend a brief chaperone meeting after the Departure Meeting.

Duties on tour

- 1. Learn the names of and get to know all students on tour.
- 2. Look out for the general well-being of all students.
 - Inform the group leader if you have concerns about any students (not eating, poor attitude, homesick, drama, not feeling well)
- 3. Depending on the total number of adult chaperones, you may be assigned a small group of students to supervise during some activities.
 - Stay with and supervise your small student group at all times
 - Count your students to make sure everyone is present before we move on to the next part of our itinerary
 - Check in with the group leader at regular intervals when we are in small groups.
 - Know departure/meeting times and ensure your group arrives back on time or early
- 4. Be familiar with each day's itinerary
- 5. Take photos of all students throughout the tour and possibly help keep the group's Facebook page updated (if you have a Facebook account)
 - Please share your photos with Mindi Hannon during/after the tour so the trip photo book has photos of ALL students

On-Tour Expectations

- Set a good example for the students by modeling good behavior
 - Follow all rules
 - Be positive and enthusiastic about activities
 - o Be on-time or early for all check-ins and departures
 - Dress appropriately for the weather and the activities of the day
- Cell phones (if you choose to bring it with you and have international service)
 - o Keep your cell phone on, charged, volume up, and with you at all times
 - o Make sure all students in your group have your cell number saved in their phone.
 - Have the group leader's phone number [or other method of contact] and the numbers of all the students you are responsible for saved in your phone
- Able to keep up with 5-10 miles of walking per day while on tour
- Willing and able to participate in all activities on tour