

RISK ASSESSMENT

School: <u>EBUS Academy</u>	
Grade/Group: <u>Grade 11/12</u>	Teacher: <u>Shawn Whalen/Brittany Phan</u>
Destination & Activity: <u>Europe or Costa Rica</u>	
Date(s) of Trip: <u>March 15-23, 2027</u>	
LOW RISK	
<input type="checkbox"/> Day trip, in district <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Risk Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> On beach or near stream (<u>no</u> stepping in water)	<input type="checkbox"/> List on parent information form and permission slip
MODERATE RISK	
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-District but within province <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness/bear area <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Risk Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming in any pool or hot tub <input type="checkbox"/> Boating or swimming in lake <u>near shore</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity near fast moving or open water <input type="checkbox"/> Creek or stream programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Component Form
HIGH RISK	
<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Province <input type="checkbox"/> Ski/Snowboard <input type="checkbox"/> Active logging roads <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake crossing <input type="checkbox"/> On fast moving water	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Component Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake ice activity (<u>not</u> on river ice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Component Form
OUT-OF-COUNTRY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Country STEP 1 (<i>must be approved before proceeding to STEP 2</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Approval Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Country STEP 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Country Application Form

Identify the person in charge at the activity:

Name: Shawn Whalen & Brittany Phan **Qualifications:** Mr. Whalen has led 3 prior trips

How were students selected to participate and what preparation/experience do they have? _____

Students will apply to go on the trip

Are students participating in supervision? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how were students selected to participate in supervision? _____

Comments: _____

Principal/Vice Principal: _____ Date: 1-12-26

OUT-OF-COUNTRY **STEP 1**: PRE-APPROVAL APPLICATION FORM



STEP 1 must receive Board Approval prior to: booking, fundraising, and STEP 2 approval.

School: Ebus Academy Application Date: January 12, 2026
 Group/Grade: Gr. 11 and 12 Teacher: Shawn Whalen and Brittany
 Destination: Germany, Switz, Italy, Paris OR Costa Rica
 Dates: March 15 to March 23, 2027

Give the goals and objectives of the Out-of-Country trip: _____

To provide students with meaningful, real-world learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. The trip will support the BC curriculum by fostering global awareness, cultural understanding, and experiential learning aligned with the Core Competencies, including Communication, Thinking, Personal and Social Responsibility.

Give the experience of the teacher: 35 years of teaching and 3 years leading school tours

Expected number of student participants: 12 - 15

Submit with this application to the Principal/Vice Principal:

- ☒ Risk Assessment
- ☒ Itinerary
- ☒ Current Travel Advisory <http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>
 - ☐ Exercise normal security precautions
 - ☐ Exercise a high degree of caution
 - ☐ Avoid non-essential travel
 - ☐ Avoid all travel

SCHOOL USE: Principal/Vice Principal	
Dates within school calendar break?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments: _____	
Principal/Vice Principal: _____	Date: <u>1-12-26</u>
School Supervisor: _____	Date: <u>Jan 13, 2026</u>
Superintendent: _____	Date: <u>Jan 13, 2026</u>
DISTRICT USE: Board Approval	
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-APPROVAL Application Form and supporting documents	
Board Meeting Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Comments: _____	
Board Chairperson: _____	
Date PVP Informed: _____ Via: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone By: _____	



Germany, Switzerland & Italy

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March 13 - March 24, 2027

Day 1 Overnight flight to Germany (Frankfurt)

Day 2 Guten Tag Frankfurt

Meet your tour director and travel to your hotel in the Rothenburg area

Rothenburg tour director-led sightseeing: Marktplatz, Rathaus

Day 3 Rothenburg area--Munich

Travel to Munich

Hohenschwangau excursion: Hohenschwangau Castle visit, Neuschwanstein Castle and Queen Mary's Bridge photo stop
Bavarian bratwurst dinner

Day 4 Munich

Munich guided sightseeing tour: Marienplatz, Frauenkirche, Residenz, BMW Welt showroom visit, 1972 Olympia Park
Dachau Concentration Camp & Memorial visit

Day 5 Munich--Venice

Travel via Innsbruck to Venice

Innsbruck city walk: Old Town Square, Golden Roof

Day 6 Venice

Venice guided sightseeing tour: St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace visit, Glass-blowing demonstration

Day 7 Venice--Lucerne

Full-day transfer via Verona to Lucerne

Verona tour director-led sightseeing: Piazza delle Erbe, Romeo and Juliet balcony, Verona Arena

Day 8 Lucerne

Lucerne tour director-led sightseeing: Chapel Bridge, Lion Monument, Jesuit Church, Weinmarkt and Kommarkt Squares

Optional Mt. Pilatus excursion

Day 9 Lucerne--Heidelberg

Travel to Heidelberg via the Black Forest

Cuckoo clock demonstration

Heidelberg tour director-led sightseeing: Heidelberg Castle and wine barrel visit, Market Square

Day 10 Start extension to Paris

Travel to Paris by train

Paris city walk: Île de la Cité, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Île St. Louis, Latin Quarter

Dinner in Latin Quarter

Day 11 Paris

Paris guided sightseeing tour: Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, Opera House

Louvre Museum visit

Seine River cruise

Day 12 Flight home from Paris



TOUR ITINERARY

Day 0 Hola San José (groups flying from the west coast may be required to depart day 0)

Meet your tour director and check into hotel

Day 1 San José--Arenal

Coffee Plantation visit

Travel to Arenal

Day 2 Arenal

1968 Volcano View and Lava Trails

Lake Arenal kayaking tour

Hot springs visit

Day 3 Arenal--Coastal Puntarenas

Optional Horseback ride

Travel to Coastal Puntarenas

Crocodile Safari

Free time at the beach

Day 4 Coastal Puntarenas

Optional Yoga class by the beach

Volunteer at a wildlife rescue center

Day 5 Coastal Puntarenas

Manuel Antonio National Park visit

Day 6 Coastal Puntarenas--San José

Canopy zipline tour

Travel to San José

Optional Folklore evening

Day 7 End Tour



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