

TRAVEL INFORMATION

European Tour 2011

Passport: This is the **MOST IMPORTANT ITEM**. Carry your passport on your person at all times. You **MUST HAVE A PASSPORT SECURITY POUCH** to hold your passport so it can be hidden under your clothes. Don't rely on your purse or pockets. Chaperones may need to collect passports for security purposes at times. If you have extra passport pictures take a couple along.

Suitcase: **MUST NOT EXCEED 62 INCHES** (total dimensional inches: the sum of length, width, and height) and **SHOULD NOT EXCEED 35 POUNDS**. Participants whose bags exceed the airline 50 pound limit are responsible for any fee assessed by the airline and/or coach company. Make sure you label your suitcase with you NAME, ADDRESS, USA. We will give you a bag tag supplied by Wonders Tours.

Carry-on Baggage: **LIMIT OF ONE PER PERSON**, labeled with NAME, ADDRESS, USA, must fit under your airline seat (recommend a small backpack for student tour maximum size 22"X 14"X 9"). Pack with items you must have during trip in case your luggage gets lost. You must follow TSA requirements for liquids in your carry-on (www.tsa.gov/311/index.shtm) 3-ounce bottle or less by volume; 1 quart-sized clear plastic zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger in screening bin. Prescription drugs should only be carried in original containers. **Note: NO** pocket-knives, aerosol cans, cigarette lighters, matches, corkscrews, nail files, scissors, knitting needles, cigar cutters, razors, bottle openers, metal belt buckles, fireworks, weapons (mace, tear gas or pepper spray), or any item which could conceivably used as a weapon. If you are in doubt, pack any item in your checked luggage to avoid delays at the airport security checkpoints.

PACKING LIST

Instrument: Labeled with NAME, ADDRESS, USA, cleaned, extra reeds, oil, mutes, strap for case. We will give you a bag tag from Wonders Tours.

Music Stand: You will need a wire music stand for the concerts. The stand must be packed in cloth bag so that it is easy to identify.

Concert Uniform: Khaki pants/shorts, blue band shirt (will be provided), shoes or sandals.

Clothing: Sensible walking shoes, 2 pair pants, 2-3 pair of conservative shorts, 3-4 shirts, 4-5 pair underwear, 4-5 pair socks, sleepwear, 1 sweater/sweatshirt, swimsuit, 1 light jacket, shower sandals. **NO CLOTHING WITH QUESTIONABLE PRINTED MESSAGES** (If in doubt - **DON'T BRING ON TOUR**) Chaperones will have the final word. Bring clothing that will blend into the crowds; you don't want to stick out as being a Tourist from America!!!

Toiletries: (Travel Size) soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, laundry soap, deodorant, make-up, Kleenex, moist toilettes, washcloth (not usually supplied in hotels), comb/brush, sanitary supplies, prescription drugs only, small sewing kit (safety pins, needle, thread, extra buttons), clothesline, Ziploc bags, toilet tissue, contacts, eyeglasses and all cleaning supplies.

Special Items: Language dictionary or phrase book is very helpful, windbreaker, sunglasses, umbrella, travel alarm, camera and plenty of extra film/memory card, electrical converters or adaptors for hair dryers and shavers (be careful that your dryer/shaver is adjustable to 220V), small notebook or travel diary for itinerary and trip notes, extra eyeglasses or contact lenses, rubber jar opener to use as a plug for sinks.

Helpful Hints

Luggage: A HEAVY SUITCASE IS A REAL BURDEN!!!!!!!

Mark your luggage with special identification so you will readily recognize it on baggage carousels. (Some color-coded markers and tape will be supplied for bus loading ID.) Pack old clothes that can be discarded if you desire to make room for gifts or souvenirs that you pick up along the way.

Lost & Found: Don't take anything along that you would feel badly about losing (especially jewelry).

Money: In most countries, Visa or Cirrus ATM cards give better exchange rates, but you should check your local banks for information about using them. We don't recommend using traveler's checks. Many banks and/or Travelex offer pre-paid money cards or debit cards can be set up with a fixed amount of Euros. Most countries will not allow you to exchange coins so spend them when you can. Most duty-free shops do not offer any real bargains.

Tipping: In restaurants when tips are included in the bill, most waiters and waitresses expect an additional 3%; if not included 10-15% is customary.

DO NOT TRAVEL ALONE: ALWAYS TRAVEL IN A GROUP.

USE COMMON SENSE AND BE COURTEOUS: PLEASE AND THANK YOU WORK WONDERS IN EVERY LANGUAGE.

KNOW AND ADHERE TO ALL STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND ACTIVITY RULES AS AGREED TO ON TRIP AGREEMENT.

NO PURCHASING OF ALCOHOL AT ANY TIME, EVEN AS A GIFT FOR YOUR PARENTS. (US CUSTOMS WILL NOT ALLOW STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 TO BRING ALCOHOL INTO THE UNITED STATES.)