

Martinique 2019

1. Educational or extracurricular purpose of the trip:

The purpose of this trip is for upper level French students to be able to practice their French in an authentic setting. Students will be interacting with the local population doing service projects (at a local orphanage, beach, or recreation department), learning to dance, conversing at an outdoor market, dining and dancing with local families, as well as visit a high school to speak with students to enhance and apply what they've learned in class. In addition, students will be visiting historical sites and participating in various other authentic cultural activities (such as pétanque and yoles rondes) in Martinique. During the students' stay, a full-time Martinique tour manager, director, and guide will lead and accompany the students to all activities and excursions.

2. Curriculum unit or units related to the trip: Allez viens à la Martinique, Bon séjour, Vive l'école (French 2), On va au Café, Au marché, Sports et Passe-Temps (French 1), Regional food specialties (French 4), Vacations and Travel (French 4)

3. Proposed classroom preparation for the trip and proposed classroom follow-up after the trip: The students will have already studied the corresponding textbook chapters as outlined in (2. above) and will be prepped with a more in-depth historical and cultural study of the island.

A presentation of our culture and traditions will be prepared and shared with the local high school students. They will be expected to draft a brief reflection essay and participate in an online survey at the completion of the trip. They will also engage with their classmates and teacher regarding what they saw and learned during their trip.

4. Destination in detail: Students and chaperones will stay in 3-star hotels with breakfast included (3-4 students per room), accompanied by a local guide. The group will have one Full-Time 24/7 Tour Manager (who is from the island) for all activities, everything as well as a local tour guide/director who will stay with the group from breakfast until bedtime. Both the manager and the guide are from Martinique. They will see the capital, Fort-de-France, Schoelcher Library, La Cathédrale Saint Louis, a local farmer's market, a local school, Saint-Pierre, and various other locations for ecotourism, service learning, and cultural activities. Transportation will be via private coach bus, except on 1 day, where we will take a ferry to the capital instead of the bus.

5. Proposed dates and exact times of departure and return: Depart in late June, 2019, from SHS for a total of 8 days.

6. Student total estimate: 12-20

7. Adult chaperones and ratio: Heather Leger and another teacher TBD. The ratio of adult chaperones to students is 10 to 1.

8. Detailed itinerary of activities: please refer to the attached document

9. Forms: Each parent will receive a proposed itinerary and payment plan as well as permission trip forms, medial and behavioral forms. Not student will be allowed to participate unless all forms are completed, signed, and turned in.

10. Cost of the trip per student: The price range per student is \$2,599, based on 12+ students. This includes 2 free chaperones. Teachers will use all documents as outlined in the SHS Global Travel Handbook. This includes 2 meals a day, airfare, student accommodations, Guided tour of Fort-de-France, Scavenger Hunt, 3 days of Cultural and Educational Focus and Immersion, Ecotourism activities, Yole Ronde (traditional fishing/racing boats), Snorkeling, Mount Pelée Hike, Swim in the Gorge and Waterfall, Ruins of St. Pierre, among other activities. It does not, however, include tips for the guides.

11. Sources of funding for the trip: Parents, students (part-time jobs), fundraising (see some ideas below). Students and their parents are responsible for the cost of the trip. The group leaders will actively communicate to parents that every effort will be made to help students and their families afford the trip if finances are an obstacle.

Ideas for Fundraising:

- French Movie Night (offering French pastries, etc. for sale, and include a 50/50 raffle)
- la Francophonie Showcase (an evening of raffles, crêpe-making, and sharing of the culture and traditions of French-speaking countries presented by students and local community members)
- Co-sponsor Kid's Night Out with STUCO

12. Tour Incentives, etc.: Any prerequisite accruing to the sponsor including prizes, stipends, tips, price reductions, gifts, or any other gratuities associated with acquisition of travel and/or accommodations. Teachers will not take any monetary incentives and will complete all necessary ethics disclosure forms.

13. Meetings: Any trip requiring travel outside the U.S. or more than one night lodging will have an evening preparatory meeting between chaperones and parents at least three (3) weeks in advance. Students, parents, and teachers will meet three preparatory meetings: one in November, one in February, and one in April. An initial informational meeting will be held in September to give families an overview of the trip (pending approval).

14. Liability: Parents must release the school department and employees from liability arising out of the trip. Release forms will be on file in all building principal's Continued on next page. Adopted: 2/20/80 Revised: 4/10/91 offices. The aforementioned document will be collected and filled with Kathy Granados two months prior to departure. Details of said document will be explained at the February preparatory meeting.

15. Provisions: Provisions so that all members of the class or group have a realistic opportunity to participate. All members of the Class of 2018 and 2019 currently enrolled in a French class are encouraged to participate in this opportunity. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that all students who wish to participate are able to do so including fundraising activities listed in #11. I am hoping to provide students with as much prior notice of the trip as possible so that they may start financial planning early. Students, parents, and teachers will go over budgeting options and brainstorm fundraiser ideas at the first preparatory meeting in November.

16. Additional attachments:

- A. Detailed Itinerary (* in final stages)
- B. Additional travel insurance
- C. *Teach By Travel* Tour Company testimonials
- D. *Vamonos Tours* testimonials (tour company making our connection with Martinique)

*more testimonials to come

A. FRENCH CARIBBEAN: 8D ITINERARY Proposed Itinerary – Martinique Tour

Day 1: Martinique

Flight to Martinique. Arrive and check in to your accommodations. Balance of the day at your leisure.

Day 2: Fort-de-France

Transfer to Fort de France where you will spend your morning on a walking tour of the capital, then visit the bibliotheque Schoelcher, and La Cathedral. Afterwards, engage in a digital scavenger hunt at a farmers' market and sample some "accras de morue". After lunch, participate in a service learning project at L'Esperance foster home then tour a local rural farm. Enjoy a homemade dinner at the home of a local family and interact with them while they teach you some creole as well.

Days 3-5: Mar nique

3 days of cultural and educational focus take the spotlight! Opportunities include a visit to an authentic Martiniquaise school; tour the school, learn about the French education system, and spend the day visiting some classes, having lunch with students at school, and especially, having recess and "running around" time with them. Our goal is to have as much contact with local students as possible. Ecotourism activities will also be included.

Day 6: Matinique

Enjoy your included Yole Ronde boating excursion with afternoon snorkeling.

Day 7: Mount Pelée

Adventure awaits you today! Travel to the green and luscious volcano at the northern end of Martinique for your included hike up the nearly mile-high mountain. Enjoy spectacular views of Martinique as you traverse the area and climb ever higher. Included swim in the river gorge and waterfall, as well as exploration of the ruins.

Day 8:

Return flight home.

**Activities will be confirmed closer to tour departure date and this is a proposed itinerary

B. Additional travel insurance

Travel Guard®

Gold - TBT Travel Protection Plan Overview

Travel Insurance & Global Assistance

Protect Assist Plan for residents of CO, NH and MT

Cover your investment from those unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip. The Gold Plan provides valuable coverage at an affordable price and includes waiver of Pre-existing Medical Condition Exclusion if insurance is purchased within 15 days of the initial trip payment.



Insurance Coverages

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	
MAXIMUM LIMIT	COVERAGE PER PERSON
100% of Insured Trip Cost	Trip Cancellation
150% of Insured Trip Cost	Trip Interruption
\$750	Trip Interruption – Return Air Only
\$750	Trip Delay (Maximum \$150/day)
\$250	Missed Connection
\$1,000	Baggage & Personal Effects
\$300	Baggage Delay
\$25,000	Accident Sickness Medical Expense
\$500,000	Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains
\$10,000	Accidental Death & Dismemberment

Extra Coverage

(when coverage is purchased within 15 days of Initial Trip Payment)

- Pre-Existing Medical Condition Exclusion Waiver
- Trip Cancellation/Interruption due to Financial Default coverage
- \$250 Additional Missed Connection*
- \$50,000 in Flight Guard coverage**
- Primary Accident Sickness Medical Expense***

* Not available to residents of MT and NY.

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***Medical Expense coverage is automatically primary for residents of AK, CT, IL, IN, KS, MI, MT, NH, NY, SD, TX and WA.

Assistance Services

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- Worldwide Travel Assistance.....Included
- LiveTravel® Emergency Assistance.....Included
- Concierge Services.....Included
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Notice to residents of AK and MT: The 15 day purchase rules will be 21 days.

Notice to residents of NH: Trip Interruption maximum limit is 100% of Insured Trip Cost; Trip Interruption-Return Air Only maximum limit is \$1,000 or 150% of Trip Cost; Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains maximum limit is Unlimited.

Notice to residents of MT: Trip Interruption maximum limit is 100% of Insured Trip Cost; Optional Coverages include Additional Missed Connection and Trip Cancellation/Interruption Cancel for Work Reasons.

Notice to residents of NY: The following benefits are not available: Trip Interruption-Return Air Only, Emergency Evacuation Upgrade.

Notice to residents of AK, IL, IN, KS, MI and NY: Baggage & Personal Effects coverage is primary.

Coverage varies by state. For complete coverage information, please refer to the Certificate of Insurance or Policy for your state of residency prior to purchase by visiting www.TravelGuard.com.

THIS IS A BRIEF OUTLINE OF COVERAGE – RESTRICTIONS APPLY

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Travel Insurance Coverage

Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption: Reimburses forfeited, non-refundable, unused payments or deposits up to the Maximum Limit shown on the Schedule of Benefits for Trips that are canceled or interrupted due to covered reasons such as: Sickness, injury, or death of you, a Family Member, Traveling Companion, or Business Partner; Financial Default of an airline, cruise line, or tour operator when coverage is purchased within 15 days of initial trip payment; Inclement Weather; Strike; Primary Residence or Destination being made Uninhabitable; being subpoenaed, required to serve on a jury, hijacked, or quarantined; military service; a Terrorist Incident; and involuntary termination of employment or layoff. For a complete list of covered reasons, refer to the Certificate of Insurance or Policy.

Trip Interruption – Return Air Only: Reimburses the additional airline transportation expenses incurred by you to reach the return destination for trip interruptions. (Not available for NY residents.)

Trip Delay: Reimburses up to \$150 per day/per person up to the Maximum Limit shown on the Schedule of Benefits for Reasonable Additional Expenses if the insured is delayed for more than 5 consecutive hours due to a covered reason.

Missed Connection: Reimburses up to the Maximum Benefit shown on the Schedule of Benefits if Inclement Weather or Common Carrier causes cancellation or a delay of regularly scheduled airline flights for 3 or more hours to your point of departure.

Baggage Insurance Coverage

Baggage & Personal Effects: Can reimburse you if your baggage or personal effects are lost, stolen or damaged while on your Trip, subject to the Maximum Benefit. This coverage is in excess of any other coverage or indemnity.

Baggage Delay: If your Baggage is delayed more than 12 hours, you can be reimbursed for the purchase of Necessary Personal Effects, subject to the Maximum Benefit.

Medical Expense & Other Insurance Coverage

Accident Sickness Medical Expense: Pays up to the Maximum Benefit shown on the Schedule of Benefits for necessary medical expenses due to Injury or Sickness incurred while on a Trip. Initial treatment must be received while on a Trip with a Destination of at least 100 miles from the Insured's Primary Residence.

Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains: Covers evacuation and transportation as directed by a Physician to the nearest adequate medical facility (home in the event of death or if medically required). Injury or Sickness requiring evacuation must occur while on a Trip with a Destination of at least 100 miles from the Insured's Primary Residence. Pays for special medical escort if recommended in writing by the attending Physician.

Accidental Death & Dismemberment: Pays for loss of life or limb due to an accident during your Trip. (Not available for NH residents. Available only as an upgrade for WA residents.)

Assistance Services

Assistance Services are arranged by Travel Guard and provided through coordination, negotiation, and consultation using an extensive network of worldwide partners. Expenses for goods and services provided by third parties are the responsibility of the customer.

Travel Medical Assistance: A menu of services available for emergency medical requests, including prescription replacement assistance, physician referrals, medical evacuations, and more.

Worldwide Travel Assistance: Assistance with any travel emergency or request for general travel information, including lost, stolen or delayed baggage; replacing lost passport or travel documents; emergency cash transfers; pre-trip travel advice; inoculation information and more.

LiveTravel® Emergency Assistance: 24-hour hotline to make emergency travel changes, such as rebooking flights, hotel reservations, tracking lost luggage and more.

Concierge Services: Whatever you need, whenever, wherever you need it, you can call on your own personal assistant to help. Services include tee time reservations, restaurant referrals and reservations, wireless device assistance, sporting or theater tickets, and more.

Identity Theft: If your identity is stolen during your Trip, our emergency travel counselors will assist in contacting your credit card companies, monitoring your credit report and working with local authorities to help you restore your identity. (Not available for NY residents.)

Business Assistant: You'll also have access to an array of services to help make short work of your business obligations, so you can enjoy your vacation.

PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION EXCLUSION:

The Company will not pay for any Loss or expense incurred as the result of an injury, Sickness, or other condition of you, a Traveling Companion, Business Partner, or Family Member which, within the 180-day period immediately preceding and including your coverage effective date: (a) first manifested itself, worsened, became acute or had symptoms which would have prompted a reasonable person to seek diagnosis, care, or treatment; (b) for which care or treatment was given or recommended by a physician; or (c) required taking prescription drugs or medicines, unless the condition for which the drugs or medicines are taken remains controlled without any change in the prescription drugs or medicines.

PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION EXCLUSION WAIVER:

The Company will waive this exclusion if you meet the following conditions: 1. You purchase the plan within 15 days of making your initial trip payment; 2. The amount of Trip Cancellation coverage purchased must equal the full cost of all prepaid, non-refundable payments or deposits applicable to the Trip at the time of purchase and the cost of any subsequent arrangement(s) added to the same Trip must be insured within 15 days of the date of payment or deposit for any subsequent Trip arrangement(s); 3. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your plan cost; 4. The Trip Cost does not exceed \$100,000 per person (only applicable to Trip Cancellation/Interruption).

This plan provides insurance coverage that only applies during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms of this policy with your existing life, health, home, and automobile insurance policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Coverage is offered by Travel Guard Group, Inc (Travel Guard), California lic. no. 0893606, 3300 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482, www.travelguard.com. CA DOI toll free number: 800-927-HELP. This is only a brief description of the coverage(s) available. The Policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Insurance underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Pennsylvania insurance company, with its principal place of business at 175 Water Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10038. It is currently authorized to transact business in all states and the District of Columbia. NAIC No. 19445. Coverage may not be available in all states. Your travel retailer may not be licensed to sell insurance, and cannot answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of this insurance and cannot evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer. Travel assistance services provided by Travel Guard.

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C. *Teach By Travel* Tour Company testimonials

“Thank you so much for all of the care and personal attention that Teach By Travel put into our tour - from the pre-trip planning, to the excellent tour manager, quality accommodations and food, this process was a pleasure from beginning to end. The fact that Teach By Travel was always available (with a real person!) before, during, and after our tour was so important.” Bob K, Group Organizer, MD

“Our trip was flawless! Your pre-trip service was impeccable - you were always available to answer my questions, both by telephone and e-mail. Everything went so smoothly both before and during our trip. I look forward to working with you designing my next tour.” Stephanie W, Group Organizer, VA

“This was an excellent trip! People on this tour had previously traveled with one of your competitors, and they all said that this trip was far superior, especially in terms of hotel locations and accommodations, knowledge of the guides, and the comfort of the tour buses. Look forward to traveling with Teach By Travel in 2018!” Jean B, Group Organizer, NC

“The Teach By Travel tour management provided from day one, the quality, experience and knowledge of our in-country guide, comfort of the tour bus, and the excellent accommodations at all of our hotels were Grade A+ In all the years I’ve been taking students abroad, I’ve never had such a pleasant experience. Booking your tour with Teach By Travel is one of the best decisions you can make!” Ana M, Group Organizer, PA

“I have been traveling to Italy with students over the past 20+ years, and had done business with several companies before I met Sue at Teach By Travel. I can assure other group organizers that their trip will be nothing short of amazing. Teach By Travel offers the extras that ‘the others’ don’t. It is always a pleasure to do business with Teach By Travel, and as long as I’m traveling, Teach By Travel will be at my side.” Lisa G, Group Organizer, NY

“Thanks for everything! As a first-timer organizing a group for travel, I felt all along that I was in such good hands. You answered every question (patiently!) and thoroughly explained the process each step of the way. You were truly my partner in this endeavor. And the trip itself was so well organized and so well done.” David R, Group Organizer, MA

“This was the best trip ever. You could not only see the personal touches put into this trip, you could feel them. Put us down for next year’s trip!” Carol F, Group Organizer, NY

D. *Vamonos Tours* (tour company making our connection with Martinique) testimonials

I have traveled on over 60 international tours and probably as many domestic tours. I have NEVER encountered better service, dedication, attitudes, and general quality from a group of

guides. Every last detail was carefully prepared so we would have the best trip of our lives. Unbelievable. I had coffee and other drinks brought to me...ice cream for the kids...it is obvious that they are a level above other tour companies and at the top of our list. We also love the games and educational quizzes we shared on the coach!"

– **Kevin Meidl, Badger State Choir**

I do not have the right words to express how amazing the trip was. This trip far exceeded my expectations in so many ways. It was an amazing learning and growing experience for all of the students on the trip. That is all thanks to the people of Vámonos! With all of that being said, we are starting the planning for our next trip.

– **Shannon Barden, Horizon Community Learning Center**

We had an incredible time; oddly enough each trip seems to surpass the last, although I'm not sure how that's possible since they started in phenomenal fashion! Thanks for all you (and your crew) did to ensure a safe, educational and fun trip for us!

– **Craig Ross, teacher, Leesville Road High School, North Carolina**

Hola – Wow, what an amazing trip! There are so many excellent parts I wouldn't know where to start. Students also share my opinion! Muchas gracias!"

–**Marie Cole teacher, Vermilion High School, Oh**

Thank you for all you did to make it such a wonderful trip. The girls came back full of excitement and joy, they had a great time!"

– **Dara Hoffman teacher, Baldwin School, Pennsylvania**

Your staff was amazing!!! We all love them!! They felt very connected to them and that is something you do not achieve with many guides on other tours. We felt safe and taken care off at all times. *Gracias* to the administrative Vamonos staff. You work a lot behind the scenes in order to make the experience an unforgettable one.

– **Rosa Almodovar teacher, Randolph School, Alabama**

"In this occupation everything we do, we do it to create an learning experience, in a safe environment. Thanks to you, and the whole team – my students were exposed to a wonderful experience outside the classroom. They were exposed to a culture and language and it became alive when they were able to interact with native speakers. Thank you!"

– **Arnaldo Landrau, teacher, Yonkers Montessori, New York**

We were amazed at this trip and how authentic everything was. The staff was superb, friendly, and knowledgeable. I took many trips with other tour companies. This has been the best by far.

– **Jorge Pulleiro, Young Wolverines Spanish Club**

la Martinique offers the opportunity to...

"... (I)ncrease the amount of community service our students provide...(to) generate increased value from the deeds themselves, but also provide meaningful, real world learning experiences that are engaging to our students."

- (District Strategic Priorities)

- Use Parisian French in an immersion setting with local students and populace, especially while doing service learning

"Empower students to meet future college, military, and workplace demands in a globally connected environment by building proficiency at the 21st century skills of communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity."

- (District Strategic Priorities)

- Experience most of what France has to offer without having to go to Europe

- Experience cultural characteristics of the French: (ie. Respecting French language norms of politeness (such as second person usage of the more formal *vous* as opposed to *tu*); euro, school system, government, etc.

- Experience *metisage* , the mixing of multiple races and ethnicities (particularly French and African but also East Indian and Chinese) into a composite, multi-racial society, includes the controversial concepts of *négritude* (black consciousness), *antillanité* (West Indianness), and *créolité* (transcultural fusing with a Caribbean emphasis)

- Experience a diversity in language (créole), ethnicity, and culture (cuisine, music, dance, and mores of the French West Indian with an African influence)

Intercurricular Connections:

- Social Sciences: World Civilizations, Global Studies, Grade 10 (slave trade) – (connection to Victor Schoelcher, the leader of the [abolitionist](#) movement; Empress Josephine)

- World Literature: Aimé Césaire and African influences

- AP French curriculum: Cultural comparisons and ethnic diversity

- French III, IV: la tradition orale (indigenous folk tales), la négritude

Read more: <http://www.everyculture.com/Ma-Ni/Martinique.html#ixzz4jAXRS3EN>