

May 20, 2016

Bonjour Travelers,

As of today, May 20th, we are 384 days out from our estimated departure date. We have requested a departure of June 8, 2017 from Knoxville, TN. We will know 90-120 days out exactly what our date will be.

Things to be thinking of:

- Save some spending money. With summer break here, this is the perfect time to earn some spending money (or pay your portion of the trip for which you are responsible) by mowing lawns, babysitting, or working in the community. The recommended spending money is \$50-\$60 dollars a day. Remember, we are responsible for our lunches and any side-trips/activities we decide to do. We will have more information on those opportunities in the coming months.
- Start working toward your passport.
 - Note:
 - A passport for a 16 year old lasts for 10 years.
 - A passport for a person under 16 only lasts 5 years.
 - We recommend you log on to the government's website to learn more about getting your passport.
 - <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/information/where-to-apply.html>
 - All passport data must be submitted to EF tours 150 days prior to departure (Our goal is to have your information in by January 1, 2017). Remember, it can take up to 14 weeks to get a passport!
 - To submit your passport information, you will log on to your personal trip website and confirm your passport information or call customer service at 1-800-665-5364.
- Windsor Castle Excursion: It is looking like this excursion may not make. We must have a minimum number of participating travelers to make this excursion. If you have signed up for this and it is cancelled you will receive an adjustment/refund. Don't worry, we will "find" lots to do in London!
- We have created a weebly website for ongoing communication. This is a work in progress and will be updated with important information as we get closer to our departure date. You can access the site at:
 - <http://europe2017dbhs.weebly.com/>
- Finally, if your plans have changed and you are not planning on going, please contact EF Tours and let Mrs. Dill/Mrs. Nash know so we can move you off the traveling list and open up a space for others that are on our waiting list.

We are super excited for June 2017!

Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Nash