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Rhineland Trip – April 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We can confirm final details for the upcoming 4ú turas to The Rhineland, Germany in 2020:

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| Destination: | The Rhineland – Germany |
| Tour Dates: | Thursday 2 nd April – Sunday 5 th April, 2020 |
| Tour Length: | 4 days - 3 nights |
| Tour Price: | €555 per paying person |

- GTI Representative at Dublin Airport to assist with check-in on your departure
- Return Aer Lingus or Ryanair flights from Dublin to Dusseldorf or Frankfurt with 10kg hand luggage
- Executive coaching throughout Tour (within EU Drivers Regulations)
- Return school to Dublin Airport private coach transfers
- 3 nights in the Hotel Rheinlust with breakfast & evening meals included
- Rhine River Cruise
- Guided tour of Cochem
- Guided tour of Cologne
- Visit the Sport & Olympic Museum - an imaginative tribute to the sporting life
- Visit the world-famous Chocolate Museum
- Enjoy the Adventures, Attractions & Adrenaline of a day at Phantasialand Theme Park with vouchers for your Snack-Pack!
- Hover over the Rhine in the Cable Car to discover the unique views where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet
- Itinerary planning – our experienced staff will assist with all your itinerary planning
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance at Premier Plus level which means that Travel Disruption is included automatically with your tour so you're protected in the event of flight cancellations or delays - T&C apply
- 24-hour emergency contact whilst abroad

Flight Details:

| Dates | Route | Flight Number | Depart / Arrive |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2 nd April 2020 | Dublin / Dusseldorf | E1692 | 06:50 / 09:40 |
| 5 th April 2020 | Dusseldorf / Dublin | E1693 | 21:05 / 21:55 |

Please note: flight times are local and subject to change. In order to book these flights, we need a note of the students' name as they appear on their passports. This is confirmed when paying the deposit.

Please note a copy of each student's passport will be required before travel. It must be valid for the duration of the trip.

Accommodation

Accommodation is confirmed at the Hotel Rheinlust, Boppard, Germany. Students will be accommodated in multi-bedded rooms.

Meals

The group will take their breakfasts and evening meals at the hotel. The excursion to Phantasialand includes a lunch voucher.

(Meals not included: Day 1 – Breakfast and lunch, Day 2 – Lunch, Day 4 – Lunch and evening meal)

Insurance

A list of all persons travelling and their dates of birth are required so that we can insure everyone travelling. We will use the names as submitted on the on-line payments.

If any person travelling has a pre-existing medical condition, then you **must declare** that condition to Health Check. Please contact Máistir McCabe closer to the time of travel who will give you full details on Health Check.

Payment Schedule

To secure a place on the trip a **€250 deposit is required by Wednesday, October 23rd**. The total non-refundable deposit amount due for each paying person is €250pp.

The final two instalments are €155 (due by 11th December 2019) and €150 (due by 23rd January 2020).

How to Book:

- To confirm, a non-refundable deposit of €250 is required from each paying person travelling. GTI have an online payment system where parents/guardians can pay GTI directly. **Please see the last page of this letter detailing 'How to make a payment'**
- Final payment of full balance must be paid 10 weeks before departure
- GTI is fully licensed and bonded in accordance with the Commission of Aviation Regulation (T.A. 0533)
- All deposits are non-refundable
- Payments can be accepted by cheque / bank draft, by bank transfer or via our website - details available on request

Cancellation Fees

All cancellations must be advised to Máistir McCabe and GTI in writing. The following cancellation fees apply:

| Weeks Prior to Departure: | Amount Forfeited |
|----------------------------------|--|
| More than 10 weeks: | Loss of deposits (full €250) plus any extras paid (tickets, flight supplements etc.) |
| 10 - 8 weeks before travel: | 50% (where Tour Price <€500, then loss of deposit plus any extras paid) |
| 8 - 6 weeks before travel: | 75% |
| 6 weeks or less before travel: | 100% |

All cancellation charges apply to each person covered by a booking. Any insurance premium paid is non-refundable. If the cancellation fee is more than deposit paid, then you will be invoiced for these seats on final invoice.

Also please note that some of the excursions once booked and confirmed are non-refundable and non-changeable.

European Health Insurance Card /E 111 Forms

European Health cards should be carried at all times with students while abroad. Please ensure your son/daughter has their own European Health card before travel to ensure there is no problems should a medical emergency or illness occur while in Italy. Please see www.ehic.ie for more details. This is a requirement in order to travel with the group.

Visa

If there are any non-national students travelling, then it is important that you check out the visa requirements for Germany. **THIS IS THE STUDENT'S OWN RESPONSIBILITY.**

Information Meeting

We will hold a meeting for all students and parents before the trip to go through the final details and full itinerary. This will take place 3 – 4 weeks before the trip.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me on cmccabe.cni@lmetb.ie or on 041 9813335.

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C McCabe
IB Coordinator



HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT ONLINE FOR YOUR SCHOOL TOUR TO RHINELAND

- Visit www.gtitravel.ie/make-a-payment/ where you will be prompted to either register if it's your first visit or log in for subsequent visits.

An account is automatically created for you on your first visit. A password is sent to the email address you entered. You will need this password for your next log-in and to check the payments made for your child's tour.

- Select the **Make a Payment** option under **School Tours**

| School Tours | Escorted Tours | Battlefield Tours | Agricultural Tours |
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| View Tours | Book Online | Book Online | Book Online |
| Make a Payment | Pay the Balance | Pay the Balance | Pay the Balance |

- You'll then be asked for the **Tour Details** which for your school are as follows:

Tour Details

Booking Reference *

20-COL021-01/Your Child's Surname

School/ Group Name *

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Departure Date *

02-04-2020



Destination *

Rhineland

- You'll then be asked for the **Passenger Details** which are specific to your child. The Date Format for DOB must be DD-MM-YYYY.
- Click **Continue to Payment** where you will be taken to the secure payment page. Enter the deposit amount along with your card details. *The deposit of €250 is non-refundable.*
- Click **Pay Now**. Don't forget to tick the T&C box.

Once the payment is gone through, a Payment Reference Number will appear on the screen. This is the number that your teacher will need as proof of payment. An email will also be sent to you.