

24th May 2021

**To: Parents of Pupils in Years 6 to 10**



Dear Parents,

***HOLLYGIRT SCHOOL EUROPEAN CULTURAL TRIP TO PARIS AND BARCELONA 2022  
SATURDAY 9th JULY 2022 – THURSDAY 14th JULY 2022***

Miss Nisan and Mrs Brimblecombe are looking to organise a Hollygirt School Trip for next academic year and write with details, which we hope may be of some interest to you. The 5 night and 6 day trip will be open to pupils from Years 7-11 inclusive (as of September 2021) and we believe offers them a superb opportunity.

Accommodation

The pupils will be staying at the excellent Explorer Hotel near Paris, which is just 1.5 miles from Disneyland resort Paris. This fantastic 3\* hotel offers a huge range of amenities. Pupils will get a continental breakfast and the hotel will provide a packed lunch. If we are not eating at the hotel, we will be experiencing an evening meal in Paris and another in Barcelona, which is included in the price. Students are accommodated in multi bedded rooms. Each room is equipped with: bathroom (with bath), toilet, TV, telephone, hairdryer, individual heating and ventilator, safe, tea and coffee-making facilities and Wi-Fi access. We will allocate rooming nearer the time in consultation with the children and staff.

The Spanish hotel is situated about 35 miles from Barcelona. The 4\* Hotel Maria del Mar offers 323 guestrooms, located on five floors accessible by lift. All the rooms are en-suite and equipped with telephone, TV and air conditioning. Students will usually be accommodated in multi-bedded rooms. A buffet breakfast and dinner is served every day at the hotel, with packed lunches available when out for the day. This hotel is situated only 300 meters from the beach and only a short walk away from the town centre.

Both hotels can be seen on these links below:

<https://www.explorershotels.com/en/>

<https://www.mariadelmarhotel.com/>

Price

The price will be in the region of £1200 and this includes:

- Coach and Euro tunnel journey to Paris
- Coach journey from Paris-Barcelona
- Coach transfer and flights from Barcelona to Luton Airport, including hold baggage (15kg maximum)
- Coach transfer from Luton to Hollygirt school
- All meals included
- Full and comprehensive travel insurance with a covid guarantee
- Tourist taxes, where applicable
- A full programme of excellent activities including visits to Disneyland Paris, Camp Nou in Barcelona, a trip along the Seine, visit to the Arc de Triomphe, Tapas evening, La Sagrada Familia, meal in a French restaurant, a trip to the beach on the Costa Brava and more.

Not included in this price:

- Spending money
- Any snacks or drinks (except with meals in the hotel)

The price quoted is an estimate at this stage, as it depends on final numbers. The price may vary a little, but we will endeavour to keep the price as low as possible. We believe this offers excellent value for money, given the quality of the hotels, the meals, the excellent programme we are offering and that it is nearly all inclusive (with the exception of drinks).

### Booking

If you would like to provisionally book a place for your child, please send a deposit of £240 by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June (cheques should be made payable to Hollygirt School or BACS with the reference "Europe2022"). We can then ascertain the feasibility of the trip, the final numbers and the final price. We will then confirm this with you before sending any deposit to the travel company. At this stage, your deposit holds your place. If sufficient numbers are achieved, the final price will be confirmed, and we will need a final written confirmation from you that you wish to take up the place. Following this, your deposit is non-refundable. **Once deposits are received, we will be holding an information meeting via Zoom at 7.30pm on Monday 14th June - further details to follow.**

To spread the cost of the trip, we would be happy for you to pay in instalments following the below schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> deposit of £240 by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June

2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £240 by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> payment of £240 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

4<sup>th</sup> payment of £240 by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Final balance of £240 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Here is a link to Halsbury's travel insurance's covid guarantee.

<https://www.halsbury.com/school-travel-resources/halsburys-covid-guarantee>

Pupils' passports will need to be less than 10 years old and have at least 6 months validity on them. If pupils have EHIC cards they can continue to use them until they expire. Otherwise, they should apply for a Global Health Insurance Card for free.

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the trip or would like to know more information, please do not hesitate to contact us on [HannahNisan@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk](mailto:HannahNisan@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk) or [SarahBrimblecombe@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk](mailto:SarahBrimblecombe@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Spanish

Mrs Brimblecombe  
Head of French