

Dear Parents,

It is an honor to work with your school. Scholastica Travel Inc is a family-owned and operated group travel business and retail travel agency. As a team of enthusiastic travel professionals, we are passionate about creating travel experiences that are safe, educational, and fun. We stand behind every tour we plan as our best work – something we are proud to put our name on and something we are proud to offer to you and your community.

Since 1980, we have specialized in school travel planning services nationwide. Our company was started by two school teachers and education has always been at the center of our service. It is a core value shared by our staff as well as our tour leaders, many of whom are retired teachers. Each attraction on our tours offers learning opportunities relevant to the school curriculum. Additionally, you will find that tour leaders hired by Scholastica tailor their commentary to the student age group and incorporate engaging activities into their tours.

Although the students are learning every step of the way, there is no shortage of fun. This often comes from the tour leader's enthusiasm and the experience of traveling with classmates. However, fun can also happen with a planned activity, such as DJ dance, a ghost tour, or a major league baseball game.

Scholastica takes extensive efforts to ensure the safety of our travelers and the peace of mind for all involved. We are pleased to offer 24-hour emergency assistance. You will be comforted to know that you can receive the assistance of a real person any time – day or night. In addition, included on each Scholastica Travel tour are the following:

- *Emergency Contact Lanyards* - Scholastica provides lanyards for every student on a school trip. The lanyards have a tag with the information for our 24-hour emergency assistance team and space to write chaperone contact information.
- *Student Safe Hotels* - Scholastica diligently selects hotels, considering all aspects pertaining to the safety and comfort of our travelers. Rooms are requested to be non-smoking, on the second floor or higher, and without outdoor access.
- *Nighttime Supervision* - Scholastica hires nighttime supervision to patrol the hallways from late evening to early morning for the safety and security of the students. Everyone, whether at home or on tour, can rest peacefully knowing that an adult will be supervising the students from the time they leave their school until the time they return home. Group leaders and chaperones can begin each tour day with a full night of rest, ready to explore.
- *Tour Coordinator* - Scholastica's tour leaders are more than guides; they are on-site tour coordinators. Your tour leader will accompany the group for the tour duration, staying at the same hotel and often traveling with the group to and from their departure location. Should an urgent situation arise, the tour leader is right there to handle it. In an unfamiliar place, the presence of a knowledgeable tour leader can make all the difference.

Thank you for allowing us to introduce ourselves. We look forward to serving your community with an experience that is safe, educational, and fun.

Sincerely,



Natalie Rice
Owner, Scholastica Travel Inc