

2015-2016 Epiphany Travel Opportunities

Travel registration for the 2015-2016 School year is open again from **March 20th - April 3rd**! Get excited to see the world with Epiphany! Please read through this document carefully. **The deadline for all travel registration AND Sparks Grants is Friday, April 3rd** · Sparks Grants and spaces for each travel opportunity are limited. Register now!!

Destination	Time and Length	Who can travel	Travel Information	Approximate Cost and other Info	Grant Opportunities	How to register
Russia Exchange Itinerary here	Spring 2015 (this year!) April 1-12, 2015	Current 6 th -11 th grade students enrolled at Epiphany	FULL			Through online application here
Family Travel to Haiti NEW!! Itinerary attached	June 2015 (this year!) June 20-26, 2015 (approximate)	CURRENT 7 th -12 th grade and their parents, grandparents, or a close relative; All students (even upper school) must be accompanied by an adult family member	Epiphany	\$1800	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !)	Through online application here
Family Travel- Costa Rica's Natural Wonders Itinerary (remove Day 6) here Pricing here	Fall Enrichment October 3-9, 2015 8 days	Any student in Grades 3-12 enrolled at Epiphany during the 2015-2016 school year (CURRENT 2 nd -11 th grade), and their parents, grandparents, or a close relative; All students (even upper school) must be accompanied by an adult family member	EF	Students- \$2185 (\$1385 with \$800 grant!) Adults- \$2490 OR land only option- pay for your own plane ticket with miles/points Students- \$1580, Adults \$1885	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !)	Call EF Tours at 1-800-318-3732 or Register online at www.eftours.com/enroll Trip ID # 1684119KM
Exchange with Prepa UDEM in San Pedro, Mexico Itinerary and pricing here	Fall Enrichment October 1-10, 2015 (approximate)	CURRENT 8 th -11 th grade students enrolled at Epiphany and faculty	Epiphany	\$1450, depending on cost of flight	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !)	Through application online here
Cultural and Language Immersion/ Service Trip to Guatemala	Spring 2016 8 days	Current 8 th grade (9 th grade and faculty	Epiphany	Details to come	Details to come	Sign up with Mrs. Dodd
WILL REGISTER THROUGH ADVISORY						
Wild Florida Itinerary here	Spring 2016 March 26-April 2, 2016	Middle School students Grades 6-8 (CURRENT 8 th grade)	FULL			Through online application here

Exploring History and Culture in Rome and Pompeii Information here	Spring 2016 8 days	CURRENT 9-11 th grade students enrolled at Epiphany (10 th -12 th grade during 2015-2016) and faculty	World Cultural Tours	\$3900, depending on cost of flight Students would take	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !) LIMITED NUMBER of Travel Service Grants of \$500 by completing an additional 35 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !	Through application online here
Global Student Leader's Summit on the Future of Energy- Dubai Itinerary here Pricing here	Spring 2016 March 23- April 1, 2016 10 days	CURRENT 8 th -11 th grade students enrolled at Epiphany (9th-12th grade during 2015-2016) faculty who are NOMINATED, APPLY, and ARE SELECTED	EF	Approx. \$5160 Students would take	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !) AND Travel Service Grant of \$750 by completing an additional 50 hours	Registration information will be given after acceptance
Global Student Leader's Summit on Human Rights- The Netherlands, Prague and Berlin Itinerary here Pricing here	Summer June 17-27, 2016	CURRENT 8 th -11 th grade students enrolled at Epiphany (9th-12th grade during 2015-2016) faculty who are NOMINATED, APPLY, and ARE SELECTED	EF	Approx. \$4850 spring on Human Rights	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !) AND Travel Service Grant of \$750 by completing an additional 50 hours	Registration information will be given after acceptance
Family Travel to Ireland Itinerary and Pricing here	Summer June 12-20, 2016 9 days	Any student in Grades 3-12 enrolled at Epiphany during the 2014-2015 school year (CURRENT 2 nd -11 th grade), and their parents, grandparents, or a close relative; All students must be accompanied by an adult.	World Cultural Tours	Approx. \$3549- Same price for students and adults (per person)	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !)	Print World Cultural Tours application here ; Return to Mrs. Dodd with \$100 deposit
Nova Scotia Itinerary here	Summer July 2016 (Exact dates TBD)	Middle School students Grades 6-8 (CURRENT 6-8 grade)	EF	Approx. \$3150	Sparks Grant (\$800 New Traveler, \$500 Repeat Traveler with 25 hours of community service- MUST sign up here !)	Registration here

Passports:

- Both parents must be present to apply for a passport for students under the age of 18.
- It usually takes between 4 to 6 weeks to receive a passport after applying.
- Make an appointment at the New Bern Post Office on Glenburnie or walk in to the Passport Office on the campus of Lenior Community College in Kinston (252-233-6872).
- Make sure the name given to The Epiphany School or any third party travel organization is the exact same name on the passport.

Sparks Grants:

- Sparks Grants are for all current Epiphany students *who need financial assistance* in grades 2 through 11 (in grades 3-12 during the 2015-2016 school year) to be used during the 2015-2016 school year on international travel.
- Sparks Grants are designed to help make it possible for students to travel internationally when finances are an issue. Sparks Grants will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis! You must be registered for a trip FIRST before signing up for a grant.
- The **grant for new travelers is \$800.00 and \$500.00 for returning travelers**. All Sparks Grants have a service requirement. All students must complete 25 hours of community service 1 month before their trip to receive grants.
- **There are a limited amount of grants, so register quickly! This year, students must register for grants online! See your portal or the newsletter.**
- All grants will be paid in July for all students who have enrolled in Costa Rica or a Global Student Leaders Summit, and should reflect on the accounts by the beginning of August. *Do not ask EF or other travel companies about the grants as this is an Epiphany specific grant.*
- Grants for all other travel opportunities will be paid 2 months before the departure date.
- If you need additional financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Dodd, and she will give you information about FACTS, our online financial assistance program. We want all students to have the opportunity to travel, regardless of economic circumstance.
- **If you would like to donate to the Sparks Grant fund to allow more students to have these wonderful travel experiences, please contact Mary Carroll Dodd at mdodd@epiphanyglobalschool.org.**

Available deductions for Costa Rica or Global Student Leaders Summits:

- If there is an Epiphany student or family member who has traveled with EF before, then any parent or sibling traveling with EF to Costa Rica or on the Summits will receive a **\$100 Family Member Discount**. This is also a special exception for the Epiphany School and will not automatically be reflected on the account upon enrollment. This will also be applied to the accounts in March.

Other fees:

- Other fees apart from the cost of the trip include tipping the Tour Director/ Bus Driver. The recommended amount for the Tour Director, Bus Driver, and Local Guides is \$10/ day per traveler. This does not apply to all travel opportunities.
- Food other than the breakfast and dinner each day, depending on travel opportunity.
- Spending money- A recommended amount is approximately \$30 per day, but students have been fine with less.

Possible additional fees:

- Additional fees will be paid on tour for optional excursions, possible hotel and airport parking for early departure tours, and special room requests.

ROOMING FOR FALL FAMILY TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA (This is EF policy and does not apply to the Ireland family trip, which is with a different company)

Special room requests

Standard rooming for adults is two per room and you can request one double bed or two twin beds. Standard student rooming is available for travelers age 12-19 and is 3 or 4 per room depending on what the hotel can accommodate. Student rooming is confirmed on tour. *All adult rooming and any student upgrades must be confirmed with the group leader by 80 days prior to departure!*

Upgrade options

Adults can pay the Single Room Supplement to avoid having a roommate. Students can pay the Twin Room Supplement to room with a parent or another student. Each student who upgrades does pay the Twin Room Supplement and students upgrading must be doing so with a roommate. One other option is a Family Room for 3, which is offered for two adults and one student or two students and one adult. There is no extra cost for a Family Room for 3, but the third accommodate is usually a cot and the rooms are a little more cramped. This option is most typically used for younger travelers.

Costa Rica: *Twin Room Supplement \$210; Single Room Supplement \$280.*

Travelers - Lower and Middle school: Any lower or middle school traveler is required to upgrade to a twin room with an adult or to a family room for three.

Other Notes: We cannot accommodate more than 3 people in a family room. If there are families of 4 or 5 traveling they will need to choose between standard rooming or some combination of twin rooms and family rooms.

Family of 4 scenarios:

1. If the students are in Upper School, they can do standard rooming so that the students room with other students and the parents can choose a twin or double room.
2. If any of the travelers are in Lower or Middle School, then they will need to upgrade. For instance, 2 parents in a family room with the younger traveler and the Upper School student can room with other students.
3. If the family members all want to be together or both students are in Lower or Middle school, they can do one parent and one student per room with 2 twin rooms. In that scenario each student would pay the twin room supplement.

Family of 5 scenarios:

1. Standard rooming if travelers are in Upper School.
2. Family room for 3 and a twin room so only the one student in the twin room would pay the upgrade.
3. Family room for 3 and the rest in standard rooming.
4. Twin room for 2 and the rest in standard rooming.