# NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL BAND EUROPE TOUR 2023 JUNE 2023 DOCUMENT MEETING NOTES

CAREFULLY READ THROUGH OUR DOCUMENTS BOOKLET for final preparation tips and to know what to expect Study this information this weekend so that you have time to prepare Study the information again a week prior to departure for final reminders Continue to review through departure date, using it as a check list

**AIRLINE SCHEDULES:** The Flight Information page of your documents provides important instructions, Including how to pull up your air reservation online using your "Ticket Number" from your air schedule. You can also use the "Reservation Code" which is the same as the "Confirmation Number."

We would like each participant to pull up their reservation online and enter:

<u>Your Passport Information</u>: Click on the "DELTA FLYREADY" button in the "INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS" section at the top of the online reservation. This will walk you through adding Passport Information and any other information needed to be "Fly Ready." If this does not work this week, try again within a week of departure.

<u>Your Contact Information</u>: "OPEN" the section titled SECURE FLIGHT PASSENGER DATA & CONTACT INFORMATION (located below the air schedule and Passenger sections). Click on "Passenger & Emergency Contact Information." Here you can add your email, cell phone available while traveling, and emergency contact.

If everyone goes into their record and adds or checks this info prior to departure day, this will allow for a smoother and faster check-in process at the airport.

**Do NOT print boarding passes prior to arrival at the airport.** Everyone will check-in as a group at the airport.

**AIRLINE SEATING ADULT BUS PARTICIPANTS:** Those on the **ADULT BUS** may change their seating if it is possible. Currently it is not possible to change the seating but this may be possible within 24 hours of departure.

#### STUDENTS, PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE YOUR SEAT ASSIGNMENTS AT ANY TIME!

We worked very hard to keep you all seated together with minimum number of "strangers" seated amongst you, for your benefit and for theirs! With a few exceptions, the seating is in alphabetical order.

#### DAY OF TRAVEL MEETING TIMES:

Students, be at Northview High School by 9:45 am on Tuesday, June 20th for loading.

Adult Bus participants, be at NHS Auditorium parking lot by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Parents/Guardians, pick up your student on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. They will arrive at the Northview High School Auditorium parking lot about four hours after the flight lands. You can google flight status. We expect students to arrive at NHS between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The Adult Bus participants are expected to arrive at NHS at roughly 8:30 pm.

### LUGGAGE:

Everyone, including those on the Adult Bus, will be carrying their own bags, also at accommodations. Keep this in mind when deciding on a suitcase and packing. Although you may take up to 50 lbs and 62 linear inches, you can get away with a lighter and smaller suitcase which will be easier to handle. A suitcase with wheels is recommended.

Adults may bring a carry-on as described in the Documents Booklet. No wheels on carry-on please.

Students may only bring a "personal item" such as a small back pack, purse or cinch sack as instruments and band equipment or supplies will take the place of your carry-on.

The document booklet provides guidelines for your carry-on to help prepare you for security checks. For example, in our carry-on liquids/gels must be in containers of 3.4 ounces or less in a translucent quart size bag.

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**ADAPTOR PLUGS:** You should not need to bring a converter, but you will need to bring a Type C adaptor plug. If you wish, you can also bring a Type F adaptor plug, which works better in some countries but only the Type C will work in all countries visited. Also bring a USB plug, because not all the accommodations will have USB outlet. Consider bringing a USB battery pack to charge your phone during the day. Photos can use up the battery quickly.

**PASSPORTS / IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:** You are responsible for your passport, ATM card, credit card and cash. Make copies of your passport information/photo page, ATM card and credit card(s) and keep the copies separate from the originals along with a second photo id (driver's license or school id).

You will need to carry your original passport and ATM/credit card with you. Place these in a money belt or pouch, preferably worn under your clothes so you keep them safe from pick pockets and do not risk leaving them behind. Check for your belongings every time you leave a location. For example, after you get up from having lunch at a cafe or park, make sure you have all your belongings with you.

A cinch sack is an excellent idea if you need to carry around a few things during the day. The more you pull on it, the tighter it gets – pick pockets rarely target cinch sacks unless they see them lying around unattended. So, hold onto your cinch sack at all times. If you sit down, put it in your lap or sit on the straps and opening.

**OVERNIGHT SCHEDULES:** In your documents are copies of the Overnight Schedule (Hotel Information) There are three copies so you can leave one copy home.

Always keep one copy with you, in the same place you keep your passport, during the tour.

**HELP KEEP THE COACH CLEAN!** Be considerate of the drivers! They are a huge support to this trip.

There are a few times when it will maximize your sightseeing and minimize your costs if you can take your lunch on the coach. This is usually not allowed by the coach drivers, but...

If you all check the area around your seat at the end of each day, pick up trash and help keep the bus clean, exceptions will be allowed. If the driver finds crumbs, trash or other messes on the bus at the end of any day, no food or drink will be allowed on the bus at all for the rest of the trip.

**DRINK WATER!** Drinking plenty of water helps you stay hydrated and saves costs. The trip will not be as fun if you get dehydrated. Headaches or light nausea are often the first signs of dehydration.

Pack a light weight water bottle. If you bring it in your carry-on during air travel, make sure it is empty when you go through security. During the tour, you can fill your water bottle from the tap in the morning. In the afternoon, buy a large bottle of water from a grocery and split it between four water bottles.

The drivers will also have bottles of water available for a Euro a bottle.

**GROUP TRAVEL VIDEO:** Review the instructions card inside the document holder with Username and Password. Sign up for the app before departure. Upload your favorite photos during the tour. Please post appropriately. Photos taken horizontally work best for the video.

Use WIFI (accessible at all the accommodations) to upload photos to the app.

Please make sure your phone date is correct and set to automatic date stamp. This helps keep the photos in the right order for the video. (Settings / General / Date & Time / Set Automatically turned on)

Adult Bus – please upload your videos of the concerts. One song per video clip works best. Or send these by "We Transfer" or "Collect by We Transfer" App to <a href="mailto:nhs@imagetours.com">nhs@imagetours.com</a>

Non-travelers: Please sign up as "Family at Home" (Participants only sign up as "Going on Trip")