

7 **Europe Meeting**
December 9, 2013

Dates and Tour have been confirmed!!!

8 **Deadlines**

- Jan 8th - last day to sign up (have to pay all at once) – can do a three month version of AutoPay as well.
- Passports
 - If you have one check the date to make sure it does not expire within six months of our Trip (April 17-30), if it does get it renewed.
- If you do not have a Canadian passport make sure you do not need a special visa to go to the EU. If you do then get it in process ASAP.
- Mt Pilatus – sign up before Dec 20

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- Jacket Survey on the website – get it done!
- Break in some good walking shoes!
- Start looking into sights that you would like to add to the trip.
- Confirm that each traveller's first, middle and last name on their EF account matches their passport exactly. Any changes after JANUARY 8th, 2014 will result in a name change fee (\$200 minimum); travelers could also be denied from boarding.

10 **\$130 EXPENSE FUND**

- Tipping of your tour guide as well as the bus driver is required (\$130) and is payable to PCA.
- Money will be collected beforehand (due February) so that you don't have to worry about it at the time and so Mr. Robertson can get the money converted into EUROS.
- The money is used for things such as buying all trip participants Metro (underground) tickets in Paris on short notice.

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- The money could be used to purchase things such as river boat cruises, prizes for the "Amazing Race", etc.
- Whatever is left, we put toward our guides and drivers. If guides and/or drivers do not meet expectations, they will not receive the full amount of tip money.
- Mr. Robertson will divide remaining monies back to participants at the end of the trip. If the trip is canceled for any reason, you will get your money back.

12 **PCA - April 17-30, 2014**
Italian Campaign and Vimy

13 **Itinerary:**

Day 1 - Fly overnight to Italy

14 **Day 2 – Arrive in Rome**

- Get settled in the hotel and then free time in Rome.

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Day 3 - Rome

- Take a guided tour of Vatican City
 - Visit the Sistine Chapel
 - Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take a guided tour of Rome
 - Visit the Colosseum
 - Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome

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Day 4 - Ortona

- Travel to Ortona
- Take a guided tour of Ortona

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Day 5 - Florence

- Travel to Florence
- Take a guided tour of Florence (expert local guide):
 - Piazza della Signoria
 - Ponte Vecchio
 - Chiesa di Santa Croce
 - Gates of Paradise
 - Visit the Duomo
 - See a leather-making demonstration

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Day 6 – Milan • Lucerne Region

- Travel to Milan
- Take a walking tour of Milan
- Continue to the Lucerne Region

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Day 7 - Lucerne Region • Alsace Region

- Take a tour of Lucerne
 - Löwendenkmal
 - Kapellbrücke

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Mt. Pilatus

- Need to decide by Dec 20 if you are going on the optional (\$80)
- Minimum six from our group need to go and 15 from the whole tour group
- Venture to the top of Mount Pilatus, the majestic peak that towers over Lucerne, on this half-day excursion. In the winter, journey to the mountain base by motor coach and then ascend 6,387 spectacular feet to the summit on the famed Pilatus Railway—the steepest in the world for splendid panoramas of Lucerne and the snow-capped Alps.
- Alternate is to get free time in Lucerne

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Day 8 – Reims • Paris

- Visit Reims Cathedral

22 **Day 9 – Vimy Region**

- Travel to the Vimy region
- Visit the Vimy Memorial

24 **Day 10 - Ipres • Vimy Region**

- Travel through the Vimy Region
- Visit Beaumont -Hamel
- Visit Ypres Salient Flanders Field Museum
- Visit Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Visit Essex Farm
- Attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate

25 **Day 11 - Normandy Region**

- Tour the D-Day beaches
- Pointe du Hoc
- American Cemetery
- Visit Beny-sur-Mer (Canadian War Cemetery)
- Visit the Juno Beach Centre
- Make a stop at Arramanches
- Tour Dieppe
- Make a stop at the Ardenne Abbey

26 **Day 12 - Paris**

- Take a guided tour of Paris with your expert local guide:
- Place de la Concorde
- Champs-Élysées
- Arc de Triomphe
- Les Invalides
- Eiffel Tower

27 **Day 13 - Depart for home**28 29 30 31 **Christmas List**

- Compact folding and ventilated umbrella
- Comfortable shoes
- Power Converter (220 to 110V) with the plug converter
- Spending money (Euros and Swiss Francs) estimate \$30-50 per day
- Luggage (make sure it fits with Canadian Travel guidelines):
 - <http://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca/>

32 **French**