

6TH YEAR STUDY TRIPS 2022/23 (CORE WEEK 24.04.2023 – 28.04.2023)

S6 STUDY TRIPS INFORMATION FORM

EUROPEAN SCHOOL LUX I

Your partner and you must make the same choice. We will try our best, but you have no guarantee to be on the same trip as your partner.

Check ☑ **FIVE of the proposed study trips**. You can give an order of preference, however we can't guarantee it. If less than five trips are chosen, your choice is invalid and you will be assigned to any trip.

If you cannot participate in a study trip abroad, check ☑ Luxembourg, but no other trips!

If you do a second S6 and you don't want to participate in a study trip, check ☑ None, but no other trips!

All students will be assigned to the trips to make sure that there is a balance of section and gender and to keep the partners together as far as possible.

The on-line choice form and the attribution to the study trips are binding. Later changes and swaps between the trips are not possible. If there are any constraints, why you cannot participate in a specific trip attach an explanatory parents' letter/email to the 6th year trip coordinator Daiva TALIUTE (A105) before February 5th 2023.

Short outlines of the trips are available on the Website of the school: www.euroschool.lu.

Please check the final updated travel dates!

	Study Trips 2023	Ø	
1	Bretagne, France		S6BRE
2	Bosnia-Croatia		S6BOC
3	Bulgaria		S6BUL
4	Finland		S6FIN
5	France-Spain		S6FRS
6	Greece		S6GRE
7	Sicily, Italy		S6SII
8	Tenerife		S6TEN

Luxembourg	S6LUX	
None		

Please fill in the <u>ON-LINE Choice form</u> and <u>ON-LINE Parental Authorization</u> form by Sunday, 5th February 2023 (00:00h)



FAQs and Rules 6TH YEAR STUDY TRIPS in April 2023

What is the concept of the 6 th year trips at Lux I about?	The 6 th year trips at Lux I are clearly designed as study trips to offer a special experience to the student by enabling them to meet other students (from other sections and language groups), to get to know another culture and learn about the host country of the trip. Students shall also learn to take over responsibility for their trip by being integrated before, during and after the trip. Auto-evaluation plays another important pedagogical role during and after the trips. All trips offer valuable experiences to the students with a mix of activities from a broad range (social, environmental, scientific, economic, educational, cultural and active). Part of the experience is also to make new experiences regarding transport, accommodation ("from under the stars to three stars") and food (local food, self-catering). Students cannot swap between the trips after they have been attributed to one of the trips. This way the mix of sections can be insured in the best way.
Which destinations are offered this school year?	Six 6 th year trip abroad destinations are offered in April 2023: Bretagne (France), Bosnia-Croatia, Bulgaria Finland, France-Spain, Greece, Sicily, Italy, Tenerife. The Luxembourg trip is for the pupils who don't want to go abroad. ALL trips have to take place for 246 students currently enrolled in S6.
How much are the trips?	The price is 945€ for each of the trips abroad. The price is 150-200€ for the Luxembourg trip (depending on number of students) You will have to make a transfer according to the invoice sent to you by the accountancy department.
Is there financial support if I can't afford to go?	Financial problems should not stop your child from participating in the trip. All questions are treated confidentially. The Luxembourg 1 Parents' Association (APEEEL1) aims to help families who are in need of assistance towards the payment of school trip expenses. To this end, APEEEL1 has its own social fund, separate from that of the school. https://www.apeeel1.lu/social-fund/ An award is not guaranteed, but APEEEL1 will make every effort towards helping those families genuinely in need of assistance. To be eligible for an award, a family must be a member of the Parents' Association (if they are not yet a member, the €50 annual membership fee will be deducted from the amount awarded). Families should be aware that they will be asked to supply relevant documentation in support of their claim. This will be treated in the strictest confidence. The social fund will not be able to cover 100% of the school trip expenses. The Social Fund Working Group determines the amount of each individual subsidy using a set of internal guidelines and taking into account the other applications received and the overall budgetary availability. The internal guidelines provide for a decreasing contribution of APEEEL1 with increasing income. Other relevant factors include household composition, single parent, activity status (e.g. unemployment, part-time work etc.) and tuition fees. The decision on whether or not to grant an award is notified in writing to the family or legal representative of the pupil. The amount of the aid, or the reason for rejection, will be specified. The form below should be completed, signed and sent to office@apeeel1.lu at the latest two weeks before the deadline for payment of the school trip fees. Social fund application form
Will I get reimbursed if my trip is cheaper?	Yes. If a trip ends up being notably cheaper than the amount charged, you will be automatically reimbursed by the administration within the school year. See the last point for more explanation.
When are the trips taking place?	The core travelling week is Monday, 24 th April 2023 to Friday 28 th April 2023. Trips can start as early as Saturday, 22 nd April. The latest return will be Monday, 1 st May 2023. Departure and return dates of the trip may vary due to different means of transport.

What if I fall sick before the trip and can't go? Is there a refund policy?	The school cannot give you a refund for expenses which have already been paid (i.e. plane tickets). If you feel you need travel cancelation insurance you need to take care of this out of your own accord. See the last point for more explanation.
What if a student withdraws from the trip?	If a student withdraws at short notice from the school trip for serious reasons, then the school cannot guarantee an automatic reimbursement of the expenses. Deposits can only be refunded if they do not cause any additional costs for the other participants. The school cannot give you a refund for expenses which have already been paid (i.e. plane tickets). See the last point for more explanation.
What if something happens to my luggage on the trip, e.g. the airline loses my suitcase?	According to the Travel agency insurance policy
What if there is a strike or disturbance on the itinerary?	According to the Travel agency insurance policy
Can a trip be cancelled?	All trips and their program as organized by the teachers are approved by the school's management. School trips are mandatory because they are part of the pupils' curriculum. Nevertheless, the management is entitled to exclude a pupil for bad behaviour and for safety reasons.
	The school reserves the right to cancel, even at the last moment, a planned trip/excursion. This decision may be taken directly by the Director, if he considers that safety or health conditions are not met and/or in accordance with the directives of the European Schools and/or national governmental bodies
	See the last point for more explanation.
Which forms do I need to fill in/hand in (and when)?	1. The ON-LINE choice form and 2. The ON-LINE Parental Authorization form have to be filled until Sunday, 5 th of February 2023, (24h). A copy of a valid passport or ID-card (valid minimum until the end of the trip) must be confirmed. This information from the passport/ID is needed for flight bookings and to prepare other documents for the trips. Anyhow, the students need to bring their passport/ID on the trip - a copy is not sufficient.
What if I have a medical condition or another constraint that limits my participation in one of the trips?	If there are any constraints, why you cannot participate in a specific trip attach an explanatory parents' letter/email to the 6 th year trips coordinator Daiva Taliute (A105) 5th February 2023, 24h. After the attribution to the trips, changes, also due to medical conditions, are NOT possible any more.
What do I do if I don't want to go on a trip?	The trip is not optional – you cannot not go except if you do a second S6. If you don't want to go abroad, you choose the trip of Luxembourg.
What do I do during the trips week if I do a second S6 and do not participate to a trip?	You will follow a special schedule that is provided for you and attend school.
What do I do if I have questions concerning the trips?	First read this FAQs pages. If any general questions remain, get in touch with 6 th year trips coordinator Daiva Taliute <u>daiva.taliute@teacher.eursc.eu</u> For specific questions about individual trips, read the documents published on the school website and contact responsible teacher .
	You have to attend the preparation meetings where you will meet with the teachers and other participants of your trip to start preparing it. The participation in these meetings is compulsory. If you do not participate there and actively in the preparation of the trip, you cannot go on a trip! All questions about the trips should be answered there. It is crucial that you pass on important information from these meetings to your parents.

Can I choose on which trip I will go?	You can choose FIVE out of the trips offered and you can give a ranking, however we can't guarantee your preference. You will be assigned to one of the five chosen trips. If you cannot participate in a trip abroad, check only Luxembourg, no other trips!
Can I choose a partner?	Yes, you can choose ONE partner. Groups of three are not possible. You don't have to choose a partner though.
Can I exclude a trip?	If you have serious and justified constraints regarding your attribution to any of the trips, you have to inform the 6 th year trips coordinator Daiva Taliute <u>daiva.taliute@teacher.eursc.eu</u> <u>before</u> 5 th of February 2023, 24h.
How are the students chosen for the trips?	The main aim is to have trips that are well-balanced in terms of gender and language sections. Also the minimum and maximum numbers of participants per trips have to be respected. You may note down a partner of your choice, but you have no guarantee to be put in the same trip as your requested partner, although this is usually possible.
How do I find out which trip I am on?	Once the lists are finalized, they will be published at the entrance of the school in block D.
Can I swap my place on a trip?	NO, the choice form and the attribution to the trips are binding. Later changes and swaps between the trips are not possible. If you have serious and justified constraints regarding your attribution to any of the trips, you have to inform the 6 th year trips Daiva Taliute daiva.taliute@teacher.eursc.eu before-5 February 2023 , 24h .
School trips rules, payment and refund policy	Please see Memorandum parents EN 2022-2023.pdf (euroschool.lu) section VII