

Name:	Big Band Tour to Disneyland, Paris
Package Number:	10
Date:	Sunday, 28 June – Wednesday, 1 July 2020
Cost:	£620 (hopefully reduced through sponsorship)
Trip Leader:	Mrs Mary Webber
Tour Operator:	Club Europe, specialists in coordinating music tours for school children
Places Available:	40 Places – Selected Students
Overview	

The Music Department has organised a four day trip to Paris for the more advanced musicians of the

College during Enrichment Week in 2020. The tour will include two concerts in prestigious venues, one of which will hopefully include Disneyland, as well as a visit to the Eiffel Tower and a panoramic sight-seeing tour along the River Seine.

We will be leaving Ivybridge Community College Coach Park in the early hours of Sunday, 28 June and will return on Wednesday, 1 July late in the evening. The students will be travelling by coach, crossing the channel at Dover ferry port, before continuing to the Bois du Lys Hotel, which is situated on the edge of the Fontainebleau Forest. The same coach will be used to transport the students throughout the duration of the trip and one of the Club Europe tour guides will be with us for the duration of the trip.

The cost of the trip is £620.00. However, this does include the entrance fee to Disneyland. The students will be compiling an audition CD which will be sent to the resort. This will determine whether or not they can participate in a concert in the park. If they are successful, they will be able to perform in Disneyland and will receive a complimentary free day ticket, the cost of which will be deducted from the total cost of the trip. We are also hoping the students will be able to reduce the cost further by organising some fundraising events (concerts/bag packing at supermarkets etc) and by gaining sponsorship. We expect all students to help with this and any parental help/ideas will be gratefully received.

Please be aware that the students will need an individual passport which is your responsibility to obtain; we no longer provide group passports. This must be valid until at least the end of January 2021 (six months after we return). They will also need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which can be obtained online and is free. Please note that this is all subject to change depending on Brexit.

The students will be allowed to wear their own clothes throughout the trip (smart casuals) but will be expected to wear the Music Department concert dress for the performances (polo shirts/sweatshirts which we are hoping to purchase through sponsorship). They will also be required to carry an Emergency Contact Card with them at all times (provided by the College) which will contain the details of where they are staying (written in French), and teaching staff details.

The trip is an excellent opportunity for students to experience performing music in another country as well as gaining an understanding of French culture. Places will be allocated primarily on a firstcome-first-served basis but we will need to ensure that a balanced music ensemble is created (29 drummers and 1 flautist will not really work!).



Overview

Travel

We will be travelling by luxury coach with a professional and experienced driver. The coach stays with us throughout our tour and is available for our use.

Accommodation

We will be staying in Bois du Lys situated on the edge of the Fontainebleau Forest. It offers a high standard of group accommodation in 2/3 bedded rooms and all have ensuite facilities. The centre has excellent facilities for groups including a mini-football pitch, tennis courts, and volleyball court all set in 72 acres of ground. It also offers rooms suitable for rehearsal.

Paris

Paris is a charming city and is acknowledged as the world's capital of art, culture and high fashion. Inspiring monuments, informative museums and great excursions will ensure a fabulous stay. Paris is ideal for an all-round educational, cultural and enjoyable tour.

Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance, including that for medical emergency, is provided by Club Europe. You might want to consider getting specific insurance to cover your child's instrument.

What is included in the price?

- Return travel by luxury coach
- Full board accommodation
- Full programme of excursions (entrance fees other than Disneyland not included)
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Services of Club Europe Tour Manager
- Organisation and promotion of 2 concerts

Payment Plan

We now ask that you begin to make payments via ParentPay. To ensure that all money is paid to the travel company in accordance with their deadlines, a suggested schedule of payment is detailed below:

By Monday, 25 November 2019 £50.00 initial deposit By Monday, 6 January 2020 £110.00

By Monday, 3 February 2020 £110.00

By Monday, 2 March 2020 £110.00

By Monday, 6 April 2020 £110.00

By Monday, 4 May 2020 £130.00

Deposit and Schedule of Payment

After Monday, 6 January, you are committed to the package that is signed up for and all the costs involved. No refunds are possible after this date. If there is an exceptional circumstance where your son/daughter is unable to attend the package chosen, please contact Helen Reddy (enrichmentweek@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk) to discuss. If another student can fill your son/daughter's place, then a full refund will be made by the College.



How to Pay

- 1. ParentPay must be used to sign up all students for Enrichment Week
- 2. Select a package (subject to availability)
- 3. Follow the schedule of payment outlined in the overview on the College website
- 4. Return Slip return the attached slip to your son/daughter's Tutor by **Monday**, **13 January 2020**. By handing in the return slip you are confirming payment of your deposit, chosen package and informing the College of any personal information that has changed since September 2019. You are also confirming your agreement with all the guidelines set out in the booklet. We also need to know about swimming ability if attending water-based activities
- 5. All Early Sign-Up packages will go live on parentpay from Friday, 8 November 2019

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for pupil premium students, with a maximum of £50 for each eligible student.

Please email **Helen Reddy at** <u>enrichmentweek@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk</u> to discuss the assistance. Deposits must be made for a package prior to receiving the financial support. The support will be made directly to parentpay.





