



## Thank you for traveling with WorldStrides!

It won't be long now—your program is approximately two months away and we look forward to having you travel with us on what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience! On a WorldStrides DiscoverNow! program, your group travels with an accredited school that is committed to taking learning beyond classroom walls, and you can rely on the foundation of trust that school communities have granted WorldStrides for nearly 50 years. Our first priority has always been the safety of our program participants, and we take pride in providing safe travel experiences to tens of thousands of participants every year. Thank you for taking part in this unique opportunity!

Enclosed you will find your program participant form(s). Please complete and return them to your Program Leader by the date mentioned. *Do not return them to WorldStrides.* Approximately two weeks before departure, you will receive a Program Information Letter, which will contain important information pertaining to your program, including transportation information, departure and return times, hotel address and phone number, and packing and travel tips.



*The Parents section of [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org) is a great place for non-traveling parents to discover what their children will see and do on the trip, have their questions answered, and learn about WorldStrides' commitment to safety, security, and educational excellence. Be sure to check it out!*

### MyTrip and MyAccount



MyTrip is your portal to details about your group's WorldStrides DiscoverNow! program and an excellent resource for your family to explore together. MyTrip features announcements from your Program Leader about your program, important dates to keep in mind, and photos and website links specific to your destination, all customized for your trip!

The MyAccount section of MyTrip provides 24-hour access to your WorldStrides account, including payment history and due dates, personal information required for your travel plans, and other important account details. Log into MyTrip at [mytrip.worldstrides.org](http://mytrip.worldstrides.org) and click the MyAccount link in the top-right corner to access these great resources.

While you're on our website you can also check out videos, packing tips, and other important information about your destination. Devoted entirely to students, the Student Center provides access to fun activities, destination photos, scholarship and fundraising information, FAQs, and much more! In addition, the Sites and Snapshots for your destination offers a fun way to learn about the places your group will visit on the trip.

### Discovery for Credit

WorldStrides' FREE web-based course, Discovery for Credit, allows students to investigate a number of subject categories that complement their trip. Discovery for Credit helps students to deepen the learning experience of their WorldStrides DiscoverNow! program. In addition, participants are offered the opportunity to earn free high school or affordable college credit (or a free certificate of completion for elementary school students), depending on the travel program. For more information, log into MyTrip and visit Discovery for Credit.



### Payment

To make your payments online by credit card, click the Make a Payment button on the WorldStrides homepage. You may also elect to have a one-time payment deducted from your U.S. bank account using our popular Echeck option. If you have any questions regarding your account status, we encourage you to visit MyAccount to check your payment history and the amount due. You may access MyAccount through MyTrip at [mytrip.worldstrides.org](http://mytrip.worldstrides.org).

If you have additional questions, please contact our Customer Service team at 800-468-5899, 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. You can also reach us via email at [customerservice@worldstrides.org](mailto:customerservice@worldstrides.org).



### Emergency Medical Release

THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO YOUR TEACHER

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*In an emergency when parent/guardian cannot be reached, please contact the following:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Last Tetanus \_\_\_\_\_

*\*WorldStrides cannot be responsible for accommodating any food allergies.*

Other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Medication being used (include dosage/frequency) \_\_\_\_\_

Present state of health \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/Hospital Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT OF MINOR

I, the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that every effort will be made to contact the parents in case of an emergency, and, if possible, before any medical treatment is administered. In the event of an emergency or if the parents cannot be notified, I hereby give permission to the Program Leader or the WorldStrides staff to secure proper treatment for my child, including having access to any and all medical records. If necessary, this includes selection of physicians and medical treatment facility who are then authorized to perform such medical treatments as deemed necessary to protect the health of my child.

WorldStrides cannot be responsible for accommodating any food allergies, requirements or restrictions and is not responsible for any problems associated with the same. All issues with regard to food and drink, including allergies, requirements and restrictions are the sole responsibility of the participant.

In the event of any emergencies during the trip, the undersigned hereby grants authority to be exercised at the discretion of the Program Leader or chaperone to dispense over-the-counter medication.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Mr. Lurgio no later than March 26, 2015.**

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO WORLDSTRIDES.

## STUDENT RULES AND REGULATIONS PERSONAL BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

The WorldStrides tour you have elected to attend offers many unique opportunities and experiences. Beyond the educational benefits, the tour offers opportunities to form new friendships and to meet the challenges of independence.

We at WorldStrides promote a tour atmosphere where chaperones and students support one another with genuine respect. As a student participant, it is your responsibility to help make the tour a positive and enjoyable experience for yourself, fellow students, and chaperones. All participants are expected to demonstrate high standards of conduct and to accept personal responsibility and consequences for their actions. You are expected to exhibit honesty, courteousness and consideration toward others. This includes those in your group, as well as anyone else with whom you may come in contact, such as Motorcoach Drivers, guides and restaurant and hotel staff.

Our goal at WorldStrides is to make this trip an educational, safe, and enjoyable experience for everyone. We require your cooperation and commitment to the following behavior standards to help us meet this goal.

We expect the student/participant to obey the following rules of behavior:

- ❖ The student is to follow the directions and the rules and regulations established by the chaperones both prior to and during the tour.
- ❖ The student shall not be involved in any way with smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, vandalism, theft, or any other type of behavior that is judged by the chaperones to be detrimental to the health, well-being, safety, or reputation of him/herself or anyone else in the group including the chaperones or WorldStrides.
- ❖ The student shall comply with all rules and regulations of the various governmental and vendor agencies (such as airlines, hotels, motorcoach companies, etc.).
- ❖ The student shall remain with the group at all times unless, and only if and when, the chaperones specifically allow you free time.
- ❖ The student shall follow the directions of the Program Leader, chaperones, and WorldStrides staff.
- ❖ The use of hotel facilities carries with it the responsibility of leaving them in the same conditions in which they were found. The student is responsible for any damage.
- ❖ Quiet hours at the hotel will be observed from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. At 10:30 p.m. students must be in their own rooms. Students must remain quietly in their rooms until awakened by chaperones.
- ❖ The student may never leave the hotel unless accompanied by a chaperone.
- ❖ The student must sleep in his/her assigned hotel room each night.
- ❖ Good common sense, respect and consideration for others and their property should be practiced daily.

If the student should violate any of these rules, he/she may be sent home at the sole discretion of the chaperones. In such cases, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the student sent home at the parent's expense.

### Student Contract

I have read, and I understand the behavior rules and regulations of WorldStrides. I agree to comply with all of these rules and regulations.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Contract

I have read, and I understand and support the rules and regulations of the WorldStrides tour. I represent that my child or ward has read the rules and regulations and has agreed to comply with all of them. It is understood that the signature on this behavior contract of one parent or guardian implies the consent of the other.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND TO WORLDSTRIDES. RETURN TO YOUR PROGRAM LEADER.**