

An aerial photograph of Cologne, Germany, showing the Cologne Cathedral with its two prominent spires, the Rhine River, and the Hohenzollern Bridge. The city skyline is visible in the background under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

MFL trip to Cologne

11th – 14th July 2022

What will we discuss tonight?

- Getting there and back
- Accommodation
- What we will see and do
- What to bring
- About our travel company
- Expectations
- Communication
- COVID restrictions





Getting there and back...

Monday 11th July 2022

00:15 – Coach arrives at Eton College

00:45 – Coach departs from Eton College

05:10 – Check in at DFDS ferry port, Dover

07:10 – Depart from Dover

09:40 – Arrive in Calais (local time)

15:40 – Arrive in Cologne

18:30 – Evening meal at the hotel

While we're there

Tuesday 12th July 2022

08:00 – Breakfast at the hotel

09:15 – Coach into Cologne city centre

09:30 – Visit to Cologne Cathedral then time to explore Cologne Altstadt and have lunch

13:30 – Lindt chocolate museum

15:00 – Olympic and Sport museum

18:30 – Evening meal at the hotel

While we're there

Wednesday 13th July 2022

07:30 – Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 – Coach to Phantasialand theme park (arrive 09:15)

17:30 – Board coach back to Cologne

18:30 – Arrive back at hotel

19:00 – Evening meal at the hotel

Getting there and back...

Thursday 14th July 2022

07:00 – Breakfast at the hotel and check out

08:00 – Load luggage onto coach

08:15 – Board coach and depart

14:35 – Arrive in Calais and check in to ferry port

16:35 – Depart from Calais

17:05 – Arrive in Dover (local time)

21:30 – Arrive at Eton College

Getting there and back...

- Please drop your child off and pick them up from the main car park outside the leisure centre (*00:15 drop off*)
- As we are on the coach for a long time we recommend bringing some food, something to drink and some form of sociable entertainment.
- Travel updates will be posted on Twitter.
- Pupils will be asked to contact parents in the event of any delay on the return journey.

Accommodation

- DJH Köln Deutz, Köln
- This accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis. Students will receive a continental breakfast each morning and an evening meal but will need to bring some spending money for lunches.
- You need to make sure you bring your own towels.

Money

- The currency in German is the Euro (€)
- All accommodation and excursions are already paid for.
- We would advise no more than €20 per day spending money (lunch, souvenirs, public transport).
- It is the students' responsibility to look after their money and budget sensibly.
- A security deposit of €15 will be charged upon arrival and refunded when we leave assuming there has been no damage caused to the hotel.

What to pack

- The weather in Cologne is similar to the weather in Britain at this time of year.
- It will be warm but it also may rain so students will need to dress accordingly.
- We will be doing a lot of walking so students will need practical and comfortable footwear.
- A raincoat might be a good idea!
- Remember to bring a towel for the hotel.

Our travel company

- We are using 'Halsbury Travel'



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Covid cover

- Covid insurance is included in the price of the trip. This would cover you for cancellation in case of you being diagnosed with Covid, or for a change in travel restrictions nearer the time.
- As of 11th June 2022, there are no Covid requirements to enter Germany.
- **HOWEVER**, you will have to show proof of vaccination OR a negative test result to travel through France (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/nhs-covid-pass/get-an-nhs-covid-pass/>)
- You will need a face mask for public transport.

In the event of an emergency

- Prior to the trip:
 - we follow the latest government travel advice with regards to travelling abroad
 - we have completed a comprehensive risk assessment to review any likely incident
- During the trip:
 - we would follow the advice given by the emergency services
 - ensure that all pupils are safe
 - contact school to inform them of the situation
 - contact parents/carers with updates

Expectations

- Normal school expectations and sanctions do still apply.
- If you are given an instruction by a member of staff you are expected to follow it – this is to ensure that the trip runs safely and smoothly for everyone involved.

Phones

- Phones are allowed but they are the students' own responsibility (i.e. lost, roaming charges, data, etc.).
- Students are allowed to take photos of themselves but not of other students/members of the public.
- No music to be played on the coach.
- No use of social media.
- Time will be given each evening to contact parents/carers.
- Any misuse of a phone will result in it being confiscated for the remainder of the trip.

Communication

- Students will be given time each evening to call home
- Travel updates and photos will be regularly posted on our department Twitter account (@etone_mfl)
- Students will be given a staff phone number to call in the case of an emergency

Passports, EHICs and forms

- Passports will be kept in the school safe from tonight until we leave on Monday 11th July.
- If you haven't already completed an EVC consent form, please stay behind to fill one in now.
- It is strongly recommended that you apply for a GHIC card and bring it with you on the day of departure.

Next steps

- If you have brought your child's passport in this evening, please leave it with a member of staff before you go.
- If you have not brought your child's passport in this evening, please can you ensure that it is in school no later than Thursday 30th June.
- If you have not completed a medical consent form at the start of the year for your child, a member of staff will ask you to complete one now.
- If your child has any medical needs or dietary requirements, please let a member of staff know.
- Please email a copy of your child's Covid Pass to adunkley@etonecollege.co.uk no later than Monday 4th July.

Any questions?