



From Geography Department: Amy Atkinson

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Dear Parent

### Geography Trip to Slovenia, 2019

Abingdon School Geography department would like to invite your son to partake in a geography-focused trip to Slovenia between Thursday 15 and Thursday 22 August 2019 (dates are variable by 1-2 days due to flight availability when booking). The trip will focus on a range of geographical concepts such as: tectonic and glacial activity with the first few days being spent at Lake Bled, a significant glacial landform 35km from Slovenia's capital Ljubljana. By hiking in the Alpine environment we will be exposed to geographical features created by both glacial, tectonic and river activity and is ideal for anyone with an interest in physical geography or geology. In addition, we'll be following the Brown Bear trail and learning about the ecological programmes in place to help manage the biodiversity of Slovenia. To balance the geographies somewhat, a day will spent in Ljubljana, the 2016 European Green Capital.

This trip is inclusive of food, accommodation, activities and travel and has been organised through the 'School Travel Consultancy' (website here: <https://www.thestc.co.uk/>). Abingdon has worked with this company on numerous occasions, including trips to Finland, The Azores and Iceland. They are a professional company who have tailored the trip to our needs. Attached to this letter is all the pre-booking information that you may need, sent by the STC.

The maximum cost of the trip will be £1700, **non-refundable** deposit of £600 will be required through WisePay by Friday 11 January 2019. The remainder of the cost (£1100) will be added to the Summer Term Bill.

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=318176>

Please note that by completing the WisePay deposit payment and the required details, you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The non-refundable deposit secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance of payments is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Please note that the price of this trip has the potential to decrease based upon the numbers of boys attending. Should this be the case, the final total added to the school bill will be reduced.

In the New Year, a representative of STC will be coming to school to present to boys and parents the finer details of the trip and here you will be able to ask any questions you have about the company and the specifics of the tour they have organised to Kenya.

If your son does partake in this trip, he is to be reminded that normal school rules apply and good behaviour is a necessity.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about the visit.

Yours sincerely

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