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# REQUESTING A FLIGHT DEVIATION

The following information is for participants who are considering returning independently (or with their family) later than the rest of their group.

**Please note: Vistas in Education or the Organizing Teacher may require all program participants to fly both ways with the group and on the same dates as the group. They may refuse to allow participants to request a deviation.**

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### **What type of airline arrangements will VIE make for the group?**

The group will be issued round-trip airline tickets on regularly scheduled airlines, from their departure city in the U.S. to Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris and back to the original departure city in the US. These arrangements may include one or more connecting flights. **The Preliminary Flight Information** for the group will be given to the Organizing Teacher approximately 90 days before departure. **The Final Flight Information** will be given to the Organizing Teacher approximately 2 weeks before departure.

### **What is the first step?**

Contact Vistas in Education to find out the airline with whom your group is travelling. Each airline has different rules for deviations; some allow longer stays than others and some do not allow deviations at all. We must work within the rules and regulations of the airline. If the airline that your group is travelling with does not allow for deviations, Vistas in Education will not be able to arrange a flight deviation for you. If you still want to change your return date, you will want to look into making your own air arrangements (please see "MAKING YOUR OWN AIR ARRANGEMENTS" information)

If it is possible to deviate and it is before the deadline listed below, mail your completed Student Flight Deviation Request Form with a check to Vistas in Education. Vistas in Education will contact the airline to see if there is space available on any of the dates you have listed on your deviation form. We will also find out how much the airfare difference is on each day.

VIE will not make a change to the flight without contacting you unless your 1<sup>st</sup> choice of dates is available and there is no airfare difference. If there is an airfare difference, VIE will contact you at the number or e-mail listed on the deviation form to inform you and discuss what you would like to do. The change will not be made without your authorization.

### **What is the cost of a deviation?**

There is a \$200 deviation fee, if the form is postmarked by the deadline, plus any airfare difference imposed by the airline. The airfare difference can vary dramatically (from \$50 to \$500 and beyond) based on space availability on the flight. This is why we ask you for 3 different dates on your Deviation Request Form, one day might not have any space while there may not be any trouble getting space the following day. Be flexible if possible. If you decide not to go ahead with the deviation, VIE will not process your payment.

**What are the deadlines to return my completed Student Flight Deviation Request Form AND payment?**

The deadlines are as follows:

**Spring groups** - (groups travelling between Feb.- April)

**Student Flight Deviation Request Forms must be postmarked by December 1**

*NOTE: Any requests postmarked after December 1 may not be possible. If VIE is able to arrange the deviation, you will incur a \$100 late fee plus any airfare difference or other fees imposed by the airlines)*

**Summer groups** - (groups travelling between May - June)

**Student Flight Deviation Request Forms must be postmarked by January 15**

*NOTE: Any requests postmarked after January 15 may not be possible. If VIE is able to arrange the deviation, you will incur a \$100 late fee plus any airfare difference or other fees imposed by the airlines)*

Vistas in Education will not request a deviation without a completed form and a check in our office.

**NO REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF DEPARTURE**

**What if I change my mind after I have submitted my Deviation Request Form?**

You must notify VIE that you have changed your plans. Once VIE has changed your flight it may no longer be possible to reinstate your place on the flights with the group. If it is possible to reinstate your place on the flights with the group, you may be subject to additional fees, including, but not limited to another deviation fee.

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## STUDENT FLIGHT DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

Vistas In Education is not a travel agency, but we may be able to arrange for a participant to fly back directly from Paris to his/her original departure city in the U.S. after the group's return date. **The availability of this option depends on the airline that the group is using and the airline's individual restrictions.** If your son or daughter is interested in a flight deviation, please call VIE to find out if this option is possible.

**Deviation requests are not guaranteed. When available, there is a \$200 fee plus any additional costs that are imposed by the airline.** VIE will notify you if there is any additional charge before confirming the new return date. Please be sure to include your contact information below.

Dear VIE:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Participant's name)

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(Organizing Teacher's name / school name)

The above-named participant has my permission to return separately from his/her VIE program group. I assume complete responsibility for the above-named participant from the time that he/she leaves the group, including any and all travel arrangements and costs incurred. I release VIE and the VIE group leader from any and all responsibility and liability for the above-named participant for the duration of the time that the participant is away from the group.

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(Signature of parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

My son/daughter requests the following return flight date.

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

*(No changes will be allowed once the deviation has been confirmed by the airline).*

**Send this completed form and your check to Vistas In Education no later than December 1 for spring groups and January 15 for summer groups.**

*(NOTE: any requests postmarked after the deadline may not be possible)*

**Best way to contact you with questions and information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_