WORLD VIEW
STUDY VISIT TO

The Balkans
(Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia)

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June 19 – 30, 2013
(dates are subject to change)

APPLICATION INFORMATION
AND FORMS

APPLICATION & RELEASE MUST BE SUBMITTED
VIA EMAIL, FAX, OR MAIL BY

Deadline Extended!

December 3, 2012
December 19, 2012

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THE 2013 BALKANS STUDY VISIT

Applications are now being accepted from educators for the 2013 Study Visit to the Balkans tentatively scheduled for June 19–30, 2013 (dates subject to change). All applications must be submitted by email, fax, or mail to Neil Bolick at nebollc@unc.edu, 919/962-6794 (fax), or World View, UNC-Chapel Hill, CB 8011, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8011 by December 3, 2012. DECEMBER 19, 2012 Please note that this study visit requires a minimum of 15 participants in order to operate. Please read the following application materials carefully.

STUDY VISIT GOAL

The goal of the study visit is to help educators become leaders for global education by looking beyond North Carolina’s borders and experiencing cultures and countries that may be very different than their own. Educators will learn more about educational systems and practices in southeastern Europe while visiting schools, colleges, and non-governmental organizations and meeting with our European counterparts. We also will explore significant cultural and historical sites. World View study visits provide a unique and challenging professional development opportunity—not a tourist trip! To best prepare for the study visit, participants are required to attend a day-and-a-half seminar that focuses on Europe and the European Union (March 20–21, 2013) in Chapel Hill. Following the study visit participants return for a follow-up workshop (August 2013). Knowledge, strategies, and experiences gleaned from the seminar, the study visit, and the follow-up workshop will give participants the ability to add global content to their teaching and help their schools and colleges become more global in focus.

ABOUT THE BALKANS

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: Bosnia is located in southeastern Europe and borders Croatia and the Adriatic Sea. Bosnia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, which ushered in an interethnic war lasting until the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords in 1995. Recently, Bosnia has been recognized as a potential candidate country for accession into the European Union.

Slightly smaller than West Virginia, Bosnia has a varied geographic landscape including mountainous regions with shortened summers and extreme winters and coastal regions with rainy but mild winters. The country is divided into the Bosniak/Croat Federation, totaling around 51% of the territory, and the Bosnian Serb-led Republika Srpska (SR), which comprises the other 49% of the country. Due in part to this division, the 4 million person population of Bosnia is filled with religious and ethnic diversity. Islam is practiced by 40% of the population but Catholicism is a close second, practiced by 31% of the population. The capital city, Sarajevo lies along the Miljacka River, surrounded by the Dinaric Alps, and is the cultural center of the country.

CROATIA: Croatia is nestled between Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slovenia and borders the Adriatic Sea. Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, but was engaged in bitter conflict with Yugoslav forces for four years following the declaration. Slightly smaller than West Virginia, Croatia’s population is just under 4.5 million. Over 50% of the population lives in an urban setting and Catholicism is the predominant religion, practiced by approximately 87% of the population.

Croatia boasts mountains and coastal regions and the seaside city of Dubrovnik is a popular destination for tourists. Croatia’s climate consists of hot summers and cold winters with more moderate temperatures throughout the coastal region. The capital city, Zagreb, lies along the Sava River in the northwest of the country. Ranked as one of the wealthiest former Yugoslav republics, Croatia joined NATO in 2009 and expects to be officially admitted into the European Union in July 2013 after ratification of the EU Accession Treaty.
SLOVENIA: Slovenia is in south central Europe, between Austria and Croatia. After a ten day war in 1991, Slovenia established its independence from Yugoslavia and acceded to NATO and the European Union in 2004.

Countless rivers wind through Slovenia's mountains, valleys, and coastal regions creating a mixed climate with mild summers and cold winters. Despite its lush environment, around half the population of 2 million live in an urban setting. Though slightly smaller than New Jersey, Slovenia controls some of Europe's foremost transit routes. While Catholicism is practiced by a narrow majority (58%), 37% of the population is unspecified or unaffiliated with any religion. Slovenia’s capital, Ljubljana, is noted for its mix of beautiful architecture and scenic nature. Ljubljana is also home to a large student population and attracts tourists with a multitude of outdoor sports including paragliding, hydrospeed, caving, and hiking.

STUDY VISIT HIGHLIGHTS

Along our journey we will interact with people of different backgrounds, learning different facets of culture in the Balkans. We will explore key issues related to the European Union and learn about differences between Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia’s economic development and integration into the European Union. We plan to visit schools, colleges, and organizations to learn about the educational opportunities and challenges for youth and explore how national identity is shaped by schools. Educators will explore significant cultural and historical sites, interact with local families, learn about art, religion, and the environment, and immerse ourselves in the rich culture of the Balkans. We are still working on the itinerary, and we will most surely make changes, but at this time are considering the following cities and local highlights.

Ljubljana: The City Museum of Ljubljana; Art and Photography Galleries; National Opera & Ballet Theater; National Drama Theater. Zagreb: Klovičevi dvori Gallery; Art Pavilion; The House for People and Art; Modern Gallery. Banja Luka: Walking Tour; Kastel Fortress; Hike Banj Brdo Hill to the World War II Memorial; Orthodox Church of Jesus the Saviour; Krupa Monastery. Sarajevo: The Old Town (Baščaršija); Visit Vrbanja Bridge and walk along Vilsonovo Setaliste; Drive to the beautiful mountain forests and countryside of Romanija. Mostar: Old Turkish Quarter; excellent mix of Ottoman and Christian culture; “new” Old Bridge. Dubrovnik: Guided City Tour (Saint Balise Statue, Pile Gate, Sponza Palace, Stradun Town Center): Rector’s Palace and Cathedral; Half day cruise to Elafiti Islands. (A final itinerary will be provided at a later date.)

A more detailed itinerary can be found on the World View website: worldview.unc.edu

STUDY VISIT ELIGIBILITY

World View’s study visit is open to any full-time educator, but priority is given to educators of World View’s Partner schools, school systems, or colleges. Secondary priority is given to educators who have not traveled internationally. Participants of past World View study visits may submit an application, but will be placed on a waitlist. The ideal candidate is an educator who is committed to global education and to increasing the opportunities for adding global content and activity to their school or college. World View considers international travel to be an essential aspect of being well-educated in the 21st century and seeks candidates who have not had an opportunity for international travel.

Note to World View Partners

World View has formal partnerships with over 100 North Carolina school systems, schools, and colleges. For a list of Partners, please see: http://worldview.unc.edu

One benefit of partnership is a guaranteed spot on a World View study visit. It is the Partner’s responsibility to notify World View of intention to participate. Partner applications and a $500 deposit are due by December 3, 2012. December 19, 2012 to reserve a space.

If you are interested in joining a World View study visits, please contact the World View Partner liaison at your school, central office, or college. If you do not know who your liaison is, please contact World View.
The cost of the Balkans study visit is estimated at $3,900. This includes round trip airfare from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, land transport within the Balkans per itinerary, home stay (if arranged) and hotel accommodations in tourist class hotels (double or greater occupancy), entrance fees to cultural and historical sites, services of a local guide, speaker honorariums, meals per itinerary, supplemental health insurance, and briefing materials. Not included are some meals, passport fees, trip cancellation insurance, transport to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, exit/departure fees, gratuities, personal beverages, free time activities, and any personal and incidental expenses, which include required and recommended immunizations prior to travel. Additionally, registration and travel expenses for the March 2013 Europe Seminar or August 2013 follow-up workshop are not included. There is a single supplement estimated charge of $550 if you would like a single room, when available. There is an additional charge of $250 for non-North Carolina educators. Please note that this study visit requires a minimum of 15 participants in order to operate.

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

1) Each participant of the World View Balkans Study Visit must be a full-time educator and have a willingness to become a leader for global education in his or her classroom, school, community college, or school system.

2) Each participant must be in good physical health and be able to walk several miles and carry his/her own luggage. Proof of medical insurance is required prior to departure.

3) Each participant must be a U.S. citizen, with passport valid at least 6 months after the return date of the study visit. **If you do not currently have a valid passport, you must apply for one as soon as possible:** [http://travel.state.gov/passport/](http://travel.state.gov/passport/)

4) Each participant is required to read all materials provided by World View in preparation or follow-up to this study visit and will be required to take part in all of the scheduled group activities and assignments while traveling.

5) Each participant must assume responsibility for acquiring the required and recommended immunizations, a passport, and other travel-related documents. World View will supply helpful information to assist with the necessary documentation.

6) Each participant must submit a photocopy of the first page of his/her passport. **If you already have a valid passport, please submit a photocopy with this application.**

7) Each participant must read and sign the “Participant Agreement, Release, and Consent for Medical Treatment” form attached to this application, as well as any forthcoming required forms by study visit partnering agencies or organizations.

8) All selected participants must adhere to the payment/registration schedule below:

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* Please make all checks payable to World View. **Final study visit balance subject to change based on increased fuel surcharges.**

9) Each participant must register for and participate in the March 20-21, 2013 Europe Seminar ([worldview.unc.edu](http://worldview.unc.edu)) in Chapel Hill. You are responsible for your own registration, transportation, and lodging costs.
10) Each participant is required to take part in a one-day post-trip follow-up workshop in August 2013 (date to be determined). You are responsible for travel costs, however, there is no registration fee.

11) By October 2013, each participant is required to complete and submit an Action Plan or Lesson Plan based on personal educational goals and objectives.

A SPECIAL NOTE ON PASSPORTS

Passport applications can take months to process. If you need to apply for, or renew, your passport before traveling internationally, do so immediately! Passport information: http://travel.state.gov/passport/

2013 BALKANS STUDY VISIT TIMELINE

DECEMBER 3-DECEMBER 19, 2012
- Application deadline.
- Deadline for World View Partners to reserve places, $500 deposit due with applications from Partners
- Apply for or renew passport (if applicable)!

JANUARY 8, 2013
- Notification of accepted applicants

JANUARY 21, 2013
- Non-Partner $500 deposit due, payable to World View. (Receipt of deposit confirms participant acceptance into the Study Visit)

FEBRUARY 25, 2013
- Balance of $3,400 balance due (plus elected single supplement), payable to World View*

MARCH 1, 2013
- Europe Seminar registration due

MARCH 20-21, 2013
- Europe Seminar in Chapel Hill, NC

APRIL 23, 2013
- Deadline for obtaining passport

JUNE 19-30, 2013
- Study Visit to the Balkans [DATES ARE TENTATIVE]

AUGUST 2013
- Study Visit Follow-up Workshop in Chapel Hill, NC

OCTOBER 1, 2013
- Action Plan or Lesson Plan due to World View

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TRAVELING IN THE BALKANS

In order to participate in the study visit you must be in good general health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers to the Balkans are up to date on all routine immunizations and visit a doctor 4-6 weeks before traveling. Please check with your medical provider or World View if you have questions or concerns. A good deal of flexibility is also necessary for travel in the Balkans. Expect the unexpected and a sense of humor will go a long way!
**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)**

| **Full Name** (exactly as it appears on passport) |  |
| **Name** (you preferred to be called) |  |
| **Current Job Title/Position** |  |
| **School or College** |  |
| **School System/LEA** (if applicable) |  |
| **School/College Address** |  |
| **E-mail Address** |  |
| **School/College Phone** |  |
| **Home Address** |  |
| **Cell Phone and Home Phone** |  |
| **Passport Number** (attach copy of first page of passport) |  |
| **Expiration Date** |  |
| **Date of Birth** | **Gender** | □ Male □ Female |
| **Social Security Number** and Signature | **SSN:** _________________________________  |
| | X _________________________________  |
| [*Note: This information is required for purchase of airline tickets. Your SSN is kept confidential and is not retained by World View after purchase of flights.]* |  |
| **Emergency Contact #1** | **Name:** |  |
| | **Phone (home, work, and/or cell):** |  |
| | **Email:** |  |
| | **Relationship to you:** |  |
| **Emergency Contact #2** | **Name:** |  |
| | **Phone (home, work, and/or cell):** |  |
| | **Email:** |  |
| | **Relationship to you:** |  |
| **Single Supplement** | □ Yes, I would like a single room if and when available and will pay the charge of $550 (estimated) due with my final payment  |
| | □ No, I am happy to share a room. |  |
PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: [attach additional pages if necessary]

Have you ever participated in a World View event or program?  
☐ YES  ☐ Not Yet!

What past World View events or programs have you attended?

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List any languages you speak other than English.

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What do you expect to learn and experience from participation in this trip?

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How would your participation in this study visit help you to teach international content within your school or college environment?
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List ways you will use the study visit to enrich your school or college's curriculum, programs, or atmosphere?

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What other positions have you held in the field of education?

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Please list any hobbies, interests, and activities that would interest our group and hosts.

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Do you have any medical conditions relevant to demanding travel in remote areas (including, but not limited to, diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, etc..) or any medical conditions (including allergies) that the study visit coordinator should be aware of? Please explain. [This information will be kept confidential]

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Do you have any dietary restrictions that the study visit coordinator should be aware of? If so, please explain. [This information will be kept confidential]

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Participant Agreement, Release, and Consent for Medical Treatment

As part of the consideration for being allowed to participate in a 2013 study visit to the Balkans, sponsored by World View, An International Program for Educators at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (“World View”), I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, its employees and agents (hereafter collectively referred to as “the University”) and World View from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or to any property belonging to me while I am participating in the study visit or traveling in connection therewith. I am fully aware that the risks and hazards associated with foreign travel and residence include, but are not limited to, accident, illness, injury, natural disaster, war, and civil disturbance. I acknowledge that my participation in this activity is elected by me and not required. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, damage, or personal injury, including death, and for any property damage that may be sustained by me as a result of participation in this activity. I am also fully aware that the 2013 Study Visit to the Balkans requires a minimum of 15 paid participants to be able to operate.

Consent for Medical Treatment

In the event of illness or injury, I hereby authorize the program director, staff, or other agents to obtain emergency or other medical treatment for me as deemed necessary, including administration of an anesthetic or other medication and surgery, and I hereby assume the cost of such treatment. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the University to give specific consent to the diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which in the best judgment of a licensed physician is deemed advisable.

I agree to be responsible for and to pay the costs of my medical, optical, dental, pharmaceutical and similar services incurred while traveling if such are not covered by the supplemental insurance provided. I also understand and agree that I may be required to pay for covered services at the time of service and receive reimbursement from insurance thereafter.

I further understand that I must make provision before departure for continuation of any medical treatments such as prescriptions or special diets.

Program Participation

I have carefully read and considered the description of the Balkans Study Visit in the application packet. I certify that the information entered on the application is true, correct, and complete.

If selected to participate in the 2013 Study Visit to the Balkans, I agree to

- The Conditions of Participation, as outlined in the application packet.
- Accept the goal and objectives of the program, including preparation and implementation of an Action Plan that applies learning and ideas from the study visit to my classroom, school, or college work setting.
Attend pre- and post-study visit programs, including the March 20-21, 2013 Europe Seminar and the August, 2013 follow-up workshop, which will be held in Chapel Hill.
Participate in all scheduled activities and assignments during the study visit, and respect the needs of the group.
Respect and accommodate myself to cultural, political, religious, ethnic, and other differences of my hosts, host educators, host families, the host culture, and other participants.

Payment and Coverage of Program Fee

The estimated total program fee is $3,900. I agree to pay a deposit of $500 by January 21, 2012 (December 19, 2012 for World View Partner to reserve place), and to pay the estimated balance ($3,400) and the estimated single supplement charge of $550 (if elected) by February 25, 2013, unless otherwise agreed to by, and arranged with, World View. I agree to complete and submit according to the schedule, requested paperwork and deposits related to the study visit. I understand and acknowledge that the program fee covers:

- Roundtrip transportation to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport to the Balkans
- Program-related internal transport by land in the Balkans
- Double or greater occupancy home stay and hotel accommodations and some meals
- Tour services, as contracted by World View including guide and entrance fees, and speaker honorariums, for group activities
- Supplemental health insurance
- Briefing materials

I understand that the program fee does not cover passport application fees and costs, trip cancellation insurance, transport to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, exit fees, personal beverages, gratuities, some meals, free time activities, and incidental and personal expenses, including required and recommended vaccines.

I understand that I am solely responsible for obtaining and keeping safe my passport, money, credit/debit cards, travelers checks, jewelry, and other property; and I hereby waive any and all claims against the University, World View, their agents and employees, for any expenses or losses due to my failure to obtain these papers or to safeguard properly these items or any other property of mine. I agree to be financially responsible for, and to pay, all of my legally enforceable debts and expenditures incurred on the study visit.

Transportation

I understand that World View contracts with or uses a tour company, as well as a host agency to arrange the study visit, and commercial transport, whose performance and services cannot be controlled by World View or its local hosts and sponsors. I acknowledge and agree that I will not hold the University or World View, its agents, employees, local hosts and local sponsors, liable for any action, negligence or failure to act of commercial transport entities, their agents and employees, including but not limited to, accidents, damaged or lost baggage and travel delays. I acknowledge that World View reserves the right to alter travel or other arrangements if World View believes such change or alteration to be in the best interest of the participants or study visit program. I understand and agree that the University, World View and its local hosts and sponsors are not responsible for additional costs of missed flights due to illness or other reasons beyond their control.
Cancellation and Refund Policy

I understand and acknowledge that this trip is subject to cancellation if the minimum number of travelers is not met and because of natural disasters, political instability, insufficient participation by participants, or other causes not remediable by the contracted tour company, host agency, or World View. I further understand and acknowledge that in the event of a disease outbreak or an epidemic in the Balkans, the University may cancel all travel to the Balkans, including this study visit. Therefore, I understand and acknowledge that the University’s “Policy Concerning Study, Travel, and Research in Countries Under U.S. State Department Travel Warnings and U.S. Centers for Disease Control Travel Notices” applies to participants as if they were students at the University and that the policy can be found on the web at: http://global.unc.edu/images/UNC_Travel_Policy_10182010.pdf.

If the study visit is canceled for the reasons set out above or similar reasons, I understand that World View will return to participants all funds that are recoverable from the contracted tour company or host agency, but that in some cases funds may be unrecoverable. I understand and acknowledge that, if funds are unrecoverable, then I will lose all or part of the money I have paid for the study trip.

I understand and agree that, in accordance with the refund policy, as outlined below, if I cancel my participation in the study trip

- between receipt of deposit and February 25, 2013, I will receive a refund of all monies less irrecoverable expenses and deposit amount.
- between February 25, 2013 and April 1, 2013, I will receive a refund of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses and the sum of $1,000.
- between April 2, 2013 and May 1, 2013, I will receive a refund of 25% of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses.
- After May 1, 2013, I will not receive a refund.

I understand that, in the event I desire to cancel, I must give the World View study visit director written notice of withdrawal and the World View director will forward the notice and request to the contracted tour company or host agency.

Trip Cancellation Insurance

I understand and acknowledge that, if I elect to apply for and purchase trip cancellation insurance, such insurance will provide financial protection in case the trip is cancelled or I cancel my participation in the trip. I further acknowledge and agree that, if I elect to apply for such insurance, I am responsible for its cost.

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Signature of Participant                          Date

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Printed Name of Participant