



Coalition for Kids

# Journeys for a Lifetime

## Program Information - 2011

- Open to teens and youth aged : 14 – 23\* : From Canada and USA
  - \*Participants travel in groups aged 14 – 18 and 19 – 23
- Number of participants in each trip: Maximum 6 : Minimum: 5
- Number of chaperones/translators: To/From Poland (1) : In Poland : (2)
- Departures every month: January through December
- Trip duration: 12 days
- Departure dates: 20<sup>th</sup> (+/- 5 days, determined 3 - 4 weeks prior to departure)\* (Note: February departs 14<sup>th</sup>, March departs 12<sup>th</sup>, August departs 15<sup>th</sup>, December departs 5<sup>th</sup> - all +/- 3 days)
- The regions/sites and children to be visited in Poland are determined 3 - 4 weeks prior to departure\*\*
  - \*\* 3 - 4 weeks prior to departure the families/hospitals of the terminally-ill children who are waiting to have their wishes fulfilled are contacted to make sure that the children are healthy enough to be able to welcome their North American guests and have no hospital visits scheduled. (Due to the delicate nature of, and changes in, the children's health, this cannot be determined earlier). The list of children to be visited is then completed and the trip itinerary and travel schedule are finalized
- Trips include a 2 night stop over tour of Berlin and visits to historical and cultural sites in Poland.
- January, February & March trips include one night "on the beach" at the world famous Tropical Islands Resort, Berlin
- Trip cost: \$3,900 - fully inclusive. Note, there is a \$250 surcharge for trips departing in July and August due to the seasonal increase in air fares
- All gifts and wishes for the terminally-ill children are provided
- An amount of \$50 - \$100 for personal spending money (snacks, soft drinks and souvenirs) is suggested, in either Canadian or US currency
- Participants are asked to bring a few small items from their local Dollar Store (flags, pins, etc) to hand out as personal gifts for the children in hospital
- The group departure/return airports are selected by taking into account the home-towns of the participants and/or the most suitable schedules and connections. Participants are responsible for transportation to/from the group departure/return airports.
- Participants have the choice to pay for the trip themselves or to raise corporate and/or individual sponsorship towards all or part of the cost. The Coalition provides guidance to assist with sponsorship and provides complimentary promotional and marketing material. Participants may continue to raise sponsorship funds towards their trip even after the full amount of the trip cost has been paid, or even after returning from their trip, and these are reimbursed to the participant up to the value of the trip cost

- Corporate sponsors of participants receive display space, for one year, for their logo and web link within the Coalition's web site. The corporate sponsor receives an invoice for the value of their sponsorship and their sponsorship is deductible as an advertising expense. Individual sponsorships are not tax deductible\*\*\*

\*\*\* Coalition for Kids International is a non profit organization as it believes that healthy North American teens and youth deserve support, encouragement and opportunity, not charity. However, Coalitions for Kids International's sister organization in Poland, Fundacja Dziecieca Fantazja (Children's Fantasies Fulfilled), is a registered charity, as it dedicates its resources to terminally-ill children and it was one of the first charities to be registered under the Public Benefit Activity and Voluntary Assistance Act.

- Participants are responsible for providing their own health and medical travel insurance. Many families already have this coverage or can have it added to their family policy. Alternately there are many inexpensive policies available on-line (at an average of \$2 per day). Note: The insurance coverage should extend for three days past the scheduled return date. This is in the highly unlikely event of an airport strike, etc – anything that might cause an unforeseen delay in the schedule

- Payment dates:

\$500 upon registration (non refundable)  
\$1,200 a minimum of forty five days prior to departure  
\$1,200 a minimum of thirty days prior to departure  
\$1,000 a minimum of fourteen days prior to departure (+ \$250 for July/August departures)

- The following material is provided prior to departure\*\*\*\*

Full trip schedule and itinerary, including: children to visited, their illnesses and their wishes; hospitals to be visited; cities and tourist attractions to be visited; day by day travel schedule and details; list of hotels; emergency contact information

Explanation of children's illnesses

What to take list

Etiquette and Language guide

Polish travel and cultural guide and information on the places to be visited

Document check list

- The following documents need to be completed and signed forty five days prior to departure\*\*\*\*

Letter of Understanding

Travel Authorization – this document need to be notarized

\*\*\*\*Samples of the above material and documents can be viewed on line at:  
[www.journeysforalifetime.com](http://www.journeysforalifetime.com)

- Participants require valid passports. Visas are not required for Canadian and US citizens and no vaccinations are necessary
- During each trip, parents, relatives, friends and sponsors receive a daily diary report, with photos, that keeps everyone in-touch and very much a part of the experience – every step of the way. A mid-trip phone call from parents to participants can be pre-arranged, if required
- Upon return each participant receives a CD Rom of all trip photos taken
- The Coalition provides a contact list for prospective parents and participants who wish to contact parents and participants from previous Journeys for a Lifetime trips for references

*Coalition for Kids International is a non profit organization, based in Halifax, NS, Canada, that fosters the idealism of youth. Coalition for Kids International and the Journeys for a Lifetime program were the brainchild of Kamila Rybicka who also founded the Polish foundation, Fundacja Dziecieca Fantazja (Children's Fantasies Fulfilled), which in its first six years has fulfilled over 1,600 fantasies and dreams for terminally-ill children in Poland*

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