

Wheaton Academy Parent,

Thank you for your interest in pursuing trip insurance. If your family had some issue or situation arise that would prohibit your student from traveling, Wheaton Academy cannot guarantee a refund for the cost of the Winterim trip. Most of the funds are paid to third-party travel agencies by early fall, and we are unable to receive refunds from these third-party agencies.

So, if you would like to purchase separate trip insurance for your individual student, you will need to purchase this plan independently through a third-party insurance company. Wheaton Academy cannot facilitate the purchase of these policies.

Families have purchased trip cancellation insurance policies from the following companies in the past:

- Travelex: <https://www.travelexinsurance.com/travel-insurance>
- Travel Guard: <https://www.travelguard.com/travelinsurance/index.asp>
- Travel Insured: [Travel Insured](#)

Here are a few tips as you consider purchasing this cancellation insurance:

- Companies offer varying “levels” of insurance. Be sure to select a policy that includes “cancel for any reason.” Some cancellation policies have stipulations that require documentation for your reason to cancel. Families have found the “cancel for any reason” allows for more flexibility in your reasoning.
- Policies can cost anywhere from \$75-\$300+. Be sure to read the difference in cost and what each package provides.
- Some policies must be purchased within 14 days of “initial deposit.”
- When you purchase the policy, it may ask for some information regarding the trip. We have not set exact travel dates for trips yet, nor have we finalized the payment schedule. These details will be finalized over the summer.
  - If the policy you are purchasing can be purchased at any time, I would encourage you to wait and purchase the policy once trip leaders have finalized the dates and the payment schedule.
  - If the policy you are purchasing needs to be purchased within the month, here are some general dates you can use:
    - Duration of the trip: Usually the first two weeks in January after Christmas break
    - Cost of the trip: As advertised on the website
    - Date of final payment: TBD but most final payments will be due before November 1.
- If you need any documentation from the school, please reach out to me or the business office.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you!

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