

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Please direct additional questions to the UAS Trips Office

## What do I need to know about my passport?

Each student is required to have a current UAE Residency visa and a passport that is valid six months from the date of the WWW travel (February 2020).

## Who will book my flight?

All flights will be arranged by UAS through the corresponding trip providers. Parents are responsible for flight costs which are included in the trip costs.

## Will someone help me obtain my visa?

Some WWW trips require visas. Although guidance will be provided, it is up to parents and the family to ensure their student obtains the necessary visa.

## Will I have to get immunizations in order to travel?

Depending upon the location of your WWW trips, you may be advised and/or required to be immunized against certain preventable diseases. Additional details about health and immunizations will be shared via trip leaders and meetings.

## What should I pack and what should I leave behind?

No matter your trip or activity, it is highly advised that you pack just what you can comfortably carry. Additionally, it is not recommended to take items of value either monetary or personal. More specific information about what to pack for your trip will be provided by trip leaders.

## Can I change trips once I've registered?

Once the trip assignment is finalized, any changes will be considered by the UAS administration. These will be addressed on a case by case basis. It is important to note that availability in other trips/activities may not be possible and that refunds are dependent on the Terms and Conditions of the trip providers.

## Do I have to go?

WWW is part of our curricular program at the Universal American School. All students are expected to participate. There is a wide range of different trips to match a variety of interests that will meet goals or needs to remain local.

## Can I sign up with my friend?

WWW allows students to pursue individual interest and passions. Friends who share those same passions may choose some of the same options, however students are encouraged to register for a trip/activity that will maximize their personal growth.

## Why isn't the WWW program included in tuition?

The WWW program has selected trips with a broad range of appeal to best match student interest and passions. As a result, the costs of the trips vary widely. Keeping the cost separate from tuition allows families to pay the specific and individualized costs of the trips they choose.

## A NOTE ABOUT RISK AND SAFETY

The nature and purpose of Week Without Walls may expose students to a degree of risk not typical of regular on-campus classes. Trips may include activities such as hiking and other physical activities that are not risk free. The UAS Administration recognizes the need to review each WWW destination and itinerary to minimize potential risks and to determine necessary safety procedures. All trips are subject to a risk and safety assessment.

### Parents should be aware of the following:

1. In order for trip leaders to take the best possible care of students, parents are required to disclose any health issues.
2. Some trips may require students to take specific vaccinations or a physical exam.
3. Student do not travel to destinations with a discouraging travel advisory
4. WWW trips that include rigorous physical activity or special skills are communicated to parents
5. Trip Leaders and chaperones have up-to-date and current first aid training (within two years)
6. Emergency and travel insurance is included in the cost of each trip
7. Access to emergency medical care, communication capabilities, proper travel conditions and evacuation procedures are reviewed for each destination.