

See the Giant's Causeway—and the rest of Ireland—on our *Ireland in Depth* tour (pg. 68)



What inspired our cover?

The world presents us with so many possibilities we've never imagined. Sometimes we're content to just sit back and marvel. And sometimes civilizations go so far as to create myths to explain their existence. At the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, you can simply be awed by the geological phenomenon or lose yourself in the Irish legend of a walkway built by a legendary warrior travelling between Ireland and the Scottish coast. We're excited to be seeking out amazing scenes around the globe again and coming together to create a few origin stories of our own.



Finding ourselves on the road again

Dear friends,

As I write this, vaccination rates across Canada are climbing at an accelerated pace, and the prospect of travelling is becoming a reality. We at EF are as eager as you are to get back on the road. In the past few months, we've heard from countless teachers and students that their travel dreams and plans have only grown bigger. As we reflect on the unpredictability of the past year, one thing has remained the same: it seems that everyone is looking forward to getting out there again.

We've been working tirelessly behind the scenes across our global offices to ensure our safety measures are up to date for the new realities of travel. We've refreshed our policies to make it easier to plan for the future and book with confidence and peace of mind. We've created new itineraries and experiences, and improved our existing ones. And because we strive to lead by example, we've devoted considerable time to our initiatives in environmental sustainability and diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

We're putting the final touches on our first trip to depart in well over a year. The Banff Canadian Weekend Experience is a professional opportunity for select educators to travel and collaborate with each other on tour. By the time you've read this, we'll have returned home with new friends, connections, and ideas. Most importantly, we'll have reminded ourselves of the sentiment that brings us together—that travel teaches us about the world, ourselves, and ourselves in the world. And that's exactly what we promise to deliver through our programs.

As the world re-opens, I know we share the same excitement of seeing students gain the newfound independence and confidence that's propelled by having meaningful travel experiences. When we last spoke with our teacher community, we sensed the need to encourage students to get outside of their (virtual) classroom walls. There is not only a desire to step away from our screens now, but to leave our comfort zones and expand our sense of curiosity. Exploring new places and cultures has the power to spark growth in all of us, and that will always lead to more.

Best,

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