

Some basic understandings of how we will travel together:

1. Each person on this trip is an adult and is expected to take care for herself or himself, being on time to arranged meeting times of the group or to individual work assignments and times of prayer. Each person agrees to abide by the rules of the Taizé community which will be explained fully when we arrive, basically they are to work together in a common life, to participate in prayers and conversations, and to stay at Taizé during the whole time of our visit (no trips to other villages or towns).
2. Each person on this trip is a part of a group and is expected to care for one another and for our common life on the trip. Each of us agrees to look out for one another and offer help as we see is needed and/or desired. We will make every effort to be sure of each other's safety, especially when exploring areas without the rest of the group.
3. All of us will encourage one another to make of these days away a time of renewal. With the community of Taizé and others who go there, our time of pilgrimage will let us explore as ones seeking communion with God in prayer, silence, and reflection with an aim to rediscover 'what life is for,' renewing our strength for life at home.

Things to bring with you on our trip:

- Your valid passport and the confirmation number of your flight
- Casual, comfortable clothes (temperatures at this time vary greatly, highs usually in 40s to 60s)
Please include clothes appropriately nice for meeting church leaders (and for our tour of the United Nations) on Monday.
- Personal hygiene items (bring your own shampoo, soap, towel, washcloth, etc.)
- Sturdy shoes – Taizé's terrain is dusty, gravel roads (not paved), but there also are roads for running
- Things to help you record your trip – camera/(e-)film, journal, pens...addresses for postcard sending
- Things to help you study or meditate – a book for a course (if needed), a Bible, or other reading
- An alarm clock and a small flashlight
- A carry-on bag with something to keep you busy on the plane when you get bored and any needed medications (don't pack these in your checked luggage, please)
- A small empty bag or backpack in which to bring back souvenirs...(in case you pack so light there wouldn't be room otherwise!)
- Enough spending money (or credit card / ATM) for your personal needs and Monday evening meal
- A calling card number in case you want to phone home from Europe (French telecom cards are also for sale at Taizé, but they usually are more expensive than using a dial-around with MCI or Sprint, etc.)

Try to not pack a lot of stuff. Try to not bring big suitcases. Experiment with travelling light!

Things to give Joanne before going on our trip:

- Your completed BU release form (if a BU student)
- Your completed Personal Information / Emergency Contact Information form (everyone)
- Your remaining balance due (as needed)

Some websites to help you plan more or prepare for our trip:

Geneva Tourism	http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch
United Nations	http://www.unog.ch/index.html
World Council of Churches	http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/english.html
Lutheran World Federation	http://www.lutheranworld.org
Action by Churches Together	http://www.act-intl.org
Taizé Community	http://www.taize.fr