

Spring & May 2026 Junior Journey

Next Steps After the Showcase...

Jr. Journeys and most prices will be online at the Junior Journey website below starting Wednesday, October 15th for you to review. Please carefully review the destinations, descriptions, prices, deposit deadlines and payment schedules issued during the showcase. The payment schedule is also posted on Engage. There were a few typos on the May schedule that are corrected on the Engage version. Make sure you log online to review and discuss the Jr. Journeys and prices with your parent or guardian before you choose a Jr. Journey on our Student Travel webpage on the college's website at <https://www.flsouthern.edu/campus-offices/student-travel/home.aspx> Scroll down the page to see all Jr. Journeys being offered for Spring & May 2026. Click "View all Trips" or choose the Region you want to travel and click on it (not all regions will offer Jr. Journeys) to review Jr. Journey information.

TO APPLY ON THE TRAVEL TAB ON THE PORTAL:

SENIORS: Beginning on Monday November 3rd at 11:00am ONLY seniors who are Jr. Journey eligible students can apply for Spring 2026 Jr. Journeys. (If you have already used your Jr. Journey eligibility on a previous Jr. Journey, you may apply starting Wednesday, November 5th. Students are not permitted to participate on a Jr. Journey after they graduate.)

JUNIORS: On Wednesday, November 5th, juniors who are Jr. Journey eligible students can apply for Spring and May 2026 Jr. Journeys beginning at 11:00am. If you are a junior and the portal allows you access before Wednesday, November 5th, you must wait until 11:00a on Wednesday, November 5th to apply. Starting an application earlier than Wednesday, November 5th at 11:00a may cause you to lose your place in the queue. It can take IT 24 hours before your application is reset for you to submit another application. Jr. Journeys may fill up during that time. **(If you already used your Jr. Journey eligibility on a previous Jr. Journey, you may apply starting Friday, November 7th.)**

ALL OTHER STUDENTS: All other students will have access to the Travel tab on the portal to apply for a Jr. Journey beginning Friday, November 7th at 11:00am.

To apply on the portal: Please read our **Application Tech Tips** posted on our webpage and on Engage. Students will log onto their student portal, click the travel tab at the top of the portal ribbon, complete a Jr. Journey application in full, submit the application along with a passport that is valid six (6) months beyond the return date of the trip, their driver's license or govt. issued ID and health insurance card. Only full-time undergraduate students are eligible to travel.

Note: You may only apply for one (1) Jr. Journey. Take your time and please make sure you choose the correct destination from the drop-down box. If the Jr. Journey is not in the drop-down box, it is full and not available. Your application will only populate to the Jr. Journey you choose from the drop-down box. It will not populate to a selection that you have typed in the box. Choose another Jr. Journey OR add your name to the waitlist, which is located on the page the Jr. Journey application is started. You can not have your name in two places.

If you make a mistake and apply for the wrong destination you will need to send an email to juniorjourney@flsouthern.edu to request that your application be canceled and reset. Be aware that all Jr. Journeys have limited space. It can take IT 24 hours before your application is reset for you to submit another application. Jr. Journeys may fill up during that time.

Before you start your application

- Make sure you have your Driver's License or govt. issued ID, health insurance card and a valid passport. Photos taken with "live" turned on camera will not upload (heic format).

Begin your application on the portal

- After logging into the portal, click "Travel" at the top of the screen. (If you do not have the "Travel" tab, it is because you are not eligible to apply at that time). The travel tab will be visible to all students on Thursday, November 6th. **IMPORTANT:** If you log on to the portal before 11:00a on the date you are eligible to register, the travel tab and/or the Jr. Journeys will not be visible. You may need to clear the computer's cache and log on after 11:00a to see the travel tab and Jr. Journeys. It is best to use a laptop or desktop and not a cell phone. If you are using an apple product, you may need to use Firefox for smoother access to the portal.

- Begin and complete the application in full and upload all requested documents. Incomplete/Partial applications cannot be accepted. Look at your percentage of application completion, if it is not 100%, we cannot process it so make sure you finish it.
- When prompted, you must upload a government issued ID before your application is properly submitted. You must also upload a copy of your valid passport with an expiration date of 6 months beyond the return date of the trip. Please **do not** upload an expired passport or any other notes. Important: only applications with a valid passport and other documents will be considered a full submission and will be placed on a preliminary trip list until trip space is filled. Upload a copy of the inside information page of the passport that has your photo, information, and signature.
- (If you do not have a valid Passport, you can still apply for a trip, however, that still does not give you priority trip status to get on the initial trip list until you bring a valid passport or receipt showing you have paid and applied for a passport. Note: In addition to passport submission, many factors are considered and will be verified before Jr. Journey placement.)
- If you choose a Jr. Journey that requires permission from the instructor, please make sure you email the Faculty member leading the Jr. Journey as soon as possible prior to submitting your application. (Note: You may submit the Application but acceptance must be verified before you are placed on the Jr. Journey list).

Submitting Additional Documents, Receiving Clearance to make a deposit.

- You must have clearance from the Office of Student Travel via email before you can deposit. If your application is approved, you will be notified by email from the Office of Student Travel with instructions on how to make a deposit. It can take over a week to receive this email. You are not guaranteed a spot on the trip until your deposit is received. Please make sure you are checking your “mocs” email. This is the email the Student Travel Office will use to communicate with you throughout this process.

Note: Although we will accept your application through the portal (and any required documents you have not previously uploaded or turned in) and we will issue you a clearance form to make a deposit - you will not be on the initial Jr. Journey list until the following has been completed:

1. All documents turned in including a valid passport.
2. A *non-refundable deposit of \$350* for all Jr. Journeys, which is a part of the total trip cost. Deposits may be paid to the Student Accounts Office via, cash, credit, or debit after you receive the email that you are clear to make a deposit. (**You will receive a payment schedule of due dates for trip balances once you are confirmed on the JR. Journey list. You will be able to make the payments through the portal once your initial deposit has been cleared. Deposit due dates will be scheduled for the week of November 17th. Each Jr. Journey will be scheduled on a specific day. Deposit must be made by Friday, November 21st or you will be moved to a waitlist.)
3. Current GPA, financial, business, social standing and Junior Journey eligibility of each student is verified internally. Note: this will be verified a second time prior to departure.

Note: Jr. Journeys that have more applicants than spaces will be based on the following: a valid passport in hand, total number of credit hours at FSC, cumulative G.P.A. and payment of deposit.

You will be notified by the faculty leading the Jr. Journey if you are on the official Jr. Journey list.

Important Notes:

- All Jr. Journeys have limited space. If a Jr. Journey fills, you will be placed on a waitlist and notified by the Office of Student Travel. Therefore, it is beneficial to have a second option in mind.
- A Health Clearance for Student Travel form, which is a requirement to participate on a Jr. Journey, must be submitted by the due date provided by the Student Travel Office.
- Students are not permitted to take online classes while studying abroad.
- If you are traveling on a May Jr. Journey, please see our Housing Information on our webpage and Engage!

Important Dates:

November 3rd at 11a – Seniors may apply on the portal

Wednesday, November 5th at 11a – Juniors may apply on the portal

Friday, November 7th at 11a - all other students may apply

Friday, November 21st – Deposit deadline

If you have any questions, please email the Office of Student Travel: juniorjourney@flsouthern.edu