

Lindsey, 18

Chiari malformation

I wish to go to Paris

Living with Chiari malformation makes Lindsey feel like she has a never-ending migraine. Though pain is part of her life, there's so much more to her – determination, spirit, lofty aspirations.

One of her ambitions comes true as she stands under the Eiffel Tower's shadow. Ever since her mother painted the landmark on Lindsey's bedroom wall, she's wanted to see it in-person. Her wish to go to Paris has come true. She starts under the tower and continues with strolls along the Seine, at the Louvre, in bakeries lining the streets.

Lindsey's guide to Paris helps her navigate the subway and brings to life the history of one of the world's great cities. She finds the best places to shop, collects mementoes and just basks in the joy of her wish come true.

Chiari malformation has filled Lindsey's life with challenges: three brain surgeries, 100 days or more away from the classroom every year and the strain her condition places on her entire family. But she's coped with it all. Paris is a celebration, but also a life lesson ... to believe, to act, to reach for everything she wants in life.

As she experiences Paris, Lindsey looks forward to her future. She'll always live with her condition and her challenges. But now, they can't hold her back. Not from college, not from becoming a doctor one day, not from *anything*.

Monograms Travel® planned and donated Lindsey's trip to Paris. Since 2009, Monograms Travel has donated \$150,000 worth of travel vouchers to grant international travel wishes. Local support and guidance arranged through Monograms allows wish kids and their families to enjoy seamless, worry-free trips abroad.

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