



France, Germany, Switzerland & Italy

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The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily.

Sightseeing: Versailles; Venice.

Entrances: Versailles; Louvre; Heidelberg Castle; Lake Lucerne Cruise; Mount Rigi; Verona Arena; Glass-Blowing Demonstration (Murano); Venice Gondola Ride; Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site.

Overnights: Paris (3); Heidelberg (1); Lucerne Region (2); Venice (2); Munich (2).

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Group Leader-Arranged Activities; Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches; Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines; High-Season Surcharge; Single-Date Departure Supplement; Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or other events beyond EF's control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees.



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Board your overnight flight to Paris!

Day 2: Paris

Arrive in Paris

Welcome to Paris, the cosmopolitan City of Light. While visiting, learn why Paris has grown to become the undisputed center of France, and one of the world's most important cities both culturally and politically.

Walking Tour of Paris

Join your Tour Director on a walking tour that will introduce you to Paris. Together, you might see the chic, boutique-filled Opéra district, city's largest square at the Place de la Concorde, and the geometric Tuileries gardens.

Free Time for Group Leader-Arranged Activities

Overnight in Paris

Day 3: Paris

Guided Visit of Versailles

Take an expertly guided tour of Versailles. Nobody does decadence like Louis XIV, and there's no better testament to this than Versailles. Under the direction of the Sun King, the château that began as a modest hunting lodge exploded into one of the largest palaces on earth. On your excursion to this lavish estate, explore the state apartments of the king and queen and the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Walk through the meticulously landscaped gardens and marvel at dozens of ornate fountains. Discover why Versailles was more than just a vacation home: Louis XIV hosted his royal court here to reign in their power and prevent their political rise. *(Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace.)*

Free Time for Group Leader-Arranged Activities

Overnight in Paris



Day 4: Paris

Visit the Louvre

The Palais du Louvre, built to defend the city in the 13th century, now safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's 1989 modernist glass pyramid. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Egypt, Greece, Italy and Asia such as the statues of *Venus de Milo* and *Nike of Samothrace*, better known as *Winged Victory*. You'll also see some of the Louvre's most prized paintings by Renaissance and European masters, including Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the mysterious *Mona Lisa*. *(Please note that due to limited group reservations, your group may visit another art museum when the Louvre is not available.)*

Free Time for Group Leader-Arranged Activities

Overnight in Paris

Day 5: Paris | Strasbourg | Heidelberg

Travel by TGV to Strasbourg

Free Time in Strasbourg

Transfer to Heidelberg

Welcome to Heidelberg, a beautiful German town standing proudly on the River Neckar. While its castle dominates the skyline, the town also has wonderful shopping and a vibrant energy due to its large university population.

Overnight in Heidelberg

Day 6: Heidelberg | Lucerne

Visit Heidelberg Castle & Wine Barrel

See Heidelberg's 700-year-old Schloß (palace) and its famous Faß (wine barrel), the world's largest. From the castle's rose-colored walls and historic battlements, enjoy a stunning view of the Neckar Valley, where Homo heidelbergensis roamed 500,000 years ago.

Free Afternoon in Heidelberg

Take the rest of the day to further explore the quaint German city of Heidelberg on your own. Perhaps you will choose to explore the Philosophers' Walk, a famous route which has inspired many philosophers and teachers walking along it for centuries. The route was established in 1817 and reaches an altitude of 200 meters. Alternatively, you may enjoy a visit to Heidelberg University or a stop in at its Studentenkärzer ("student prison") where students from as far back as the 1600s have stayed and decorated the walls in graffiti.

Your Itinerary

Transfer to the Lucerne Region

Recall the legends of folk hero William Tell (and his fortunate aim) as you overnight in the Vierwaldstättersee (Lake Lucerne) region.

Overnight in the Lucerne Region

Day 7: Lucerne

Walking Tour of Lucerne

Get to know Lucerne during your Tour Director-led walking tour. You might walk the length of the Kapellbrücke, Lucerne's medieval covered bridge, make your way to the Lion Monument, a statue carved into a rock cliff near the center of town, or stroll along serene Lake Lucerne to take in the majestic mountain views.

Excursion to Mt. Rigi

Take a boat ride across Lake Lucerne to the beautiful Mount Rigi. Pass by traditional Swiss villages and mountain farmers as you take a cog rail up to the mountain's peak. At the summit, you will take in some of Switzerland's most breathtaking Alpine views. On your way down the mountain's gondola, be sure to notice the towering Mount Pilatus in the background that stands above the rest of the Swiss Alps.

Overnight in the Lucerne Region

Day 8: Lucerne | Verona | Venice

Transfer to Verona

Visit the Arena in Verona

Visit the well-preserved Roman amphitheater in Verona which dates back to the year A.D. 100. Its acoustics are astoundingly good for an open-air venue.

Free Time in Verona

Take some time to enjoy Romeo and Juliet's Verona, known for its couplets and Capulets! Here you can see the town's Roman Arena, which dates back over 2,000 years. You will also find a bronze statue of Juliet in the tiny courtyard that houses the balcony made famous by Shakespeare.

Transfer to Venice

Welcome to the magical Venice region. This Floating City is crisscrossed with romantic bridges, laced with history and boasting some of the world's finest art and architecture.

Overnight in Venice

Day 9: Venice

Glass-Blowing Demonstration on Murano

Visit the Island of Murano where you will attend a glass-blowing demonstration and discover why the area is famous for its glassware.

Free Time on Murano

Guided Sightseeing of Venice

Hop on a water-taxi and boat across the lagoon to Venice where you will meet your local guide and embark on a walking tour of the city's narrow walking streets and winding canals. Hundreds of maze-like alleys and bridges connect the neighborhoods and communal squares of Venice. Attend a glass-blowing demonstration and discover why this chain of islands is famous for its glassware and has a long history of successful merchants and mariners. Take in all the hustle and bustle going on at sea level as people, equipment, and supplies navigate the Grand Canal, the main thoroughfare.

Enjoy a Traditional Venetian Gondola Ride

This afternoon, you will enjoy a truly idyllic experience and ride in one of the city's many gondolas along some of its finest canals. There is no better or more scenic way to explore this city of canals than by gondola!

Overnight in Venice

Day 10: Venice | Munich

Transfer to Munich

Welcome to Munich! This center of culture boasts over 45 museums, 10 university buildings, two opera houses, and the Olympic center with full facilities.

Dinner at a Bräuhaus

This evening, get a taste of Germany when you enjoy a traditional dinner at a Bavarian bräuhaus. Dig into local favorites, which may include German bratwurst or Bavarian pretzels, known as laugenbrezel.

Overnight in Munich

Day 11: Munich

Visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Head to Dachau, home of a WWII Nazi concentration camp in 1933 and liberated by Allies in 1945. Today, the old administration building houses a museum documenting the rise of Hitler and the horrors of camp life. Commemorative chapels and memorials have also been built on the site, which stands as an eternal memorial to those who endured life here until liberation by Allied forces.

Your Itinerary

Free Time for Group Leader-Arranged Activities

Overnight in Munich

Day 12: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change.

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