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PARIS AND THE HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE

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IAHIS 2550: This course will provide students with an introduction to Western architecture and its social, political, and cultural meanings. Towards this end, the course will examine the history of Western architecture from antiquity to the present using the city of Paris as a specific “case study”. The class will meet regularly throughout the spring semester - including an eight-day trip to Paris. During our stay in Paris, students will visit Roman ruins, Gothic churches, Renaissance palaces, Baroque monuments, Art Deco stores, and contemporary museums. The itinerary for our trip is outlined in this brochure. Please note: Our itinerary is subject to change.





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Round-trip flights on major carriers; Full-time Tour Director; Air-conditioned motorcoaches and internal transportation; Superior tourist-class hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast daily; Select meals with a mix of local cuisine.

Sightseeing: Paris

Entrances: Louvre; Notre Dame Cathedral; Pompidou Center; Musée d'Orsay; Sacré Cœur

Overnight stays:
Paris (6)

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR

Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches (unless otherwise noted); Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Portage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Shore excursion on cruises; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines (see efcollegestudytours.com/baggage for details); Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF's control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees



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YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Board Your Overnight Flight to Paris!

Day 2: Paris

Arrive in Paris

Welcome to Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light. Over the centuries, Paris has grown to become the undisputed center of France, and one of the world's most important cities both culturally and politically. Equally famed for its high fashion, awe-inspiring museums and elegant cuisine, Paris has also been a center of theater, literature and philosophy throughout the ages.

Walking Tour of the Latin Quarter (*time permitting*)

Your Tour Director will lead you on a walking tour of Paris' famous Latin Quarter. Featuring a diversity of restaurants, the Latin Quarter is just a short walk down the Rue de la Seine from the museum area.

Dinner in the Latin Quarter

Bakeries, bistros and brasseries abound here in the Latin Quarter, which takes great pride in its food. After sightseeing, enjoy dinner in one of its many delicious dining establishments.

Day 3: Paris

Guided Sightseeing of Paris

Discover the city on the Seine during your morning bus tour. Learn about Paris' origins as a Roman settlement as you pass through the Île de la Cité, where you will also see Notre Dame Cathedral. Pass by the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée, and the École Militaire, where he graduated to Lieutenant. Continue down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde, dedicated to King Louis XV and the site where Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette were executed during the French Revolution. Then, head through the Quartier Latin where you will see the world-renowned Sorbonne University, and drive along the Seine for wonderful views of the Musée D'Orsay, the Louvre and the Pont de Neuf, or 'new bridge', which is ironically Paris' oldest. Finally, make a photo stop at the iconic Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair. Learn why this impressive, yet controversial, symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909.

Walking Tour Around the 13th, 5th, and 6th Arrondissements

Enjoy a walking tour of the 13th, 5th & 6th arrondissements. Listen to your Group Leader as he explains the beautiful architecture you pass, such as the Roman amphitheater, Pantheon, Luxembourg Gardens, and St. Germain des Pres.

Day 4: Paris

Walking Tour Around the Louvre

Take a walking tour around the Louvre, Tuileries, Palais Royal, and Galerie Vivienne. Your Group Leader will discuss the incredible architecture you see along the way.

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 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*.

Day 5: Paris

Walking Tour of the Marais District

This morning you will head to the Marais District, often referred to as "Old Paris". Your visit includes one of the oldest and most beautiful squares in Paris, known as Place des Vosges. Some former famous residents of this lavish square include Victor Hugo and Cardinal Richelieu.

Visit Notre Dame Cathedral

Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose window and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Visit the Pompidou Center

The building-whose design was selected from 681 proposals-is the creation of the Anglo-Italian team of Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano. Inaugurated in 1977, the building's external pipes lend an "inside-out" appearance, according to many Parisians. The Pompidou Center houses the Musée National d'Art Moderne, where you can see works by Rothko, Dali and Kandinsky.

Day 6: Paris

Free Day in Paris

Enjoy free time for your own explorations of Paris. You may take a stroll through the Latin Quarter or take part in the timeless Parisian tradition of people-watching over a cup of café au lait at a sidewalk café. Last but not least, for the fashion conscious traveler, a visit to the Rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré is a must and don't forget to drop by and explore the famous Galeries Lafayette which have made fashion come alive for more than a century.

Day 7: Paris

Visit to the Musée d'Orsay

Part of this museum's draw is the building itself, not just the artwork that adorns its walls. Built for the 1900 Universal Exposition, the Gare d'Orsay functioned as a train station until 1939 and was converted into a museum in 1986. The high, arching ceiling and enormous wall clocks hint at the days when trains zipped in and out of the spacious structure. The museum is noted for its collection of Impressionist paintings-a walk through the upper gallery will reveal works by Monet, Renoir, Degas, Sisley, Pissarro, and countless others. Part of this museum's draw is the building itself, not just the artwork that adorns its walls. Built for the 1900 Universal Exposition, the Gare d'Orsay functioned as a train station until 1939 and was converted into a museum in 1986. The high, arching ceiling and enormous wall clocks hint at the days when trains zipped in and out of the spacious structure. The museum is noted for its collection of Impressionist paintings-a walk through the upper gallery will reveal works by Monet, Renoir, Degas, Sisley, Pissarro, and countless others.

Walking Tour of Montmartre and Sacré-Coeur

Visit the spectacular Sacré-Coeur, a Catholic basilica built atop the Montmartre hill. From here enjoy some of the most breathtaking views of the City of Light before heading to the cafés and shops that line the small and quaint streets. Relax at the Place du Tertre and watch talented artists at work or choose to have your own portrait done. Montmartre was once home to many struggling artists, including Picasso, Monet, and Renoir.

Dinner in Montmartre

Toast to creativity through the ages during dinner in Montmartre.

Day 8: Board Return Flight Home

Transfer to the Airport for Your Return Flight

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

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