

28 or 31 days

# THE GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE



# **FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Leave no stone unturned on this tour to England, France,** Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Greece. Discover the traditions of London, explore Amsterdam and travel to Lucerne, Munich and Salzburg. Continue to Venice and Florence, and explore Rome and Vatican City before your grand tour ends with the antiquities of Athens.

Today, advancements in every sector take place on a global scale. Students who understand and contribute to the international dialogue broaden their minds and gain a competitive edge in their fields. Traveling on an EF College Study Tour—an alternative to typical semester abroad programs—helps you truly make the most of your college education in just one to four weeks. Lectures and visits provide crucial historical and cultural insight, rounding out academics with a fuller context and creating incredible memories along the way.













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#### **INCLUDED ON TOUR:**

Round-trip airfare
Local transportation
Hotel accommodations
Breakfast and dinner daily
Full-time CST Tour Director
Sightseeing tours and visits to special attractions
Free time to study and explore

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: Windsor Castle**

• Versailles • Volendam and Zaanse Schans • Mount Pilatus • Greek Evening

Optional Shore Excursion Package (with extension): Ancient Ephesus • St. John's Monastery and Grotto of the Apocalypse Optional excursions let you incorporate additional sites and attractions into your itinerary.

**EXTENSION:** Greek Islands & Turkey (3 days) Extend your tour and enjoy extra time exploring your destination or seeing a new place at a great value.



#### **DAY 1** FLY TO GREAT BRITAIN

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to London.

#### DAYS 2-4 LONDON

Sightseeing tour of London • From Big Ben to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like St. Paul's Cathedral, and check out the fiveway intersection at Piccadilly Circus.

Optional: Windsor Castle • At this former fortress, see priceless objects in the State Apartments, like paintings by Rubens.

#### **DAYS 5-7 PARIS**

Sightseeing tour of Paris • Ride down the famous Champs-Élysées, pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower.

Optional: Versailles • Explore the
State Apartments of Louis XIV and the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Walk through the meticulously landscaped gardens and marvel at dozens of ornate fountains.

Notre Dame Cathedral • Admire Notre Dame's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and vaulted ceilings.

#### **DAYS 8-9 BRUSSELS • AMSTERDAM**

**Travel to Amsterdam** • Continue on to Amsterdam, with a stop in the Belgian capital of **Brussels** for lunch.

Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam • A local guide will show you the Westerkerk (West Church), where Rembrandt is buried. Pass by the flower markets—Amsterdam is known for its colorful tulips.

Anne Frank House • Visit where the young girl hid with her family from 1942 to 1944. This is also the site where she penned her poignant diary.



**Optional: Volendam & Zaanse Schans •** See how Dutch life used to be—and windmills—in these quaint villages.

#### **DAY 10 HEIDELBERG**

**Sightseeing tour of Heidelberg •** The majestic **Old Bridge** crosses into the heart of Heidelberg, where you'll travel along medieval streets lined with peaked red roofs.

#### **DAYS 11-12 LUCERNE**

Travel to Lucerne • Travel by way of the legendary Black Forest, once the province of wolves, hermits and mad monks. On your way, behold the thundering Rhine Falls.

Sightseeing tour of Lucerne • The majestic Swiss Alps rise behind the shores of Lake Lucerne and provide the stunning backdrop to one of Switzerland's most picturesque cities.

Optional: Mount Pilatus • Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Lucerne.

#### **DAYS 13-15 MUNICH • SALZBURG**

Visit Neuschwanstein Castle • This
Bavarian wonder is the inspiration for
Disneyland's iconic Sleeping Beauty Castle.
Sightseeing tour of Munich • Today's sights
include the Olympic Stadium, Marienplatz,
the fashionable Schwabing district and the
Residenz, former home of the Wittelsbach
dukes of Bavaria.

Dachau • Take time to reflect at Dachau, a WWII Nazi concentration camp built in 1935. In 1945, the Allies liberated the camp. Today, Dachau serves as a memorial museum. Salzburg and the salt mines • Visit the village of Berchtesgaden, where you'll travel by underground train, boat and wooden slides through the 450-year-old salt mines. Next, tour musical Salzburg, city of Mozart and backdrop for *The Sound of Music*.



#### **DAYS 16-17 VENICE**

Sightseeing tour of Venice • Travel via Innsbruck to Venice, where you'll see gondolas glide down the Grand Canal before stopping in St. Mark's Square. Attend a glass-blowing demonstration and watch expert craftsmen spin molten-hot wares.

Doge's Palace • At the pink-and-white Doge's Palace, see where mighty Venetian dukes once ruled. Stroll over the Bridge of Sighs, which links the palace to a prison.

#### **DAYS 18-19 FLORENCE**

Sightseeing tour of Florence • Florence is home to world-renowned works of art, including Michelangelo's statue of *David* and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*. As you explore the city, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. You'll also walk across the medieval bridge Ponte Vecchio. Visit the Duomo • See the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline. Leather-making demonstration • See resident Florentine experts perform a leather-making demonstration.

#### DAYS 20-21 ASSISI • ROME

Visit Basilica of St. Francis • On your way to Rome, see the Basilica of St. Francis, where Giotto's painted frescoes illustrate the life of one of Italy's most beloved saints.

Sightseeing tour of Vatican City • Look for the papal protectors who flank the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica: they're the highly trained soldiers of the Vatican City's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, experience the breathtaking ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Sightseeing tour of Rome • Walk through the Colosseum, the world's most famous arena. Nearby, the ruins of the Roman Forum mark the former heart of the Roman Empire.



#### **DAYS 22-23 SORRENTO • NIGHT FERRY**

Sightseeing tour of Pompeii • See how the wealthiest ancient Romans lived at the Roman ruins—the artifacts they left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world.

**Travel to Igoumenitsa** • Make your way to Brindisi, where you will board a **night ferry** bound for Igoumenitsa.

#### **DAYS 24-27 DELPHI • ATHENS**

Sightseeing of Meteora • Visit the Meteora monasteries, which were used as retreats during troubled times.

Sightseeing tour of Delphi • Visit the archaeological site centered around the Oracle of Delphi. Also climb the ruins of the Temple of Apollo.

Sightseeing tour of Athens • Ascend the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, an enduring symbol of Athenian democracy. Visit the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, her wings clipped to prevent her from deserting the city. See where the first Olympic athletes entertained the gods of Mount Olympus at Olympic Stadium.

Optional: Greek Evening • Opt to experience Greek culture during an evening of festive entertainment and cuisine.

#### **DAY 28 DEPART FOR HOME**

# 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION DAYS 28-30 GREEK ISLANDS & TURKEY

Greek cruise (seasonal) • Your ports of call include picturesque Mykonos, Patmos, Kusadasi and Santorini, with optional shore excursion packages also available.

**DAY 31 DEPART FOR HOME** 



## BARBARA L.

Concordia University
Portland, OR

"The overall experience of the trip was amazing, unforgettable. I went on the tour not knowing many of the students in my group, and came back with really good friends and amazing memories. With the guidance of the tour director, I got to experience new culture without feeling completely lost. I now know that I can succeed and survive in a foreign country."

### ERIN H.

Itasca Community College Grand Rapids, MN

"I had such an amazing time, and I learned so much. We saw so many different sights. My experiences enriched my understanding of another culture, and created a realistic concept of an entirely foreign culture I would never have been exposed to otherwise."

## **CHELSEA S.**

Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater, OK

"I can't believe we had the opportunity to see and do so many things for what we paid. I traveled on my own soon after my trip, and the flight alone cost more than the entire tour—which included meals, shows, tourist sites. I will never ever forget this experience. You'd be crazy not to take a tour with EF—they take great care of you."

## VIRGINA M.

Palo Alto College San Antonio, TX

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"Every student should go. I enjoyed flying to a foreign country, getting completely out of my comfort zone and truly seeing what this world has to offer. We tried new food, spoke different languages, and saw so many of the best sights on our walking tours. I love history, and being able to experience what I've studied for years was so moving it left me speechless. If there is ever an opportunity to go, take it!"

