



**College Study  
Tours**

*10 or 13 days*

# GERMANY, ITALY & SWITZERLAND



# FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

ABOUT THIS TOUR

*Travel from the palatial residences of Bavarian* monarchs to the majesty of the Black Forest. Discover cosmopolitan Munich and take a solemn look at Dachau before you glide across the Grand Canal in Venice. Stunning vistas of Alpine Europe beckon in Switzerland before you round out your trip with an exploration of Heidelberg Castle's stately ruins.

Through it all, you'll return home prepared for whatever path lies ahead of you. Beyond photos and stories, new perspectives and glowing confidence, you'll have something to carry with you for the rest of your life. It could be an inscription you read on the walls of a famous monument, or perhaps a joke you shared with another student from around the world. The fact is, there's just something transformative about an EF College Study Tour, and it's different for every traveler. Once you've traveled with us, you'll know exactly what it is for you.



**DAY 2:** *Frauenkirche*



**DAY 3:** *Dachau*



**DAY 5:** *Innsbruck*



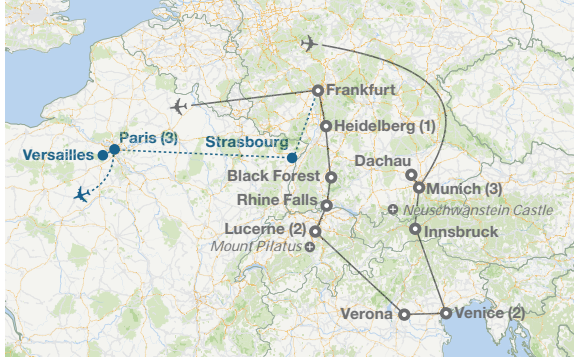
**DAY 6:** *Grand Canal*



**DAY 4:** *Neuschwanstein Castle*

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## INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Round-trip airfare  
Land transportation  
Hotel accommodations  
Light breakfast daily and select meals  
Full-time Tour Director  
Sightseeing tours and visits to special attractions  
Free time to study and explore

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: Neuschwanstein

Castle • Mount Pilatus • Swiss Folklore Event  
Optional excursions let you incorporate additional sites and attractions into your itinerary and make the most of your time abroad.

## EXTENSION:

### France (3 days)

Extend your tour and enjoy extra time exploring your destination or seeing a new place at a great value.



DAY 8: Löwendenkmal



DAY 9: Black Forest



DAY 9: Heidelberg Castle



DAY 10: Strasbourg

## DAY 1 FLY TO GERMANY

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

## DAY 2 MUNICH

**Arrive in Munich** • Welcome to Munich! Depending on your arrival time, you may have **free time** to settle in and explore on your own.

**Explore Munich** • Stroll through the heart of Munich, the intersection of medieval trade routes. In Marienplatz, see the neo-Gothic **Neues Rathaus** (literally, "New Town Hall") with its famous Glockenspiel. Continue past the cathedral known as **Frauenkirche** and the famous **Hofbräuhaus**, once the royal brewery of the Kingdom of Bavaria.

**Bavarian dinner** • This evening, get an authentic taste of Germany when you enjoy a traditional **dinner at a Bavarian bräuhaus**.

## DAY 3 MUNICH

**Sightseeing tour of Munich** • Your sightseeing tour will take you past 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.

## DAY 4 MUNICH

**Free time in Munich** • In Munich, enjoy free time to explore on your own or simply relax.  
**Optional: Neuschwanstein Castle** • Join a trip to this Bavarian wonder. The castle may look familiar—it's the inspiration for Disneyland's iconic Sleeping Beauty Castle. Commissioned by "Mad" King Ludwig, the original plans were drawn up by a theater set

designer. Those who do not join this excursion will enjoy additional **free time** in Munich.

## DAY 5 INNSBRUCK • VENICE

**Travel to Venice** • On your way to the Floating City, travel through **Innsbruck**, the capital of the beautiful Austrian province of Tyrol and the intersection of several Alpine passes. When you arrive in Venice, enjoy an **Italian pasta dinner** before turning in for the night.

## DAY 6 VENICE

**Sightseeing tour of Venice** • Today, see gondolas glide down the **Grand Canal** before stopping in **St. Mark's Square**. Look for the golden weathervane, which resembles archangel Gabriel, atop the 323-foot **Campanile** ("Bell Tower"). 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. As they crossed the bridge, prisoners supposedly sighed with perfect sadness as they regarded their beautiful city for the last time.

## DAY 7 VERONA • SWISS ALPS

**Travel to Lucerne** • Travel through **Verona**, immortalized by Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Here, see a bronze statue of the tragic heroine, standing below the balcony where she sighed over her Romeo. Later, arrive in the Swiss Alps.

## DAY 8 SWISS ALPS

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

You'll see the moving Lion Monument known as **Löwendenkmal**, a sandstone statue commemorating the Swiss Guards slain in the 1792 Paris storming of the Tuileries. Follow Lucerne's winding cobbled streets past fairytale houses to the **Kapellbrücke**. Stroll along this covered bridge and admire the detailed murals overhead.

**Optional: Mount Pilatus** • Ride up the peaks of Mount Pilatus. There, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the city below. Those who do not join the excursion will have **free time** in Lucerne.

**Optional: Swiss folklore event** • Enjoy a fondue dinner and watch a special presentation, complete with yodeling. Those who do not join the excursion will have **free time** in Lucerne. (Please note: This optional is available March-September.)

## DAY 9 HEIDELBERG

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

**Sightseeing tour of Heidelberg** • Set in the foothills of the Neckar Valley, Heidelberg boasts beautiful medieval streets lined with peaked red roofs. See the majestic **Old Bridge**, which crosses into the center of town. Many philosophers studied here, making Heidelberg Germany's premier university city.

**Heidelberg Castle wine barrel** • **Ride a funicular** up to Heidelberg Castle, and see the stunning views that inspired the poet Goethe. Stand beside the enormous wine barrel—it's so large that a dance floor was once built on top of it for visitors' amusement!

## DAY 10 DEPART FOR HOME

## 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

### DAY 10 STRASBOURG • PARIS

**Sightseeing tour of Strasbourg** • Travel to Strasbourg, capital of the disputed Alsace region and home to colorful waterfront façades and stately squares. See the **Gothic cathedral**, whose spire stands as a proud symbol of Alsatian independence. Learn about Strasbourg's role as host to the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the European Commission for the Rights of Man. Then, **travel by train** to the City of Light.

### DAYS 11-12 PARIS

**Sightseeing tour of Paris** • Ride down the **Champs-Élysées**, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the **Place de la Concorde** and the **Arc de Triomphe**. Your guide shares insight into French military history when you continue past **Les Invalides**.

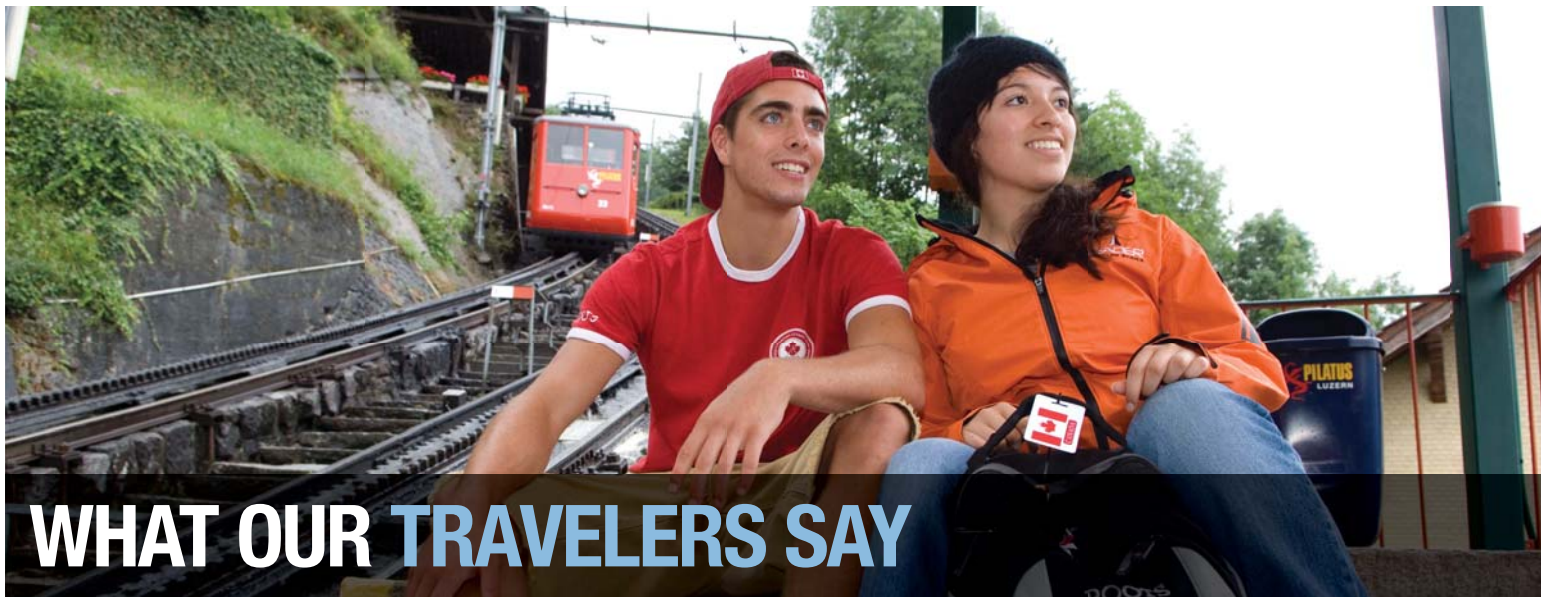
**Versailles** • At this lavish estate, explore the State Apartments, the magnificent Hall of Mirrors, the landscaped gardens and ornate fountains. Louis XIV hosted his royal court here to rein in their power and prevent their political rise.

**Louvre** • Enter by I. M. Pei's glass pyramid, and discover the antiquities that await inside. Here you can get an up-close look at da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* and her beguiling smile.

**Explore Paris** • Take a walking tour of the Latin Quarter, so named because the language was once commonly spoken by the Sorbonne students that populated the area.

**Notre Dame Cathedral** • Admire Notre Dame's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings. On your last evening in Paris, enjoy dinner in the **Latin Quarter**.

### DAY 13 DEPART FOR HOME



## WHAT OUR TRAVELERS SAY

### 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*

"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!"



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