



FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE ALPS



*Educational
Tours*

→ *Discover the Global Classroom*

9 or 11 DAYS

France, Germany and the Alps

France • Switzerland • Liechtenstein • Germany Extension to Austria



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.



The beautiful Sacré-Coeur Basilica stands atop the summit of the trendy Montmartre neighborhood and the highest point in Paris.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (8 with extension); plus 1 night couchette accommodations with extension
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides:
 - Paris • Munich
- 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Lucerne
- 2 walking tours:
 - Paris • Munich
- 4 visits to special attractions:
 - Louvre • Notre Dame Cathedral
 - Neuschwanstein Castle • Dachau
- Whisper headsets

OPTIONAL:

Versailles
Mount Pilatus

WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides:
 - Salzburg and the salt mines • Berlin
- 2 visits to special attractions:
 - Salt mines • Checkpoint Charlie Museum

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to France • Relax as you fly across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Paris

Arrival in Paris • Touch down in Paris, City of Light. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your bilingual EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Day 3 Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine from the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée, to the Île de la Cité, birthplace of Paris. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909.

Optional excursion to Versailles • Join an optional excursion to Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here, the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the

annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre. Tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: 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. Please also note that Versailles is closed on Mondays.)

Day 4 Paris

Visit to the Louvre • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings such as the *Mona Lisa*.

Walking tour of Paris • Begin at the Louvre and cross over the Seine river. On the Left Bank, watch the bouquinists selling old books and postcards and catch glimpses of the Conciergerie and St. Chapelle from the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in the city. Continue through the Latin Quarter, an area dominated by the Sorbonne, Paris' most famous university, founded in 1253. The quarter was named