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SOU DEMOCRACY PROJECT IN EUROPE

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INCLUDED ON TOUR



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.

Guided Sightseeing: Munich; Vienna; Prague; Berlin

Walking Tours: Berne; Geneva

Academic Visits and Entrances:

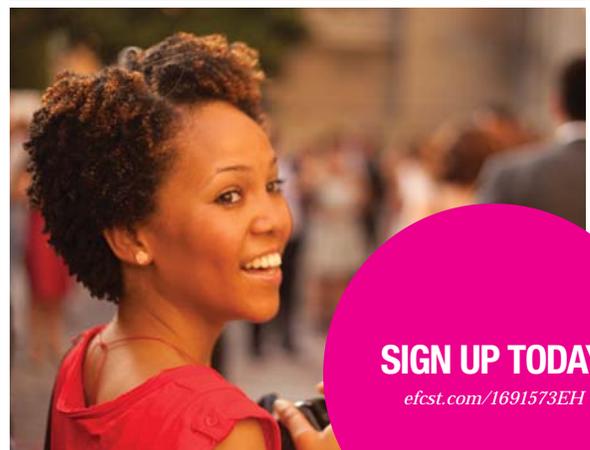
- St Peter's Cathedral, Geneva
- UN Visit, Geneva
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Olympic Stadium, Munich
- BMW Museum
- Dachau
- Neues Rathaus, Munich
- Politics/Government Visit, Munich
- Parliament Building Tour, Vienna
- Schönbrunn Palace
- Golden Lane
- St. Vitus Cathedral
- Straka Academy, Prague
- Topography of Terror Museum
- Reichstag-Dome
- Politics/Government Visit, Berlin

Overnight Stays:

- Geneva Region (2)
- Berne Region (1)
- Munich (3)
- Vienna (2)
- Prague (1)
- Berlin (3)

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR

Optional excursions; Global Travel Coverage; Beverages and lunches (unless otherwise noted); Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Shore excursion on cruises; Any applicable baggage-handing fee imposed by the airlines (see efcst.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: Sunday, September 4

Board Your Overnight Flight to Zurich!

Day 2: Monday, September 5 - Berne

Arrive in Zurich and Transfer to the Geneva Region via Berne
See the capital of Switzerland on your walking tour. Berne is rightly proud of its civic architecture which features medieval splendors alongside wonderful sandstone buildings. A highlight of your tour is a stop at the Clock Tower, which has served as the town's west gate since 1191. After, continue to the Geneva Region.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in the Geneva Region

Day 3: Tuesday, September 6 - Geneva

Excursion to Geneva

Visit the United Nations

You will also take a tour of the United Nations (U.N.), whose Geneva office is the largest outside the headquarters in New York City. The U.N. was formed on October 24, 1945 in order to preserve peace among nations. It is not a government and cannot pass laws, but rather seeks to resolve international conflict and provide policies that give every member, whether big or small, a voice in world affairs. On your tour, you will see six state-of-the-art conference rooms, the 2000-seat Grand Assembly Hall, various gifts given by the member countries, as well as the beautiful artwork that adorns the walls. A U.N. staff member will also give a subject-specific presentation, which will be followed by a half-hour question and answer session.

Walking Tour of Geneva

Geneva is the center of international diplomacy, as well as a small, friendly town. Set on the banks of Lake Geneva (also known as Lac Léman) between the Alps and the Jura mountains in the Southwest corner of Switzerland, Geneva was the site of the founding of both the League of Nations and the Red Cross. Follow your tour director past the Palais des Nations and the European headquarters of the United Nations (Switzerland is not a member of the U.N. itself, nor does it belong to NATO). Later, stroll along the beautiful lakefront-during the summer months behold the Jet d'Eau, the world's tallest fountain.

Visit St. Peter's Cathedral

With its mismatched towers, conflicting Romanesque and Neoclassical styles and single bright green spire, this cathedral appears to have multiple personalities. The interesting aesthetic continues inside, where remnants of this once-Catholic church can be seen in stained glass windows-but lies hidden behind whitewashed walls that the Calvinists have covered up. You'll also get to see John Calvin's chair resting near the entrance to the north tower spiraling staircase.

2pm: Group Leader-Arranged Excursion to CERN

Today your Group Leader will arrange activities for your group. *(Please note that apart from transportation, any costs associated with these activities have not been included in your total Program Price. See your Group Leader for more details.)*

Overnight in the Geneva Region

Day 4: Wednesday, September 7 - Gstaad

Transfer to the Berne Region via Saanen and Gstaad

Group Leader-Arranged Activities in Saanen

Today your Group Leader will arrange activities for your group:

11am-12pm: Speak with Representative about local political system
12pm-1:45pm: Free time to explore Saanen and Lunch
1:45pm-2:45pm: Lecture given by Frank Muller about local journalism

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in the Berne Region

Day 5: Thursday, September 8 - Munich

Transfer to Munich via Neuschwanstein Castle

Visit "Mad" King Ludwig's fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein, the real-life model for the Disney World castles. Ponder the young king's mysterious death as you learn the story of one of Europe's most eccentric rulers. King Ludwig so preferred dreams over reality that his servants could address him only from behind a screen. In fact, the original plans for the castle were drawn up by a theater set designer, not an architect.

Arrive in Munich

Welcome to Munich! This center of culture boasts over 45 museums, 10 university buildings and two opera houses. The city is also home to the Olympic center with full facilities and more than the occasional beer-hall.

Augustiner Beer Garden Dinner

Tonight you will enjoy traditional high quality Bavarian cuisine in a cozy atmosphere at the Augustiner Beer Garden, one of the oldest and most beautiful beer gardens in Munich.

Overnight in Munich

Day 6: Friday, September 9 - Munich

Visit the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall)

Visit the observation point, located in the the new town hall, which hosts the city government, including the city council and offices of the mayors. From this view point, you will have a breathtaking view of the city, including the alps behind it!

Government and Politics Visit

Meet with a local politician this afternoon. *(This visit is pending confirmation and will be confirmed closer to departure.)*

1:00pm: Visit the BMW Museum

Visit BMW's museum and showrooms where you can get a glimpse at both the standard, and some of the most unique, models of BMW cars. Learn about the technology that goes into producing these automobiles.

Group Leader-Arranged Lecture

Later this afternoon your Group Leader has arranged a lecture.

Overnight in Munich

Day 7: Saturday, September 10 - Munich

Guided Sightseeing of Munich

Your guided tour takes you past the Olympic Stadium, the headquarters of BMW, and the fashionable Schwabing district. You'll also pass the Residenz (once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria), the Deutsches Museum, the university, and the Alte Pinakothek. Your tour concludes at Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, where you'll see the city's famed Glockenspiel. "Munich" derives from the city's German name, München (little monk), so named because the original settlement bordered a monastery.

Visit the Olympic Stadium

Visit the incredible Olympic Stadium in Munich. Located very close to the BMW Museum, the Olympic Park is a state of the art facility that is still used today for some of Germany's larger events.

Excursion to Dachau

Once merely another sleepy German village, Dachau has since 1933 gained notoriety as Germany's first Nazi concentration camp. 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.

Overnight in Munich

Day 8: Sunday, September 11 - Vienna

Transfer to Vienna

Vienna has long played a central role in the changing face of Europe and has adapted many times to war, revolution, siege and the rise and fall of empires. The capital of Austria is also home to a strong music tradition as well as buildings of imposing elegance and beauty.

Guided Sightseeing of Vienna

The residence of the imperial court for six centuries, Vienna is marked with the seal of the Habsburgs, a family who once ruled over half of Europe. Your sightseeing tour takes you down the Ring, a series of wide boulevards commissioned by Emperor Franz Josef in 1857. Ride past the Parliament, the flower-adorned Rathaus (Town Hall), and the Hofburg, where the powerful Habsburg dynasty ruled until 1918.

Wiener Schnitzel Dinner

Tonight, enjoy the authentic Austrian dish of wiener schnitzel, made with boneless meat thinned with a mallet (escalope-style preparation), coated in bread crumbs and fried.

Overnight in Vienna

Day 9: Monday, September 12 - Vienna

Visit to Schönbrunn Palace

Visit the beautiful Schönbrunn Palace, where Marie-Antoinette spent her childhood. Here the six-year-old Mozart played for the empress inside the palace. After viewing the elegant interior, stroll through the palace's beautifully landscaped gardens to see the wonderful Neptune fountain, built in the late 18th century.

Guided Tour of the Parliament Building

Enjoy a guided one hour tour of Austria's Parliament building. During your visit, you will see the Upper vestibule, the Colonnaded Hall, Historic Meeting Hall, the National Council Chamber, and the Federal Council Chamber.

3:30-5pm: Group Leader-Arranged Activities: U.S. Embassy Visit
Today your Group Leader will arrange activities for your group.

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Overnight in Vienna

Day 10: Tuesday, September 13 - Prague

Transfer to Prague

Encounter the legendary beauty of Prague, former capital of the Holy Roman Empire. Dubbed the City of One Hundred Spires, the city boasts an enchanting mix of diverse architecture, Bohemian culture, and storied history. Despite many recent changes, the undeniable charm of centuries past still permeates from the cobblestone streets and countless gothic spires piercing the skies.

Visit Straka Academy

Straka Academy is the seat of the Czech Government and the Office of the Government. During your guided tour, you will visit the representative rooms, the government meeting hall, and the prime minister's office.

Guided Sightseeing of Prague

Your tour begins at the celebrated Prague Castle (Hradcany). In the castle's courtyard, you'll visit the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, which took over 600 years to complete. On the nearby Golden Lane, royal alchemists once labored (unsuccessfully) to turn lead into gold. More recently, on the same street, Franz Kafka turned his angst into some of the century's finest fiction. You'll also stroll through the quaint, cobbled streets of the Mala Strana, the backdrop for Milos Forman's Amadeus. Cross the Charles Bridge, adorned with 30 beautiful baroque statues, to the 13th-century Old Town (Stare Mesto). Here you'll see Market Square, famous for its 15th-century astronomical clock. You'll also wander through Josefov, the traditional Jewish Quarter, home to the oldest synagogue in Europe (built in 1270).

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Prague

Day 11: Wednesday, September 14 - Prague | Berlin

9:30-11am: Group Leader-Arranged Activities: U.S. Embassy Visit
Today your Group Leader will arrange activities for your group.

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Transfer to Berlin

Arrive in historic Berlin, once again the German capital. For many years the city was defined by the wall that separated its residents. In the last decade, since the monumental events that ended Communist rule in the East, Berlin has once again emerged as a treasure of arts and architecture with a vibrant heart.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 12: Thursday, September 15 - Berlin

10:00am: Group Leader-Arranged Visit to the Indian Embassy
Today your Group Leader will arrange activities for your group.
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Guided Sightseeing of Berlin

Ride past the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (left unrestored as a reminder of the ravages of war) and down the glittery Kurfürstendamm, Berlin's liveliest street. Pass the Rathaus Schöneberg, where 1,500,000 West Berliners flocked to hear President Kennedy's famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech in 1963. On your way to the Eastern sector, pass the Reichstag, former seat of the parliaments of the German Empire and the Weimar Republic. Arrive at the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the undeclared Cold War, and now the symbol of a reunited Berlin. It was at this gate that the famous images of East and West Berliners dancing atop the crumbling Berlin Wall were filmed and broadcast around the world. As you see where the Berlin Wall actually stood, imagine the bleak watchtowers and piercing spotlights that guarded "the border" until November 1989. Journey down Unter den Linden, once considered one of the world's most elegant boulevards. You will also see the site of Checkpoint Charlie, which once guarded the border between East and West Germany.

Visit the Topography of Terror Museum

The Topography of Terror Museum is located on the site of the former SS headquarters in Berlin. The outdoor exhibit in the former basement cells focuses on the regime's systemized rule of terror, and the fate of some of the individuals who were imprisoned and tortured in these dungeons. A general documentation outlines the Nazi's rise to power and their administrative center in Berlin

8:00pm: Climb the Reichstag Dome

This evening, visit the German parliamentary building. A fire destroyed much of the building in 1933. The cause of the fire is to this day unknown, however, because the communists were blamed, the Nazi party gained more popularity and soon after gained power. The reconstruction was finished in 1999 and it is now open to the public.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 13: Friday, September 16 - Berlin

Government and Politics Visit

Meet with a local politician today. *(This visit is pending confirmation and will be confirmed closer to departure.)*

Group Leader-Arranged Activities: U.S. Embassy Visit

Today your Group Leader will arrange activities for your group.
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Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 14: Saturday, September 17 - Return 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.

Itinerary is subject to change

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