



London and Paris

EF TOUR March 12-20 2018





Random need to know info

- ▶ We will find out our detailed itinerary 3 weeks prior to travel including hotel locations. I will pass this info on to you so you can go and explore the hotel via online.
- ▶ We will have a pre-departure banquet where I'll give you a ton more information.
- ▶ Make sure you're making your payments to insure your adventure.
- ▶ Bring snacks.
- ▶ You'll need to buy a European adaptor/plug. Check out Amazon they have nice ones for \$25
- ▶ Scheduled tours are obligatory
- ▶ You cannot leave hotel after lights out.
- ▶ You are responsible for any damage done to the hotels while on tour.
- ▶ In-flight food requests are between you and airlines

Tour is physically active



- ▶ We'll be going non-stop the minute our plane arrives.
- ▶ You'll be rolling/carrying your luggage over uneven pavement and possibly through multiple blocks, on and off of transit.
- ▶ You'll be on your feet for hours, indoors, outdoors, in all kinds of weather (check the weather a couple of days before departure to reevaluate packing.
- ▶ We'll be walking 6 miles average/day
- ▶ We'll be sleeping in hotels with street noise
- ▶ You'll have opportunities to navigate cities on your own.
- ▶ We'll be traveling on tour buses for 3 hours at a time and there won't be a bathroom on the bus. Just make sure you are taking care of business.



Typical Day in Europe:

- ▶ 7:00 am Rise and Shine
- ▶ 8:15 am Breakfast in hotel
- ▶ 9:00 am Hop on a bus with a tour guide to tour the city
- ▶ 11:30am Pass by Big Ben or House of Parliament.
- ▶ 1:00pm enjoy lunch on your own in the city
- ▶ 2:00pm Guided excursion to Windsor
- ▶ 6:00pm dinner at a local restaurant
- ▶ 8:00pm optional Theater performance
- ▶ 11:00pm lights out



Rooming

- You'll be assigned to hotel rooms with 3-4 other students of the same gender.
- Because we're doing group travel there will be other schools from around the world with us. You'll get to meet a lot of interesting people
- You may be roomed with Service students or may be with a few students from another school.
- Some hotels allow for 3 students/room others 4/room. You'll most likely be splitting queen/full beds.
- You'll have a private bath, that you'll share with roommates
- We'll have a curfew which means you'll need to be in your room with the door locked, and no leaving until morning.
- In the morning, one person from your room needs to come and "check in" with me to make sure you're all up.
- No boys in girls rooms, no girls in boys rooms.
- Hotels in Europe are not like hotels in America. They may or may not have the amenities you think they will.



Drinking/Smoking/Eating

- ▶ Even if you're 18, and it may be legal in Europe, you are still a student and citizen in America. We must abide by SHS rules.
- ▶ No drinking.
- ▶ No smoking.
- ▶ Reminder: this is a student tour. We abide by all SHS rules and policies.
- ▶ If you fail to follow rules and expectations you will be sent home immediately at the expense of your parents.
- ▶ Breakfasts will be in the hotel (Continental).
- ▶ Lunches will be on your own (so you may want to research where we will be so you can try out restaurants).
- ▶ Dinners will be together/included.

Spending money and Tips



- ▶ When we're in London we'll need to convert USD to Pounds. You can use ATM's to take out money. It's pretty much the same for USD and Pounds
- ▶ When in Paris we'll be using Euros.
- ▶ We will need to tip the bus drivers and tour guides.
- ▶ Make sure to set aside money now, and I'll collect it before we leave. I'll hold onto the tips to be distributed when we get to Europe.
- ▶ Generally tipping will be \$10usd/day tour guides, 3/day bus drivers. I will let you know when it gets closer to pre-departure how much we each owe. Probably about \$180/person
- ▶ Make sure to save some money for spending. You'll be responsible for lunches every day.
- ▶ If you're planning on buying a lot of items, make sure you have room to bring it back in our luggage.
- ▶ You may need to declare certain items when coming and going from America.



When traveling in groups

- ▶ There are a lot of people. You'll be assigned a chaperone and small group to stay with. These are your people. Make sure you stay with them.
- ▶ When stopping on the street, stay to one side because there are tons of foot traffic and it's rude to block the whole sidewalk.
- ▶ Follow street signs. If you miss the light, wait for it to turn green. We'll be waiting for you.
- ▶ Missing the metro or light rail. If you don't get on in time, We'll wait for you at the top we will be meeting at. If you miss it. Stay where you are. We will find you.
- ▶ Exchange numbers with your chaperones or with me.
- ▶ In case of an emergency, you'll have EF Tour's emergency number on a bracelet. Call them. They will know how to contact us.



International Phone Plans

- ▶ Check with your carrier.
- ▶ If you have Verizon, you just need to text "Travelpass" to Verizon and they'll set you up.
- ▶ Some carriers will need to buy a sim card.
- ▶ There will most likely be Wifi in the hotels, but it's not guaranteed it will work.

Pick-Pockets and People selling things on the street



- Always be aware of where you keep your money.
- Don't keep cash and valuables in zippered pockets facing out.
- Don't take out a ton of cash from the ATM at one time
- Keep your passport in your luggage at the hotel. Or give to Reed.
- Make an extra copy of your passport and give to Reed before departure
- Nothing is for free.
- Don't take anything that is offered to you unless you plan on paying for it.



Free Time

- ▶ You'll be given free time to go and explore.
- ▶ Make sure you are in groups of at least 3.
- ▶ You don't need a chaperone.
- ▶ Someone needs to have a cell phone with an international plan.
- ▶ You can go wherever you can walk.
- ▶ If you go to a museum, you'll need to pay.
- ▶ Make sure to show up at the meeting location on time.
- ▶ If you're on-time you're late. Show up 5 minutes before.
- ▶ If you're late to the meeting location, you may lose out on the opportunity to have free-time by yourself. You'll always be with me. And If I go shopping you're shopping too...