



Exploring Europe

15 Days | Summer 2027

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Munich; Innsbruck; Geneva; Annecy; Barcelona

Entrances: Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site; Dolomites; Swiss Alps experience; Swiss folklore evening; Cliff walk; Grindelwald First activities; Lake Annecy cruise; Papal Palace Avignon; Pont du Gard; Park Güell, Barcelona; Hospital de la Santa creu i sant Pau

Overnights: Munich (2); Tyrol region (3); Lucerne region (3); Annecy region (2); Avignon (1); Barcelona (2)



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Germany

Board your overnight flight to Munich!

Day 2: Munich

Arrive in Munich

Welcome to Munich! This center of culture boasts over 45 museums, 10 university buildings, two opera houses, and the Olympic center with full facilities.

Walking tour of Munich

Your introduction to Munich begins with a Tour Director-led walking tour. Perhaps you will pass through Marienplatz, once the center of medieval trade routes. Or, you might stop in front of the iconic Hofbräuhaus or walk through the local Viktualienmarkt, a daily food market in the heart of the city!

Day 3: Munich

Guided sightseeing of Munich

Munich derives from the city's German name, München (meaning 'little monk'), named because the original settlement bordered a monastery. Hop on the bus where your guided tour takes you past the Olympic Stadium, the Residenz, the Deutsches Museum, and the Alte Pinakothek art museum. Your tour concludes at Marienplatz, the city's main square and medieval heart since 1158. Here you'll see the city's famed Glockenspiel—an ornate clock complete with bells and life size figures.

Visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Head to Dachau, home of a WWII Nazi concentration camp in 1933 and liberated by Allies in 1945. 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.

Day 4: Munich | Tyrol region

Arrive in the Tyrol region

Welcome to the Tyrol region, nestled in the spectacular Austrian mountains. The Tyrol region is the mecca of winter sports, where skiers, snowboarders and ice mountaineers come to test their nerve on towering Alpine peaks.

Guided sightseeing of Innsbruck

Begin your tour near the railway station and head towards the wonderful summer residence of the Habsburgs. From here continue into the main square where you will see the famous Golden roof as well as wonderful views of the Tyrolian mountains in the distance. Your walk ends near the beautiful St. Anna's column on Maria-Theresien Strasse.

Day 5: Tyrol region

Excursion to Bolzano

Visit the town of Bolzano, known as Bozen in German, is a charming city located in the South Tyrol province of northern Italy. It sits nestled at the meeting point of several valleys, giving it an impressive backdrop of the Dolomite Mountains.

Visit the Dolomites

Imagine a place where the sky kisses rugged peaks, where adventure meets tranquility, and natural beauty takes your breath away. Welcome to the Dolomites, a mountain range unlike any other.

Visit Ortisei

Nestled in the heart of the majestic Dolomites, Ortisei known as St. Ulrich in German is a picturesque alpine town in the Val Gardena area of northern Italy. This charming village combines stunning natural beauty with rich cultural heritage, making it a perfect destination for travelers seeking both adventure and tranquility.

Day 6: Tyrol region

Excursion to Lake Braies

Lake Braies, also known as Pragser Wildsee, is a gem nestled in the Dolomites of northern Italy. This alpine lake is renowned for its crystal-clear turquoise waters, dramatic mountain backdrop, and a serene atmosphere that captivates visitors year-round.

Hiking at Lake Braies

A leisurely trail encircles Lake Braies, allowing visitors to take in the diverse scenery from various vantage points. The trail is suitable for all skill levels and provides an excellent way to absorb the lake's beauty at a relaxed pace.

Boat tour on Lake Braies (*pending safety check*)

Today you will be able to rent rowboats to paddle across the serene waters. This activity offers a unique perspective of the surrounding mountains and is a delightful way to experience the lake.

Day 7: Tyrol region

Travel to the Lucerne region

Recall the legends of folk hero William Tell (and his fortunate aim) as you overnight in the Vierwaldstättersee (Lake Lucerne) region.

Walking tour of Lucerne

Get to know Lucerne during your Tour Director-led walking tour. You might walk the length of the Kapellbrücke, Lucerne's medieval covered bridge, make your way to the Lion Monument, a statue carved into a rock cliff near the center of town, or stroll along serene Lake Lucerne to take in the majestic mountain views.

Day 8: Lucerne region

Swiss Alps experience

Venture to the roof of the Swiss Alps, atop one of the majestic peaks that tower over charming Lucerne. Take a boat across Lake Lucerne and ride a cog railway to the top of either Mount Pilatus (best known for its steep railway and its iconic craggy summit) or Mount Rigi (beloved for its original mountain railway and its history as a favorite spot of Mark Twain). Enjoy the splendid views of the quaint villages and fields of Switzerland as you trek along the mountain with your group. (*Note: Warm clothes and appropriate shoes recommended.*)

Swiss folklore evening

Enjoy cheese fondue, the country's most popular dish. Dip your long forks into the caquelon and be treated to lively Alpine entertainment—including authentic flag swinging, alpenhorn playing, and yodeling.

Day 9: Lucerne region | Interlaken region

Travel to Interlaken

Transfer today to the "town between the lakes." Interlaken has been a vacation resort for over three hundred years, as it offers stunning views of the mountains, as well as a history of visitors including Mark Twain.

Cliff walk

Don't look down! ...or do! Enjoy the jaw dropping views of the valley below as you stroll along this walkway suspended from a mountainside cliff.

Grindelwald First

Head over to Grindelwald today to get your adrenaline pumping with the "Top Adventure" experience. You can enjoy choosing between several activities including a suspension bridge, gigantic zip line, mountain cart or scooter. Don't forget to enjoy some time in the alpine village of Grindelwald itself to complete your day before you head to your hotel. (*Please note: these activities are pending safety checks.*)

Your Itinerary

Day 10: Interlaken region | Annecy region

Travel via a guided sightseeing of Geneva to Annecy

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 local guide 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.

Arrive in Annecy

Continue on to picture-perfect Annecy, a town of cobblestone streets and flower boxes. Here you'll spend the night. (*Rousseau stayed in Annecy after he fled from Geneva.*)

Day 11: Annecy region

Guided sightseeing of Annecy

Wander through the medieval streets of Annecy's Old Town with a knowledgeable guide who will bring its rich history to life. Discover beautiful canals, old bridges, and colorful houses.

Lake Annecy cruise

Enjoy a cruise on the ice-blue lake for which Annecy is famous. Relax, while your guide points out different sites along the shore.

Day 12: Annecy | Avignon

Travel to Avignon

Transfer to Avignon, capital of the Provence region.

Visit the Papal Palace

Pope Clement V, a native of France, chose Avignon as the seat of the papacy in the 1300s. Stroll through the sprawling Palais des Papes in which he and six successive popes resided. View the stunning Italian frescoes in the chapel, step inside the papal vestry, and see the hidden vaults where the Church's riches were stored.

See the Pont du Gard

See the Pont du Gard, a portion of an aqueduct built by the Emperor Agrippa in AD 19. This spectacular work of Roman engineering is impressive in both form and function—the water conduit, atop the three levels of arches over the River Gard, brought 2,000 gallons of fresh water to the city each day.

Day 13: Avignon | Barcelona

Travel via Montserrat to Barcelona

Journey to the picturesque town of Montserrat, which inspired the composer Richard Wagner as he wrote Parsifal. Its rugged mountain setting attracts thousands of pilgrims every year, who come to pay homage to the Black Virgin in Montserrat's 9th-century monastery. During your visit, you might catch the strains of the world-acclaimed boys' choir based here.

Arrive in Barcelona

Welcome to Barcelona, an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. As the capital of fiercely nationalistic Cataluña, Barcelona also celebrates its unique identity through its language and increasingly influential

Day 14: Barcelona

Guided sightseeing

Your expertly guided tour will introduce you to the vibrant and culturally rich, Barcelona. Your bus will take you past Antoni Gaudí's unfinished La Sagrada Família, whose twisting spires and colorful mosaics have rendered it an unmistakable symbol of Barcelona. Enter into Gaudí's fantasyland of Park Güell, complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and one of the longest benches in the world.

Visit Hospital de la Santa creu i sant Pau

Visit Hospital de la Santa creu i sant Pau, long considered to be one of the city's most important hospitals and a World Heritage Site. The architect, Domènech i Montaner, wanted to create an environment to cheer up patients with many statues, ceramic works and artwork for the patients to enjoy.

Explore Las Ramblas

Today, enjoy time to experience the colorful and dynamic atmosphere of Barcelona as you walk down Las Ramblas: a mile-long tree-lined pedestrian boulevard which runs from the pulsating Plaza de Catalunya down to the towering monument of Christopher Columbus pointing out to sea.

Day 15: Depart for 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.

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