



Paris

EF Experiential Training Tour

EF is committed to safety and support, and we make it our priority to ensure that educators are fully prepared to lead educational tours. During an EF Training Tour, Group Leaders will collaborate and learn alongside peers, EF staff, and experienced EF Group Leaders, covering a wide range of important topics such as tour safety, traveller engagement, and on-the-ground logistics. By exploring a new destination and experiencing an EF tour first-hand, Group Leaders develop the skills and practical know-how to handle any situation, preparing them to confidently lead a safe and successful tour.

What you'll experience on an EF Training Tour

Experiential Learning

This Training Tour is a simulation of what you'll experience with your students on tour. Experiencing an EF tour first-hand will not only help prepare you to lead students but also build your confidence as an educator and Group Leader.

Connection

Engage in thoughtful discussions with new and experienced Group Leaders as well as EF staff. Discover new ways to connect your tour to the curriculum—and bring your classroom to life.

Reflection

Gain insight into how to better engage your students in reflection exercises that link on-tour learning with classroom lessons, encouraging students' personal growth through travel.

Building Perspective

Group Leaders will develop a richer understanding of what it means to lead a tour, gaining valuable perspective on the travel experience from a student's point of view.

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Day 1: Travel Day

Fly overnight to France.

Day 2: Experiential Learning

Arrive in Paris: Bonjour and welcome to Paris! At the airport, you will be greeted by your Tour Director and EF staff, who will remain with you for the duration of the tour. Your hotel will likely not be ready for check-in yet, so you'll head straight into the city.

Walking tour of Montmartre: Guided by your Tour Director, get hands-on experience managing a large group at a major tourist attraction and learn how you can bring your classroom to life by connecting these visits to your curriculum.

Welcome Dinner: Become acquainted with your colleagues, experienced EF Group Leaders, and EF staff members as you enjoy a typical on-tour meal.

Key Learnings

- Experience international travel while considering the logistics of airport security, customs, and potential delays—and learn how to navigate each with your group.
- Keep your group energized and set the tone for a positive experience, even while managing jet lag on arrival day.
- Familiarize yourself with the pace of a student tour.
- Check into a standard EF hotel property and practice organizing rooming and managing your group at the hotel.
- Experience a typical on-tour meal with your group.

Day 3: Experiential Learning

Workshop session: This collaborative session offers the opportunity to hear from EF staff and experienced Group Leaders about the on-tour experience with EF. We will review a range of important pre- and on-tour topics, such as student engagement, building your travel team, and other Group Leader responsibilities. You'll also learn about on-tour reflection exercises, which can be brought back to your classroom.

Guided sightseeing of Paris: Gain first-hand understanding of the value of expert, local guides as you explore Paris. You'll see the Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, and the Eiffel Tower.

Free evening in Paris: Tonight, explore Paris with fellow educators. You could stroll the winding streets of Montmartre and see the famous Moulin Rouge, visit Sacré-Coeur, or marvel at the City of Light from atop the Eiffel Tower.

Key Learnings

- Explore Group Leader responsibilities before and during the tour, and the support EF provides throughout.
- Learn how to build your travel team by selecting chaperones and defining roles.
- Hear from experienced Group Leaders on how to manage tipping for local guides, bus drivers, and your Tour Director during the tour.
- Learn how to safely move as a large group in a major city.
- Practice navigating public transportation in an international city with your group.
- Collaborate with experienced Group Leaders on how to best maximize student engagement during long bus transfers.
- Practice organizing rooming allocations through an interactive activity.

Day 4: Experiential Learning

Workshop session: During this session, collaborate with new and experienced Group Leaders on strategies to ensure students have safe, positive journeys and meaningful personal growth while travelling. You'll discuss best practices for safety, emergency situations, and group management, and explore ways to foster student-driven learning through various activities.

Visit the Monet Gardens: Follow the Seine to lush Giverny, where Claude Monet lived from 1883 until his death in 1926. The grounds, including his pink and green house, are open to the public as a museum. Visit the workspace where he fostered his artistic inspiration, then absorb the intricate palette of colours he so magically depicted in paintings like the "Water Lilies" series as you stroll through the surrounding gardens.

Farewell Dinner: Reflect on your learnings from Paris at tonight's farewell dinner.

Key Learnings

- Practice engaging your students in reflection exercises to connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons.
- Collaborate with fellow educators and staff on EF's learning outcomes.
- Understand how to best prepare yourself and your group for departure meetings.
- Discuss safety on tour as it applies to your role as a Group Leader, as well as EF's approach to safety.
- Learn how to best set expectations and provide structure during free time on tour.

Day 5: Travel Day

Return to Canada: After breakfast, EF staff will accompany you to the airport and assist with check-in for your return flight.

Key Learnings

- Tour Departure procedures: packing, early morning transfers, and other logistics.

Please note: The order of this itinerary may vary.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Round-trip flights on major carriers; hotel accommodations; comfortable motor coach; breakfast daily and additional meals as specified; full-time services of an EF Tour Director; Training workshops with EF staff and experienced Group Leaders.



SIGHTSEEING

Paris; Giverny



ENTRANCES

Monet Gardens



WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Porterage; Global Travel Protection Plan; activities during free time, select meals as per itinerary, and customary gratuities for your Tour Director, driver and local guides.