

What is an EF tour?

An EF tour goes beyond seeing the sights. It's our mission to break down barriers of language, culture and geography so that students can develop new perspectives of the world – and of themselves. "EF" means "education first", which is why we provide professionally guided international experiences that allow our travellers to take in the local cultures of the destinations they visit by exploring iconic sites, tasting exotic foods and taking part in different customs.

What's included?

Our guaranteed lowest prices always include:

- Round-trip airfare on major international airlines
- Your own 24-hour-a-day EF Tour Director with you on tour
- Superior tourist-class hotels with private bathrooms
- High-speed trains and air-conditioned luxury motorcoaches
- Hearty meals with a taste of local culture, including breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees for sightseeing tours and special attractions
- Licensed local guides with expert knowledge about the sites you'll visit.

EF Tour Directors ensure the best experience

When our travellers land at their first destinations, they are met at the airport by a specially trained EF Tour Director who remains with the group 24 hours a day. An EF Tour Director is an experienced traveller who ensures students are engaged and inspired, provides cultural and historical insights and makes sure everything goes smoothly throughout the tour.

Hotels (North America vs. Overseas)

Except where noted, EF uses first-class, superior tourist-class or tourist-class hotels, as defined by the Official Hotel Guide. Each room has a private bathroom, but you will find that hotels abroad are less modern and less standardized than in North America. Travellers will need a voltage adapter to use electrical appliances, such as hairdryers and electric razors.

Meals

In Europe, breakfast typically includes cereal, bread or rolls, jam, juice and coffee or tea. Lunchtime is your opportunity to make culinary discoveries. While on tour, ask your 24-hour-a-day EF Tour Director to recommend some local foods.

Travelling

On tour, you'll travel between cities by bus, trains and/or ferries. However, while in a town or city, public transportation – such as subways and trams – are the best ways to get around, especially on your way to dinner or during free time. Remember to budget for transportation!

Tour Buses

Since tour buses overseas typically don't have on-board restrooms, frequent stops are made during long transfers. Also, many cities have narrow streets through which a bus cannot travel. Travellers may have to carry your luggage several blocks from their hotel to get to where the bus is waiting. So pack light!

What is a typical day like?

A typical day on tour

For a glimpse of what being on an EF tour is like, check out a typical day on a tour to Paris. Just imagine how many discoveries there are to be made each day.

7:30 a.m. - Bonjour, Paris!

The day begins with an early wake-up call. A full day of discovery awaits.

8:15 a.m. - Breakfast

A hotel breakfast may include bread and rolls, yogurt, cereal, orange juice, coffee, tea and cocoa.

9:30 a.m. - Guided sightseeing of Paris

This morning's guided tour of the City of Light features the Arc de Triomphe, the elegant Champs-Élysées, the Place de la Concorde and, of course, the Eiffel Tower.

11:30 a.m. - Visit to Notre Dame

Students step inside the majestic Notre Dame Cathedral to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Lunch is free time for students to choose their own café or eatery, based on the tour director's suggestions.

1:30 p.m. - Walking tour of Paris

During this afternoon's stroll through the Latin Quarter, travellers will experience the area's bohemian spirit.

3:00 p.m. - Guided visit to the Louvre

Art history books come to life at the Louvre. The museum now holds one of the world's most spectacular collections, including the *Mona Lisa*.

6:30 p.m. - Tarte flambée lesson

Tonight, students delve into culinary history by learning to make a French favourite, *tarte flambée*.

10:30 p.m. - Bonne nuit!

Students head to bed to rest up for tomorrow's excursion to Versailles, Louis XIV's opulent palace.