



Educational Tours



International Training Tour: **Paris**



“I can’t imagine running a tour without the EF International Training Tour experience. I believe our tour will be successful and run much more smoothly because of all the great tips I’ve amassed as a result of this experience.”

*Margaret Roman, English Literature professor,
College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ*

“This was a traveling experience that no group leader should miss! What better way to ‘initiate’ a group leader than to have them experience firsthand what their students will experience? I learned invaluable travel knowledge and made new friends.”

*Katherine Venemon, Spanish teacher,
Century High School, Pocatello, ID*



Day 1

Overnight flight • Relax and enjoy the services of a leading airline as you soar across the Atlantic, bound for Paris.

Day 2

Arrival in Paris • Welcome to Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light. EF staff will be waiting to meet you at the airport after you clear customs. They will oversee the transfer to your hotel, assist with room check-in and provide a brief orientation.

Visit to the Louvre • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings such as the *Mona Lisa*.

EF walking tour of Paris • Begin at the Louvre and cross over the Seine river. On the left bank, watch the *bouquinistes* selling old books and postcards and catch glimpses of the Conciergerie and St. Chapelle from the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in the city. Continue through the Latin Quarter, an area dominated by the Sorbonne, Paris' most famous university, founded in 1253. The quarter was named for its inhabitants' native tongue; Latin was the official language until 1793. As you stroll, look for the Panthéon, created by Louis XV because of a promise he made during a severe illness to build a church dedicated to Saint Genevieve if he survived. Your tour will end at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Welcome dinner • This evening, be our guest at a special welcome dinner. Enjoy dining and conversation as you become acquainted with your fellow training tour delegates and EF staff members.

Day 3

EF Touring 101 • We kick off the meeting with a keynote address by a representative of EF Educational Tours. During this full-day informational meeting, delegates will participate in "EF Touring 101," an informative workshop featuring discussions with experienced EF Group Leaders and EF staff. Discover firsthand the nature of EF tours from the people who know them best. Learn practical details

about international flights, food and hotels while gaining insights into the unique dynamics of group travel. Enjoy an included lunch during the training tour workshop.

Free evening in Paris • Tonight is free for your own explorations of Paris. You might ascend the winding streets of Montmartre, where you can see the famous Moulin Rouge, visit Sacré-Coeur and watch artists at work. Or you can marvel at the City of Light from atop the Eiffel Tower, then have a traditional French meal and sip wine at a quiet sidewalk café. Paris also has a great live jazz scene and its cinémathèques offer up to 50 films each week!

Day 4

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.

Guided visit to Versailles • Visit Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here, the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens designed by André Le Nôtre, tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: On days when Versailles is closed, you'll instead visit the regal splendor of Chateau de Fontainebleau, a 12th-century royal residence that was a favored hunting base for Napoleon and other rulers of France.)

Farewell dinner • This evening enjoy a convivial farewell dinner with your fellow convention delegates.

Day 5

Departure • After breakfast, EF staff will accompany convention delegates to the airport and assist with check-in for the return flight. Have a pleasant trip home and enjoy your first EF tour!

Included in the training tour itinerary

- Round-trip airfare on a scheduled airline
- All transfers to and from the airport and hotel
- Hotel accommodations
- Breakfast and meals as specified in the itinerary
- Full time EF Tour Director

Not included

- Insurance, beverages and meals not specified in the itinerary
- Métro and other transportation costs during free time
- Customary gratuities for your tour director and driver

Accommodations

To be announced approximately 14 days prior to departure