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Educational Tours

Global Student Leaders Summit



The Future of Food

ITALY 2017

Italy, Slovenia & Croatia

July 6 – July 16, 2017

How can we understand how food has made us who we are today, and how it shapes our future? These questions come to life in Italy and across Europe, where we'll consider how what we eat shapes our culture, environment, and economy. During our Summit, we'll discover food's ability to connect people, and present solutions to help feed our growing world.

On this tour, discover that as a region's landscape changes, its approach to food does, too. From Venice's fishing villages to Slovenia's Alpine peaks, taste your way across Europe through a variety of traditions and practices, and consider how their landscapes helped shaped them. As you explore Croatia's blend of eastern and western cultural influences, investigate how environment, politics, and population influence our approach to food around the world.

What you'll experience on the Italy Summit:

IMMERSIVE TRAVEL

Touring Europe brings the Future of Food theme to life as students gain knowledge and hands-on experience through cultural activities.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

World-renowned speakers and experts on the Future of Food lead discussions and workshops to inspire and educate students. Past Summit speakers have included Al Gore, Jane Goodall, and Sir Ken Robinson.

DESIGN THINKING

Small international teams of students learn the design thinking process and then use it to propose solutions to today's most pressing global challenges.

ONLINE LEARNING

weShare, our online learning platform, gives students a place to research, reflect, and share their projects pre and post-tour.

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Days 1–2: Milan

Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Milan. Host to the 2015 World's Fair on the Future of Food, Milan is the ideal city to city in which to explore the Summit theme. While exploring the theme of "feeding the planet, energy for life" the Expo highlighted the Slow Food Movement, which grew out of Italy in the 1980s and has since embraced an approach to food that connects plate, planet, people, politics and culture. Dive into these themes as you explore Milan, before coming together to meet your teammates and participate in a team-building activity.

Days 3–4: Summit Conference

The leadership conference officially begins as you connect with students from all around North America and Europe in this inspiring and innovative setting. Over the course of two days you will hear from world-renowned keynote speakers, work with local and global experts, and collaborate with peers in small international teams. You will learn the design thinking process to develop solutions for the future of food and be inspired to take action once you return home.

Days 5–6: Venice

Travel to Venice, the Floating City. Visit Certosa Island, an important resting place of the Venetian oligarchy since being settled by Carthusian monks in 1422. The island houses the church of Sant'Andrea's elaborate ducal tombs, which were famously decorated by Titian and Tintoretto—two of the greatest Venetian painters of the 16th century. From here, explore Rialto Market, a bustling marketplace that has supplied local seafood, vegetables and fruit to the community since 1097. Then, see where mighty Venetian dukes once ruled at the pink-and-white Doge's Palace.

Days 7–8: Ljubljana

Travel to Trieste, capital city of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region. Italian influence is an unmistakable element in this city's culinary mix, despite the fact that Italy did not take possession of this part of the Adriatic coast until after World War I. Consider how rapidly changing political landscapes influence local culture and cuisine as you walk the city's winding streets. Then, journey to Ljubljana, where 2,000 years of Slavic history combine with an emerging youth culture in one of Europe's greenest cities. Stop at an organic farmers market to meet with local producers before visiting Ljubljana National Park.

Day 9: Plitvice

Discover Plitvice Lakes National Park, where sparkling lakes tumble into each other through a series of picturesque waterfalls. As you explore the park, consider the geological process that created its many beautiful caves and streams.

Day 10: Zagreb

Travel to Zagreb, the capital and largest city of the Republic of Croatia. Croatian cuisine connects Italian and Slovenian flavors with a unique culinary tradition. Consider the contrasts between mainland and coastal approaches to food as you explore the town's medieval architecture and winding, cobbled streets. Later, try your hand at a traditional Croatian cooking class.

Day 11: Depart for home

Arrive back home, prepared to join the movement.

EVERYTHING YOU GET

Full-time Tour Director; 1 Sightseeing tour led by an expert, licensed local guide; Entrance fees for a Rice activity, Rialto Market, Doge's Palace, Caffè degli Specchi, Ljubljana Moors Nature Park, Plitvice National Park, and a Cheese Farm; Experiential learning activities, including a Cooking Class; Conference registration; weShare; Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast and dinner daily; Lunch on Days 3 & 4.

Join the movement. Make a global impact.

When you join a Global Student Leaders Summit, you also join a global movement. These extraordinary events combine an educational tour with a two-day leadership conference, tackling significant global issues in places where they come to life, and empowering students today to start becoming leaders of tomorrow.

Each Summit has a unique destination, theme, and perspective. At every one, students explore amazing places and address important global issues. And when they return home, they are prepared to use their newly developed skills to address local challenges.

Students designed innovative solutions to global issues at these Summits:

COSTA RICA

Addressing Environmental Sustainability

SWITZERLAND

Innovation and the Future of Education

THE NETHERLANDS

Exploring Human Rights

ICELAND

The Future of Energy

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Students develop leadership skills and build new perspectives on global issues in workshops led by thought leaders. In small international teams, they learn the design thinking process and apply their learnings to propose new solutions.