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Biomedical Science in Europe

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Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; weShare, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily

Sightseeing: Paris; London; "Jack the Ripper" tour; Healthcare-themed walking lecture, London

Entrances: Marie Curie Museum; Pasteur Museum; Sacré Coeur; Sewer tour, Paris; Seine Cruise; Old Operating Theater; London Zoo and workshop; London Science Museum; Tower of London; Florence Nightingale Museum

Overnight stays:

Paris (3)

London (4)



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Your itinerary

Day 1: Overnight flight

Board your overnight flight to Paris!

Day 2: Paris

Arrive in Paris

Welcome to Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light. Over the centuries, Paris has grown to become the undisputed center of France, and one of the world's most important cities both culturally and politically. Equally famed for its high fashion, awe-inspiring museums and elegant cuisine, Paris has also been a center of theater, literature and philosophy throughout the ages.

Visit the Curie Museum

The determination of Marie Curie and the importance of the fight against cancer gave rise to the Institut Curie. Its beginnings go back to 1909, the year when the University of Paris and the Institut Pasteur decided to join forces to build a large laboratory for Marie Curie - the Radium Institute. This was erected a few streets away from the area where Pierre and Marie Curie had discovered polonium and radium in 1898.

Walking tour of Paris

Join our walking tour of the chic Opéra district and the haute couture boutiques of Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré. Stroll through Place de la Concorde, the city's largest public square, built to honor Louis XV. The next Louis was not so lucky--he was beheaded here during the Revolution, along with Marie Antoinette. Continue through the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to Place Vendôme, a vast square wrapped in 17th-century façades. Pass the Ritz hotel at no. 15, a favorite haunt of Ernest Hemingway. *(The exact walking route may vary depending on your hotel location and other activities.)*

Day 3: Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris

Discover the city on the Seine during your bus tour. Learn about Paris' origins as a Roman settlement as you pass through the Île de la Cité, where you will also see Notre Dame Cathedral. Pass by the imposing Arc de Triomphe, and the Place de la Concorde, dedicated to King Louis XV and the site where Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were executed during the French Revolution. Continue down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the École Militaire, where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. Then, head through the Latin Quarter where you will see the world-renowned Sorbonne University. Drive along the Seine for wonderful views of the Musée D'Orsay, the Louvre, and the Pont de Neuf, or "new bridge," which is ironically Paris' oldest. Finally, make a photo stop at the iconic Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair. Learn why this impressive, yet controversial symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909.

Visit the Pasteur Museum *(pending availability)*

Established in 1936, this museum houses the memory of Louis Pasteur's life and work in the vast apartment where he lived during the last seven years of his life, from 1888 to 1895. This museum also includes the collection of scientific objects illustrating the scientist's work, as well as the Byzantine funeral chapel where Pasteur is buried.

Walking tour of Montmartre and Sacré-Coeur

Visit the spectacular Sacré-Coeur, a Catholic basilica built atop the Montmartre hill. From here enjoy some of the most breathtaking views of the City of Light before heading to the cafés and shops that line the small and quaint streets. Relax at the Place du Tertre and watch talented artists at work or choose to have your own portrait done. Montmartre was once home to many struggling artists, including Picasso, Monet, and Renoir.

Day 4: Paris

Free time to visit the catacombs

The catacombs cover an area of some 11,000 square meters with 200 miles of corridor and the remains of over six million dead. The practical purpose of these subterranean chambers was to house the dead once the cemeteries of the city became too crowded. Additionally, the city of Paris had weakened due to the process of removing stone from foundations to help build above ground, a condition these piled up bodies also helped to remedy. *(Please note that the entrance fee is not included in your total EF Program Price.)*

Paris sewer tour

This tour into the depths of Paris enables visitors to get a grips with how the sewage system works - note, for instance the 'flushing boat', a heavy-duty metal raft that cleans the main sewers - and how the filtering and recycling of fresh water is conducted. The history of Paris sewage is charted in fascinating detail, from even before construction began in 1825, through Haussmann's input from 1853, to today's 2,000-km network of tunnels and underground waterways. In his masterpiece, *Les Misérables*, Victor Hugo had Jean Valjean carry the man his daughter loved to safety through the labyrinth of the sewers.

Seine River cruise

This evening, take a narrated river cruise along the Seine. As your boat glides from one graceful bridge to the next, sit back and gaze at the illuminated landmarks of Paris as they pan into view.

Day 5: Paris | London

Transfer to London on the Eurostar

In Paris, board the high-speed Eurostar that runs through the tunnel connecting continental Europe with Britain. Completed in May of 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Eurostar trains reach top speeds of up to 186 mph, keeping journey times at about two hours.

Arrive in London

Ranging from the North Sea in the east to the playing fields of Eton in the west, London covers an area of some 620 square miles and is home to over 8 million people. Prepare to observe the stunning architecture, vibrant street life and royal majesty of this bustling metropolis.

Guided sightseeing of London

A local guide leads you on a tour of London. At Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big city displays before heading to Trafalgar Square built to commemorate Admiral Nelson's 1805 victory in the Battle of

Trafalgar. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and Tower Bridge. View St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition: the Changing of the Guard in front of Buckingham Palace. *(Subject to scheduling and season)*

“Jack the Ripper” walking tour

Responsible for several bloody murders in the late 1880s, Jack the Ripper remains a source of great controversy. As you retrace the steps and witness the sites of the murders, imagine a London with dark, narrow, over-populated streets, shrouded in fog and racked by poverty. Your 'Ripperologist' brings this era to life, mixing suspicion and fact with an array of chilling stories and gory detail.

Day 6: London

Healthcare-themed walking lecture

Hit the streets on a medical walking tour that will take you past hospitals, the Old Operating Theatre and the Royal College of Physicians.

Visit the Old Operating Theatre Museum

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Visit the London Zoo and participate in a genetics workshop

One of the greatest zoos in the world, the London Zoo is more than 1 1/2 centuries old. This 36-acre garden houses about 8,000 animals, including some of the rarest species on earth. Visit the insect house (incredible bird-eating spiders), the reptile house (huge dragon-like monitor lizards) and the animals themselves. While you're here, participate in a workshop on genetics.

Day 7: London

Visit the Science Museum

Delve into the hands-on exhibits of London's Science Museum. Walk across a glass bridge and see a steel wedding dress as you learn about the challenge of working with various materials. Watch as earthquakes all over the world are detected on a seismograph. Step into the shoes of a doctor or a patient at various times in history, from the Neolithic Age to the 1980s. See the machine James Joule used to prove the First Law of Thermodynamics and learn how Kelvin predicted tides in the 1800s. See Crick and Watson's DNA model in 3-D right before your eyes before walking among the giant molecular models of the Atomic Disco. Learn about new discoveries in genetics, brain science and psychology that teach us more about ourselves. With the help of fascinating futuristic exhibits, brainstorm what science could hold for us and debate the ethics of possible future inventions.

Visit the Tower of London

The history of London comes to life at this complex of 20 towers surrounding Tower Green. The oldest tower, known as the White Tower, was completed in 1097, when it was the tallest building in London. The Tower buildings have had many uses over the years; perhaps the most infamous was as a jail for political prisoners, not to mention two of Henry VIII's wives. The most famous exhibits at the Tower are the British Crown Jewels. Aside from a short interruption during WWII, these splendid baubles have been locked behind the Tower's walls for centuries.

Day 8: London

Visit the Florence Nightingale Museum

Located at St. Thomas' Hospital in central London, the museum honors the woman credited with founding modern nursing in the United Kingdom. Explore the nursing school she founded and learn about the legend of the Lady with the Lamp. In addition to interactive exhibits, you'll see the writing slate Florence used as a child as well as her medicine chest and other historical keepsakes.

Exploration time in London

Enjoy free time in London. You might wish to visit the original Hard Rock Café or Madame Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors, take a cruise down the Thames, or browse through the countless stores along Oxford Street. Attend a Shakespearean drama at a replica of the Globe Theatre, or visit the fascinating, hands-on exhibits of London's Natural History Museum.

Day 9: 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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