

# May 2024 European Travel Seminar

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# So, what are we going to cover?

## Our agenda



- My travel story
- Where and when we're going
- EF, safety, and protection
- Trip details & your investment
- How to enroll

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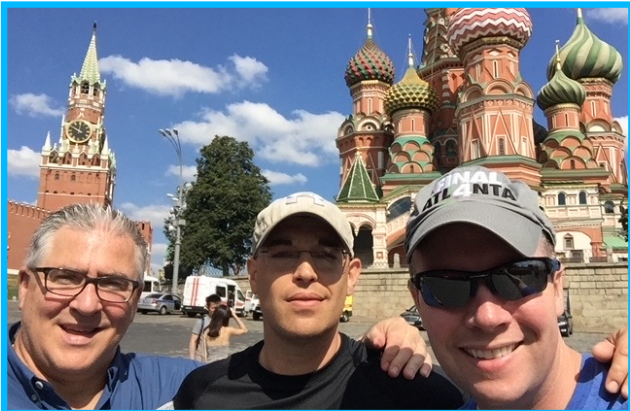
# I'm Prof. Wilson

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- Senior Educator, WSU Elliott School of Communication, 14<sup>th</sup> year teaching
- I teach Public Relations, Intercultural Communication and Communication Studies courses
- 2 degrees from Wichita State
- Airline, travel, baseball and BBQ geek
- Proud husband, dad and cat-butler
- More than 30 years traveling, 30+ states and 10 countries
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You may call me Mr. Wilson,  
Professor Wilson or, simply,  
Eric





# Who are you?

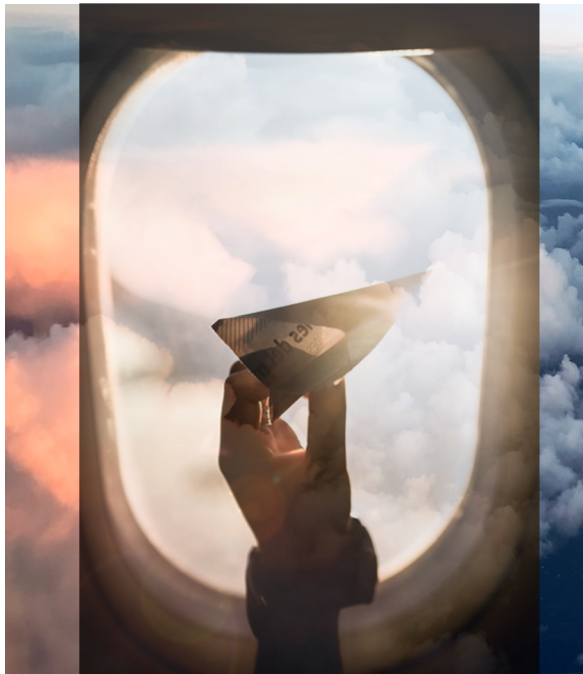
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Why do you want to participate?

- Name
- Major
- Graduation year
- Coolest place you've visited
- Why are you excited about this trip?

# Why plan for future travel now?

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- Give yourself something to **look forward to**
- **Reconnect and explore** a world that can feel so distant and remote
- Budget and make **smaller payments** (and take advantage of early enrollment scholarships!)
- Start checking off your **bucket lists for a trip of a lifetime!**

# Why Study Abroad?

## Educational & Professional Benefits



### IMPACT ON GPA

Study abroad alums saw their GPA rise twice as quickly as a result of going abroad compared to those who did not<sup>1</sup>



### RÉSUMÉ BUILDING

92% of employers are looking for the skills and traits that students develop in study abroad settings<sup>2</sup>



### JOB SECURITY

93% of students who study abroad and entered the workforce were employed within 6 months of graduation, compared to 49% of those who did not study abroad<sup>3</sup>



### SALARY

Students that travel tend to have higher salaries than those who don't<sup>3</sup>



# Why Study Abroad?

## Personal Benefits



### DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL SKILLS

Confidence, Curiosity  
Empathy, Self-Awareness  
Global Perspective, Cultural  
Knowledge  
Adaptability, Relatability  
Leadership



### INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

Exposure outside of the U.S.  
builds stronger connections  
built between classmates,  
locations, and the world that  
help to make you a global  
citizen



### A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Quite simply, travel is  
**AWESOME**, and this type of  
program combines all of  
the memories, food, sights,  
and experiences with  
valuable development

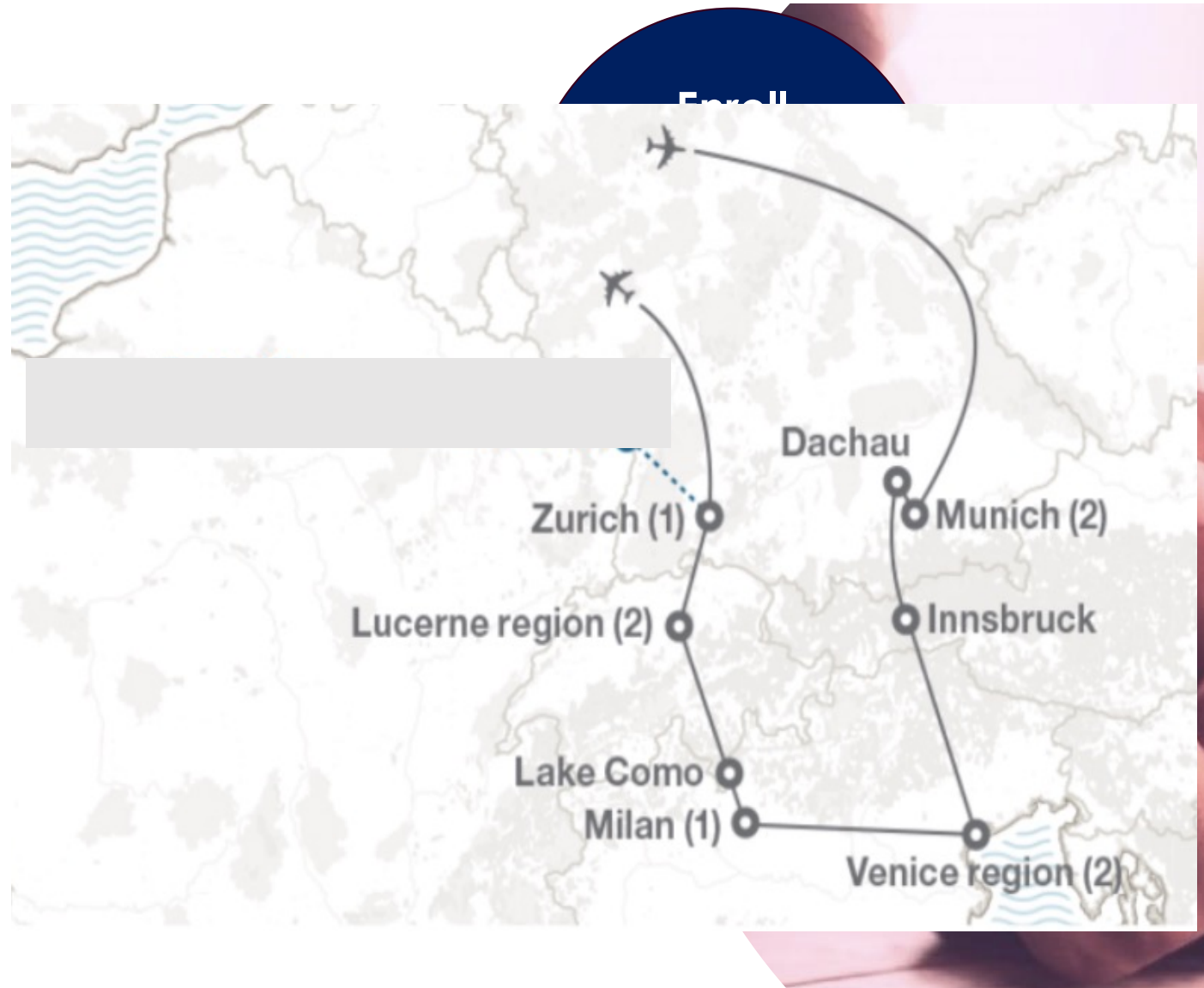
# Germany, Austria, Italy & Switzerland

May 2024 | 10 days



## Our Program

Facilitate experiences in three distinct expressions of European culture, from the Baroque majesty of Munich's royal palaces and the Renaissance splendor of Venice's palazzi-lined canals to the Medieval charm of Lucerne's fountained squares. As you explore shops and cafes off the beaten path, gain glimpses into why these cities rank high on quality-of-life indexes, and delight in the stunning alpine landscapes that connect them.



## A few highlights...

In Munich, visit sites such as Hofbräuhaus (a famous beer hall dating back to the 16th century), Olympic Stadium (built for the 1972 Olympic Games), and the Munich Cathedral (below), the representative landmark of Munich.



Visit and reflect at the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, which today serves as a memorial museum and a stark reminder of the darkest chapter in Germany's long story.





Take a guided tour of Venice and see St. Mark's Square, Venice's primary square and center of cultural importance, St. Mark's Campanile, a 323-foot bell tower, and Grand Canal, Venice's major waterway filled with gondolas.



Tour the Piazza del Duomo, the main square in Milan. The piazza marks the center of the city, both in a geographic sense and because of its importance from an artistic, cultural, and social point of view.



Travel via Lake Como, a breathtaking lake set against the Alps, on your way to the Lucerne region of Switzerland. Then, enjoy dinner at your hotel in the Lucerne region.



Travel to Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland, and see its quaint Old Town, its waterfront promenades, and take in its eclectic mix of architectural styles. Even try your hand at Swiss chocolate making during a chocolate tour and tasting.

# Who is helping us with planning?

Our Partner: EF Education First – Study Abroad



- **World leader** in international education
- More than 1 million students experience their programs each year
- **55+ years** of experience
- 600+ schools & offices in **114 countries**
- Organizes all travel logistics and details for an **all-inclusive experience**
- **Expert** in safety, experiential learning, and building incredible study abroad programs
- Proven **safety record** during COVID
- Committed to **DEIB, sustainability, and accessibility**

# What safety measures can we expect?

EF has us covered



For more info: [efstudyabroad.com/safety](https://efstudyabroad.com/safety)

EF provides our group with:

- 24/7 Personal Field Director
- Local presence and safety teams in country
- 24-hour emergency line & real-time incident response
- Enhanced safety measures and protocols to align with COVID standards
- Peace of Mind policy included for all travelers
- Additional support and safety policies



# How can you protect your investment?

Two different layers of protection










	GLOBAL TRAVEL PROTECTION	GLOBAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PLUS
<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Program cancellation	Covered for limited and pre-defined reasons	Any reason up to 24 hours prior to departure
Program interruption	✓	✓
Illness & accident	✓	✓
Baggage & property	✓	✓
Flight delay	✓	✓
Emergency evacuation	✓	✓

**Global Travel Protection Plans** cover individual circumstances that arise before or while on our program (illness, loss of job, flight delays, lost baggage, etc.).







**Global Travel Protection Plus** allows you to cancel for **ANY REASON** up until the day before we depart with a refund of the program price (minus the cost of the plan and other non-refundable fees)

# What's included?

Simply more bang for your buck as an all-inclusive experience

-  Round-trip airfare on major carriers
-  Safe, quality hotel rooms
-  Bilingual Field Director with us 24/7
-  Transportation while abroad
-  Thoughtfully designed cultural & academic itinerary
-  Guided experiences, entrances, and activities
-  Authentic breakfasts and select dinners
-  24/7 emergency support line
-  Help with travel prep & funding

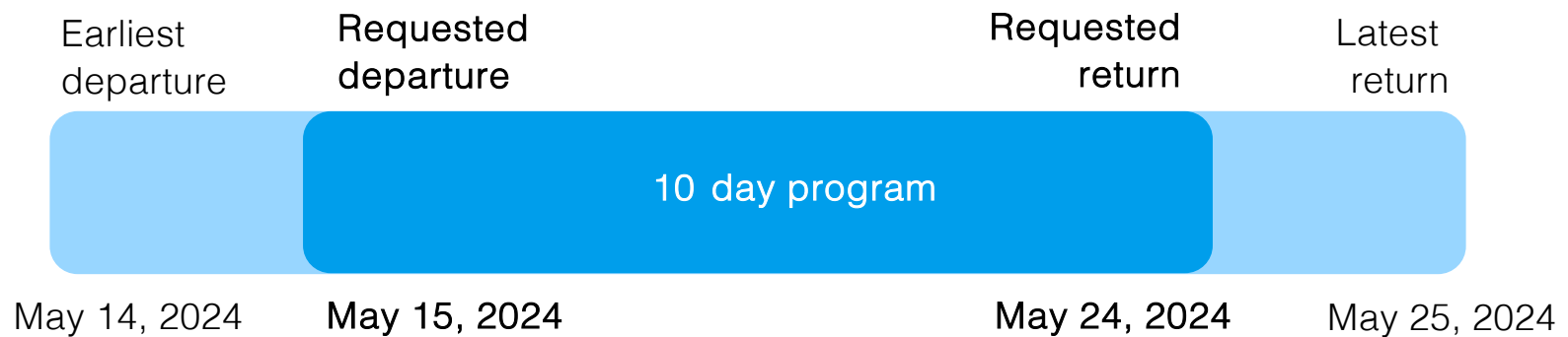
## Just a few things for you to cover:

-  Passport and visa fees
-  Airport baggage fees
-  Lunches and snacks
-  Personal spending money
-  Tips for your Field Director
-  COVID-19 testing

*Compare this to planning on your own +  
the added benefits of an all-inclusive  
provider*

# When are we traveling?

Mark your calendars







***A short-term program: the ability to study abroad without missing a whole semester at school***

*\*We'll confirm exact departure and return dates approximately 2-3 months before departure.*

# How can you make it happen?

We have flexible payment options!

\$95 DEPOSIT	\$337 BI-WEEKLY	\$674 MONTHLY	\$4134 IN FULL
			

**30 or older at the time of travel?** Same easy payment options toward a total price of \$4614 which includes a room upgrade. Personalized payment plans also available

# How can you make it happen?

Additional opportunities to fund your adventure



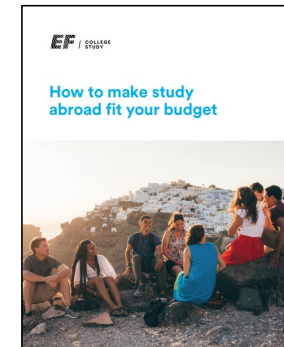
## Diversity, Financial, and Merit-Based Scholarships Funded by EF

Over 24 scholarships given annually by EF to students traveling on short-term study abroad programs



## Personal Program Donation Page

Automatic access to a personal donation page to share with friends, family & loved ones

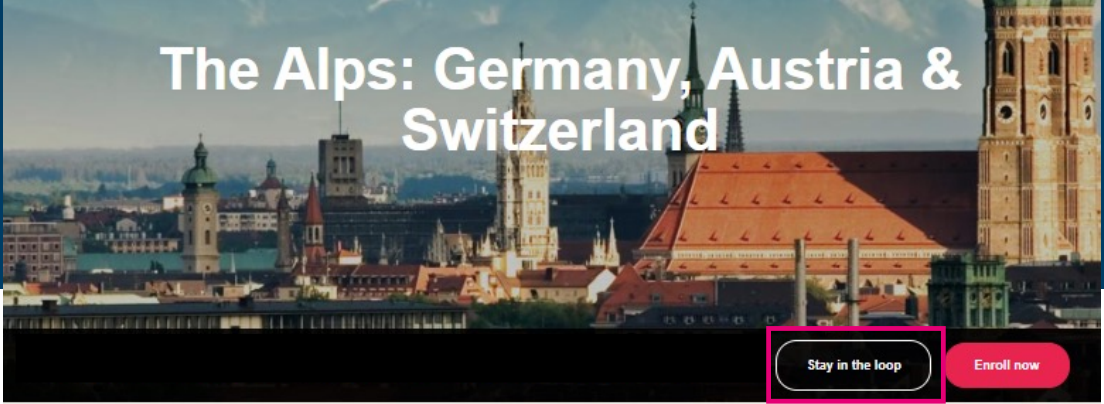


## Budgeting and Financial Resources

Tap into additional resources EF provides like a Budget and Fundraising Guide; and explore our campus' own financial & advisory support

# EF Resources

- Me! Follow up with any questions
- The EF Enrollment Page & Stay in the Loop
- The EF Website and Help Center
  - EFStudyAbroad.com
  - EFStudyAbroad.com/help-center
- EF Traveler Support Team:
  - 877-485-4184
  - [info@efstudyabroad.com](mailto:info@efstudyabroad.com)



## The Alps: Germany, Austria & Switzerland

Program number: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested departure date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure gateway: \_\_\_\_\_  
Group Leader's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested return date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Stay in the loop](#) [Enroll now](#)

### 9 days

*Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Neuschwanstein, Liechtenstein, Lucerne region, Freiburg, Heidelberg, extension to Rhineland and Cologne*

Everyone flocks to Germany and Switzerland for Oktoberfest, Swiss chocolate and more. But it's the unmistakable charm of Alpine life that steals the show. From mountaintop to valley floor, castle to beer hall—the unanimous affection for this region is the stuff of legend. For anyone looking to see a different side of Europe, this free-flowing experience awaits on the horizon.



#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Germany

#### Day 2: Munich

Meet your Tour Director at the airport

Take a walking tour of Munich

With your Tour Director you will see:

- Munich Cathedral, the representative landmark of Munich
- New Town Hall, a towering building home to the city government
- Hofbräuhaus, a famous beer hall dating back to the 16th century and a symbol of Bavarian

# WSU resources and important info

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Info and application (due Nov. 17)

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**Thank you!**  
**Here's to an amazing adventure ahead! We can't wait!**

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