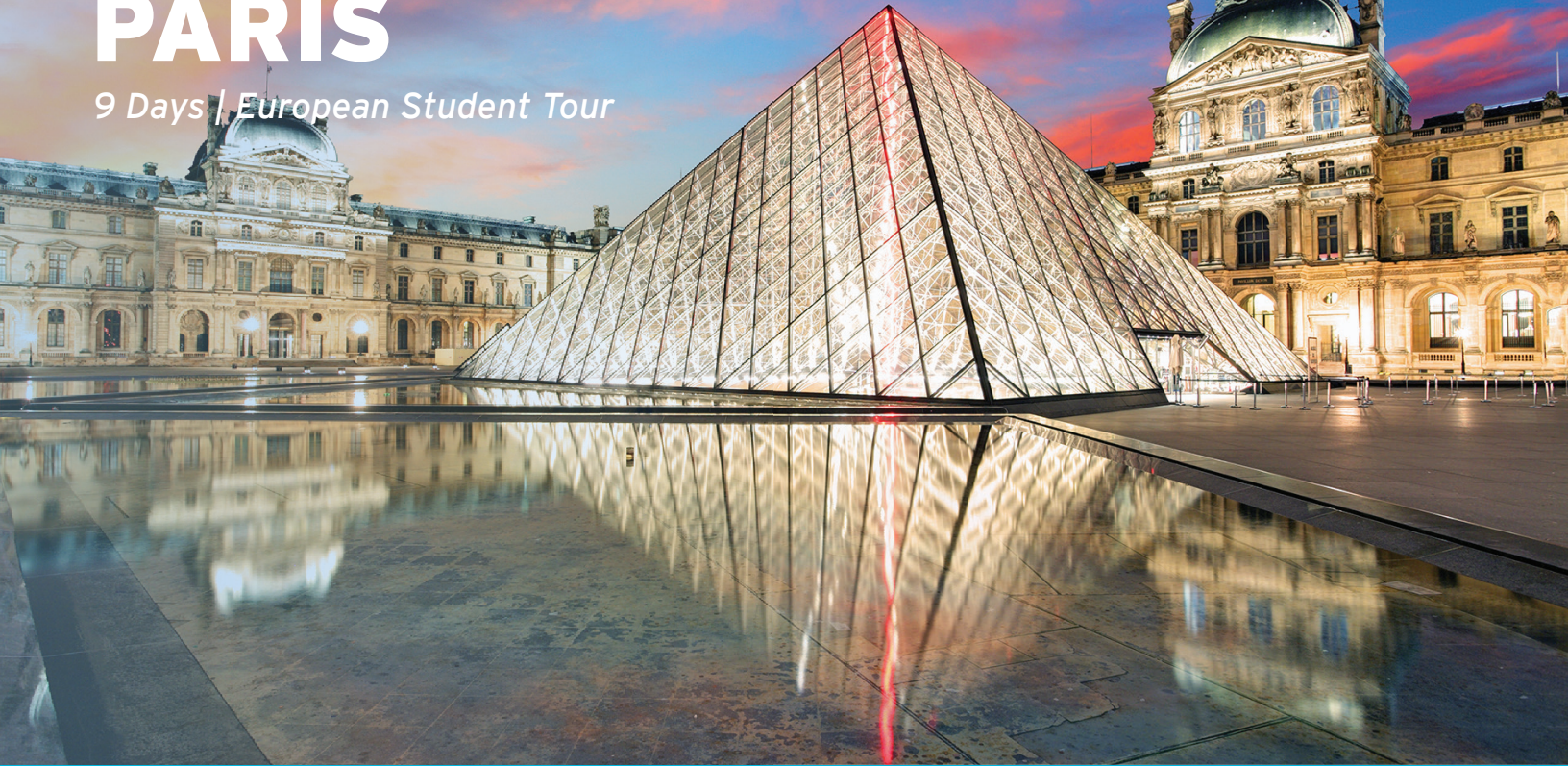


# LONDON & PARIS

9 Days | European Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Discover the rich history, iconic landmarks and plush palaces of London and Paris on this 9-day student tour. Your class will enjoy majestic views of the cities from the tops of the London Eye and the Eiffel Tower. They will experience life as a royal as you tour the lavish gardens and luxurious rooms inside the Palace of Versailles. And don't forget to get your photo taken at Platform 9 3/4. Your students will soak in the majesty and culture of these extraordinary cities and will come home with a love of travel.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



**Guided Tours of:** London, Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Paris, Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Versailles Palace



**Site Visits:** Buckingham Palace, National Gallery, British Museum, London Eye, Tate Modern Gallery, Eiffel Tower, Sainte-Chappelle, Champs Élysées



**Local Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
3-star centrally located hotels



**Transportation**  
Flights, private motor coach, public transportation



**Meals**  
Breakfasts, dinners





# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

60+  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### 24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



*"As a nature lover the Garden of Versailles was a spectacular sight. The fountains sing and dance and each section in the garden is so unique. Some make you feel like you are a part of Alice in Wonderland while others are focused on Greek mythology."*

*Tamara Bozickovic, Tour Leader Supervisor*

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## Day 1: Board your flight to London

### Day 2: London

- Meet with your Tour Leader at the airport.
- Mind the Gap! Your students will get the true London experience with their **7-day London Transport pass** for Zones 1 and 2.
- Experience the city on a **panoramic driving tour** with a local guide. You will see **Piccadilly Circus**, **10 Downing Street**, the official residence of the Prime Minister and **Leicester Square**.
- Up we go! Enjoy stunning views across the capital as Europe's largest Ferris wheel, the **London Eye**, takes you 135 metres above the Thames River.

### Day 3: London

- Start the day with a guided walking tour around the British capital. You will see the **Palace of Westminster**, more commonly known as the **Houses of Parliament**, the famous bell in the Elizabeth Tower, **Big Ben**, and wander through the gorgeous **St. James Park** to see if you can spot the pelicans.
- Visit **Westminster Abbey**. Founded in 960AD, this church has played a major part in British history. Not only has it held every coronation since 1066, it is the burial place of many important figures, has seen sixteen royal weddings and still holds regular worship.
- "Attention!" Attend the **Changing of the Guard** at **Buckingham Palace**. Explore the grounds around the Palace and learn more about the Queen's official residence.
- Enjoy free time and grab some lunch at **Covent Garden Market**. Wander through the busy streets, watch exciting street performances and explore the many different shops of this popular area.
- Mummies, Mausoleums and Jade, oh my! Get lost in the exhibitions at the **British Museum**, while you peruse the collection of seven million objects from all over the world.
- Are you more of a Gryffindor or a Hufflepuff? Head over to **King's Cross Train Station** to get your photo at the famous Platform 9 3/4 and purchase a wand of your own at the Harry Potter store.
- Follow in the footsteps of famed detective **Sherlock Holmes** during a guided **walking tour**. Wander through alleys and courtyards, learn fun facts and explore the areas that feature in his adventures.

### Day 4: London

- Shine bright like a diamond as you get up close and personal with the Crown Jewels at the **Tower of London**. Discover the various rooms in this centuries old castle that has served as a royal palace, prison and armory.
- Join the crowds for a stroll across **Tower Bridge**. This is a great time to grab some photos of the beautiful buildings along the Thames River.
- Head over to **Borough Market** for free time to explore and grab lunch at one of the many food stalls.
- Experience the works of Shakespeare the way they were meant to be seen at **The Globe**. Learn all about the famous playwright and his works on a tour of the Elizabethan-style theatre with a chance to attend a rehearsal of a play.

- **Free time in London** to explore Brick Lane, known for its stunning street art, Camden Market, where you will weave through a complex of stalls to find clothing, books and food or get a photo on the iconic Abbey Road.

### Day 5: London - Paris

- Choo, Choo! Start your day at **St. Pancras Train Station** for your Eurostar train to Paris' **Gare du Nord**.
- Arrive in **Paris**.
- Welcome to the City of Lights! Climb into your motor coach and set off on a **3-hour panoramic tour** of the city where you will discover the famous monuments you've only seen in photos.
- Enjoy living like a Parisian with a **5-day metro pass** for zones 1-3.
- Feeling daring? Soar to the top of the **Eiffel Tower** for breathtaking views of the city.

### Day 6: Paris

- Start your day with a guided tour through the **Musée du Louvre** where you will see the iconic Mona Lisa by **Leonardo da Vinci** and works by other accomplished artists of the Renaissance and Reformation periods.
- Explore the **Latin Quarter** on your free time.
- Stroll through **Île Saint Louis** and **Île de la Cité**. Discover the one of the oldest bridges in Paris, Pont Neuf, see the Conciergerie, where Marie Antoinette spent her last hours or wander the alleys of the Square du Vert-Galant.
- Head to **Sainte-Chapelle** to view the beautiful stained glass windows in this gothic church.
- Stroll down one of the most famous streets in the world, the **Champs Élysées**.
- Climb the 284 steps to see a breathtaking view of Paris from the **Arc de Triomphe**. Sitting in the centre of Place Charles de Gaulle, historically known as Place de l'Étoile, this stunning arch holds the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and honours all those who have fought and died for France.

### Day 7: Versailles - Paris

- Head to the RER train for a trip to **Versailles**.
- Enjoy a 2-hour tour of the **Palace of Versailles**. Your local guide will take you through the history as you wander through the **Grand Apartment**, the **Hall of Mirrors** and the **King and Queen's suites**.
- Get lost in the stunning **gardens of Versailles**, which are landscaped in the French style, and date back to the reign of Louis XIV.
- Return to **Paris**.
- Make sure you have good walking shoes, next stop is the hilly **Montmartre**. Stroll through this charming neighbourhood to see the **Sacré-Cœur Basilica** from the top of the hill, the **Wall of Love** and the **Moulin Rouge**.
- Find out what it is like to be a Parisian with a game of **Pétanque**, a traditional bowls game. This is a perfect opportunity to practice your French as you learn to play this fun sport.



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- Experience an evening of surprises, magic and thrills on a **haunted walk** through Montmartre. Gather together and listen to your local guide tell tales of the ghosts that wander through this famous neighbourhood.

## Day 8: Paris

- Begin the day with a trip underground to discover **Paris' Catacombs**. You will walk through the maze of alleys that hold the remains from several cemeteries.
- Enjoy free time for lunch in the **Passage des Panoramas**, a shopping centre founded in the 17th century.
- Admire **Haussmann's Paris** as your Tour Leader guides you through the Opera District. This renovation added air and open space to the boulevards and connected and unified the different parts of the city.
- It's time for shopping! Explore the **Grands Boulevards**, especially Boulevard Haussmann and its famous department stores.
- All aboard! Savour every bit of Paris as you listen to a commentary while **cruising** down the Seine River on a bateau-mouche.

Day 9: Depart to the airport home for your flight home

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