

FINAL ITINERARY

NHS EUROPE TOUR – STUDENT BUSES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Each day of the itinerary includes breakfast and dinner service, with the exception of independent dinners on day 4 in Heidelberg and day 7 in Salzburg. Lunch is included on day 7 and day 12.

DAY 01 – Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Departure from the USA. (Dinner in flight)

DAY 02 – Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Upon arrival at Amsterdam Airport, clear passport control and claim your luggage. Stay together in the luggage claim area before proceeding, as a group, into the Arrival Hall to meet your tour directors, **BARBARA KLEINBUSSINK** and **PETRA WENTZEL**. Board the motor coaches and start your sightseeing with a boat ride through the canals of Amsterdam. Afterwards, transfer to your accommodations in Arnhem. Dinner is included.

(Breakfast in flight, Dinner)

DAY 03 – Thursday, June 22, 2023

Begin your day with a visit to the Arnhem Open Air Museum, which introduces you to Dutch customs and traditions through examples of historically authentic farmhouses, cottages and businesses. Continue to the charming city of Deventer with time for independent lunch and exploration. This is your chance to order a Dutch pancake at one of the cafes. In the afternoon, the **Northview High School Band** will perform in front of the Waag (weigh house) on the city's main square. Return to your accommodations in Arnhem for dinner and a second overnight.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 04 – Friday, June 23, 2023

Depart Holland and cross the border into Germany. Travel along the Autobahn (highway) to the village of Boppard. After an independent lunch, drive along the Rhine River, one of Western Europe's most important waterways, with views of hillside vineyards and medieval fortress ruins. At Sankt Goar you can see the legendary Loreley Rock, subject of boatmen folklore about a bewitching siren. Leave the Rhine and continue to Heidelberg for a visit to the red sandstone castle. An independent dinner allows time to explore the Old Town before transferring to your Heidelberg accommodations. (Breakfast)

DAY 05 – Saturday, June 24, 2023

Transfer to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, a story-book village complete with intact city walls, cobblestone streets, historic inns, and quaint shop fronts. You may wish to climb up to the 'Rathaus' Bell Tower for a bird's-eye view. Visit one of the unique museums, stroll through the peaceful Castle Gardens, or browse the magical displays in the year-round Christmas shop. **The Northview High School Band** will give a concert on the Rothenburg Market Square. Continue south to your accommodations in Aalen with dinner served upon arrival. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 06 - Sunday, June 25, 2023

Following breakfast, travel to Dachau, Germany for a thought-provoking visit to the former concentration camp. Audio guides will be provided to allow for quiet, individual contemplation of the exhibits. Those who prefer may remain in the visitor's center at the entrance. After an independent lunch stop, travel into Austria. Spend the next two nights in Flachau among the natural beauty of mountain-fed rivers and flower-laden meadows. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 07 – Monday, June 26, 2023

Return to Germany for a memorable visit to the Berchtesgaden Salt Mines. Donned in mine workers' garb – cap and all – descend deep into the mountain interior by way of a small train. After an explanation of how the salt is extracted, take a thrilling ride down the giant slides. Following the tour, lunch is provided. From here it's only a short distance to Salzburg, best known as the birthplace of Mozart and, more recently, for "The Sound of Music." After free time for exploration and an independent dinner, the **Northview High School Band** will perform an evening concert in Mirabell Gardens. Return to Flachau. (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 08 – Tuesday, June 27, 2023

This morning, transfer to special mountain buses for a breathtaking ride up to the Eagle's Nest, Adolf Hitler's hideaway during WWII. Königssee (King's Sea) provides a scenic location for an extended independent lunch. Return to Austria, this time in the province of Tyrol. A three-night stay in Axams allows you to become well acquainted with this setting amidst the Alps neighboring Innsbruck. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 09 – Wednesday, June 28, 2023

This is a day full of magnificent scenery, beginning with views from the Olympic Ski Jump. Innsbruck is a two-time host of the winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. Stop to take photos of Neuschwanstein Castle, the model for the Disney Castle, on your way to visit Hohenschwangau Castle, the child-hood residence of King Ludwig II. Walk up a mountain road to the castle entrance, where a guide will lead you through the interior. Transfer to Innsbruck for an included dinner followed by an entertaining Tyrolean Folklore Show, complete with yodeling, singing, dancing and unique musical instruments. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 10 – Thursday, June 29, 2023

Start today with the breathtaking excitement of the Hoch Imst Alpine Coaster. A chairlift takes you up the mountain where you will prepare for a thrilling ride down by way of winding tracks. Then, transfer to the Old Town of Innsbruck with free time for lunch and exploration. One of the city's most iconic sights is the Golden Roof Balcony, built during the rule of Emperor Maximilian I so he could watch entertainment in the square below. The **Northview High School Band** will perform a concert under the famed Golden Roof. Return to Axams for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 11 – Friday, June 30, 2023

By way of the Arlberg Tunnel, an engineering masterpiece, travel into Switzerland. In the late afternoon, stop in Schaffhausen to admire the powerful Rhine Falls during an included boat ride. You will spend the next two nights in Engelberg, surrounded by scenic photo opportunities and glorious views of the Swiss lakes and mountains. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 12 – Saturday, July 01, 2023

After a short transfer to the village of Stans, take a cogwheel train followed by a thrilling ride on Europe's only open-top cable car to reach the summit of Mt. Stanserhorn (elevation 6,232 feet). At the top, enjoy the panoramas, walking paths, and an included lunch. In the afternoon, explore Lucerne. Following an early dinner in Engelberg, return to Stans where **the Northview High School Band** will perform their last concert of the tour as part of the "Stanser-Sommer" Festival.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 13 – Sunday, July 02, 2023

After an early breakfast, travel north past Basel, strategically situated at the point where Switzerland, Germany and France meet. Crossing the border into France, the mountains give way to hilltop settlements, rustic vineyards and beautiful forests in the Alsace Region and Vosges Mountain Range. An extended stop in the city of Strasbourg will provide opportunities to test your French language skills, purchase a baguette for lunch, and walk through the historic district of La Petite France. The cherished centerpiece is Strasbourg's own Notre Dame Cathedral, one of the outstanding examples of Rayonnant Gothic architecture. After lunch return to Germany to spend the night in Trier. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 14 – Monday, July 03, 2023

Before leaving Trier, make a photo stop at the Porta Nigra, the Roman city gate from the 2nd century. Traveling north, return to Holland. After lunch in the architecturally pleasing center of Maastricht, stop at the Margraten Netherlands American Cemetery, where the graves of 8,301 U.S. service-men reflect on the sacrifices of WWII. Continue to your hotel located near Amsterdam Airport. Following dinner, it is time to pack up and get ready for tomorrow's return flight home.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 15 – Tuesday, July 04, 2023

Early morning transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to check-in for the flight home.

(Breakfast Boxes, in flight meal)