



Proposed Study Tour, September 22-28, 2018

We will visit The Hague, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, Europe's three cities principally linked with the exercise of law and also Paris to visit UNESCO. There will be time for sightseeing in all cities. We are aiming to charge under £700 to include hotel (shared room) with breakfast, admission tickets and a farewell dinner, for maximum individual flexibility and activity.

Proposed itinerary

Saturday 22 We depart central London at 9am, taking the Channel tunnel to Calais. After a rest stop in Ghent, we reach our hotel in The Hague late afternoon. There will be time to visit the city independently.

Sunday 23 We will visit the Peace Palace with its Great Hall of Justice, Small Hall of Justice and the Japanese Room and Gardens. We will visit the Binnenhof, Hall of Knights and the Peace Palace Library. The archivists amongst us will be able to visit the Grotius Collection. There will be presentations concerning the Peace Library, the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court. Evening at leisure.

Monday 24 We leave at 8.30am for Luxembourg, with rest halts on the way. After checking in to our hotel for a snack, we leave for the European Court of Justice building. We will have a guided tour of the buildings and visit the library. There will be a presentation on the work of the Court. Evening at leisure.

Tuesday 25 In the morning, we will have two options, to walk around the historic city with its magnificent landmarks and views or to sit in on the hearing in a case before the Court. Our coach will leave at 12 noon for Strasbourg. We check in at our hotel and move directly to the European Parliament which will be in session for a conducted tour. After this, we return to the hotel. Evening at leisure.

Wednesday 26 In the morning, we will have two options, to visit the Assembly Chamber to include a presentation on the political role of the Council of Europe, or to visit the European Court of Human Rights, for a presentation on the role and work of the Court. This latter group might attend a hearing. We leave for Paris at 1pm, stopping off at Chalons-en-Champagne. We reach our hotel in Paris early evening. Evening at leisure

Thursday 27 We arrive at UNESCO for presentations on some of its key programmes (tbc) from a list to include the World Heritage Programme, the Man and the Biosphere, Freedom of Expression, Preservation of Underwater Heritage, the memory of the World Programme, Education for All. Also, we will meet members of the UK Permanent Mission to UNESCO. Evening at leisure.

Friday 28 Morning visit to the Fondation Louis Vuitton and a nearby landmark in Paris. We depart Paris in mid-afternoon and reach our hotel in Compiègne in time to prepare for and enjoy our farewell dinner together.

Saturday 29 We visit the Chateau de Compiègne and the Clairiere de l'Armistice which hosted the 1918 Armistice and was used by Hitler to accept France's surrender in 1940 and then take the short drive to Calais. We will arrive in London at 7pm.

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