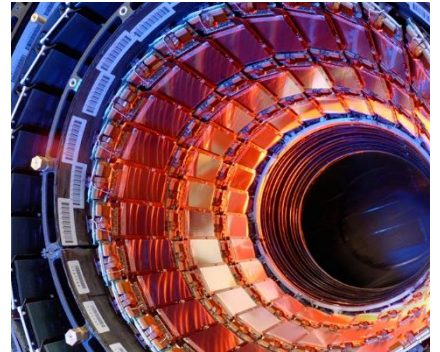


# EXPLORING STEM IN EUROPE



**NOVEMBER 9 – 17, 2018\***

9 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

*\*Travel dates to be confirmed upon flight booking*



**DAY 1: USA | GENEVA – (Friday)**

- Fly through the night to **Geneva**.

**DAY 2: GENEVA – (Saturday)**

- *Bienvenue en Suisse!* Upon arrival at the airport, meet your **Forum Tour Manager** who will stay with you throughout your stay in Geneva. The whole world is here: Hundreds of international organizations call the city home. Plush hotels and renowned international cuisine help prop up Geneva's famed overload of banks, luxury jewelers and chocolate shops.
- Transfer to your hotel to check in, drop off your luggage, and freshen up.
- Join your Tour Manager on a **highlights walk of Geneva**; see the carefully landscaped **Flower Clock** that keeps perfect time, Ile Rousseau, which was the site of many of Rousseau's reveries, the château that was used as a prison and place of execution by the counts of Savoy, and of course, Geneva's **Old Town**.
- Later, take a boat cruise on **Lake Geneva** - admire the Jet d'Eau, the world's largest water fountain.
- Dinner and night accommodation in Geneva.

**DAY 3: GENEVA | LUCERNE – (Sunday)**

- This morning after breakfast, visit **CERN** (European Organization for Nuclear Research), where you will take part in hands-on & minds-on **particle physics experiments**. You will make discoveries independently, learn to work scientifically and apply your knowledge in a new setting. You will also have the chance to engage directly with members of CERN's scientific community.
- Later, immerse yourself into a **Swiss chocolate workshop**: you can observe the making of chocolate bars, famous Pavés, chocolate truffles and many other delicacies, which you will be able to taste of course!
- In the afternoon, board your private motor coach and transfer to **Lucerne**.
- Upon arrival, join your Tour Manager and go on a **walking tour**. See Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge, a 1300s engineering marvel that crosses the Reuss River. Linking the city's old and new towns, it's the world's oldest covered bridge.
- Dinner and night accommodation in Lucerne.

**DAY 4: LUCERNE – (Monday)**

- This morning after breakfast, visit **Mount Pilatus** via cable car. With windows that extend to the floor, the aerial cableway, "Dragon Ride", resembles that of a cockpit and gives the sensation of flying. In three-and-a-half minutes, you will glide from Fräkmüntegg to the summit, with breathtaking views in every direction. You will learn the principles used by the engineers to design and erect the cable car.



- Later, you'll return to Lucerne for a **guided tour** of the fascinating **Verkehrshaus Museum**. It showcases the development of transport and mobility via road, rail, water, air and space.
- Visitors see and experience over 3000 items, simulators, multimedia shows and interactive platforms in a vast exhibition area.
- Savor a savoyarde **fondue dinner**.
- Night accommodation in Lucerne.

#### DAY 5: LUCERNE | MUNICH – (Tuesday)

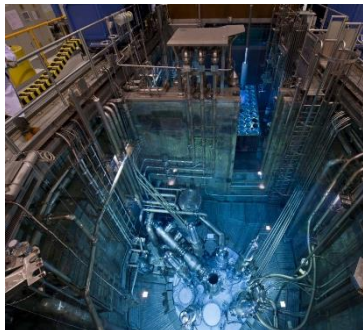
- After breakfast, bid farewell to Lucerne and give your technology IQ another boost with a guided tour of a **Swiss hydroelectric power station**. You will be introduced to the world of turbines, generators and the production of clean-energy. During the hour-long visit, the power station at Göschenen will be presented to you.
- Later, drive to Munich.
- Meet your German Forum Tour Manager at your accommodation.
- Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 6: MUNICH – (Wednesday)

- This morning after breakfast, start the day with a guided tour of the **Dachau concentration camp**, the first Nazi concentration camp that opened in Germany.
- Enjoy free time for lunch.
- In the afternoon, have a guided visit of the **National Theater**. The tour is full of essential facts about the various goings-on in the theatre as well as all the hard work that needs to be done before we can say: "Curtains up!" You'll hear interesting stories about the architecture, and the famous people who've influenced the opera house over the last 350 years.
- Night accommodation in Munich.

#### DAY 7: MUNICH – (Thursday)

- After breakfast, visit **Olympia Park**: expert guides will explain everything you need to know about the fascinating construction of the Olympic buildings. The Olympic stadium's roof structure is one of the many highlights.
- Later, enter the prestigious world of **BMW**, a direct insight into a state-of-the-art automobile manufacturer. The tour through BMW's original plant gives an exciting glimpse of all areas of automobile production. In its presentation, the **BMW Group Plant Tour** follows specific content-related criteria, giving guests access to all automobile production technologies at the BMW Group Plant Munich.
- Free time for lunch
- In the afternoon, visit **Deutsches Museum**: with more than 30 exhibitions covering 25,000 square meters of floor space, you'll be exposed to masterpieces of science and technology.







- You will enjoy a 2h guided visit and 2-3 hour **workshop** at **The DNA Visitors' Laboratory!**
- Dinner at a local restaurant.
- Night accommodation in Munich.

#### DAY 8: MUNICH – (Friday)

- This morning after breakfast, board your private motor coach and head for a full day excursion to **Neuschwanstein Castle**, a 19th-century Romanesque Revival palace on a rugged hill above the village of Hohenschwangau (near Füssen in southwest Bavaria, Germany). Neuschwanstein embodies contemporaneous architectural fashion known as Castle Romanticism. Today, Neuschwanstein is one of the most popular palaces and castles in Europe. Its setting could not be more idyllic.
- Later, return to Munich for dinner at a local restaurant.
- Night accommodation in Munich.

#### DAY 9: MUNICH | USA – (Saturday)

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport and return to USA.

**Auf Wiedersehen, München!**



*This is your tailor-made travel experience – you will not be combined with another group!*

**PRICE PER PERSON**

20 + participants	\$ 4,350
15 to 19 participants	\$ 4,560
10 to 14 participants	\$ 4,680

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	\$500
June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	\$1400
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	\$1400
September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	Balance

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Round-trip airfare\* from Detroit to Geneva and from Munich to Detroit
- ✓ Departure taxes and airline fuel surcharges of \$670 per traveler
- ✓ Ground transportation while in Europe
- ✓ 7 nights multiple occupancy (2/3 students per room with private bath) in quality three-star hotels
- ✓ 7 Breakfasts / 0 Lunches / 7 Dinners (includes one beverage and a vegetarian option)
- ✓ All cultural and aforementioned visits, activities, tours, and admissions as per itinerary
- ✓ Service of a dynamic professional bilingual Forum Tour Manager with the group on tour
- ✓ Service of a night hall monitor 4h/night.

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Meals not indicated in your itinerary
- ✓ Tips are at your discretion – these are standard guidelines:
  - Forum Tour Manager: 4 Euros per day, per traveler
  - Bus Drivers: 1 Euro per day, per traveler
- ✓ Rooming and Adult Supplements:
  - Twin Room Guarantee Supplement \$40 pp/night or Single Room Guarantee Supplement \$80 pp/night
  - Adult Activity Supplement \$10 pp/day

**NOTES**

- \*Airlines have the legal right to increase fuel surcharges to flight tickets after bookings have been made. In the event of an increase in airline taxes and/or fuel surcharges, Forum reserves the right to update prices accordingly.
- **Forum Language Experience** has purchased the **Student Protection Plan** from Travel Insured International on behalf of all participants. **Cancel For Any Reason** is an available **option** that must be purchased at the time of trip deposit. **\*CFAR is not available to residents of NY\***
- Forum has quoted this package at an exchange rate of 1 Euro = 1.25 USD. In the event of a significant change in the exchange rate, Forum reserves the right to update prices accordingly.

Date of quote: February 15, 2018 | Prices are valid until: First payment deadline | Your Forum Tour Consultant: **Sharmila Hall**

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