

AP EURO

Objectives:

1. Plan a trip to Euromon regions of Europe and earn badges at Euromon tourist sites!
2. Submit a trip itinerary and budget using Microsoft Word!
3. Prepare a digital presentation "highlight reel" of the places you plan to visit. Use PowerPoint, Prezi, Glogster, or any other software you choose!



Itinerary

1. Budget-

- a. You have a fictional \$3500 budget! ***You are a poor student Euromon trainer and may not exceed this amount!*** You'll have to plan your trip on the cheap! Live bohemian and cut corners wherever you can!
- b. Adjust for local currency exchange rates! Use the latest rates available for the US dollar to the Euro, British pound, Russian ruble, etc. from the US Department of the Treasury at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/intn.html>!
- c. Set aside \$10-30/day for picking up souvenirs and gifts! Really, seriously, how often are you going to be back to these parts of the world?!

2. Overview

- a. Your trip must last 13-15 days including travel time to and from Europe! (Allot one day each way!)
- b. Create a schedule to follow! Don't attach your itinerary to specific dates but instead simply number each day starting from Day 1 as the day you leave Wake County! That means you'll arrive in Europe late on Day 1 or early on Day 2!



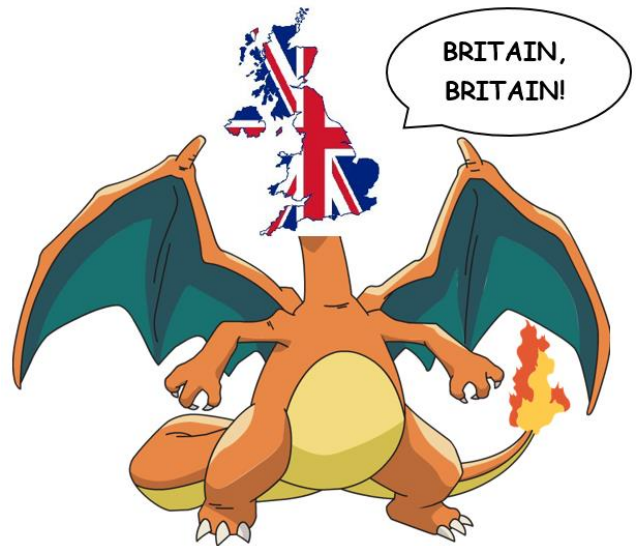
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c. Plan to visit a ***minimum of four major cities*** (population 20,000 or greater) in a ***minimum of two neighboring countries!*** (You may visit more than this if you can fit it in to your budget and timeframe!)

- The two countries must connect to one another with a ***shared physical border*** (for example: France and Spain, or the Netherlands and Germany) or a ***shared body of water connected by ferry*** (for example: Great Britain and Ireland, or Greece and Turkey, or Denmark and Sweden, but NOT Spain and Italy as the distance is too great)! Ask me for approval if in doubt! The key is to plan a realistic trip!

d. In each city, you must find a ***minimum of four tourist sites or activities*** to visit!

- At least **three** sites/activities in each city must have a direct, obvious connection to European historical events or and/or culture we've studied this semester!
- The remaining site(s)/activity(-ies) may also have historical/cultural connections or could simple be something(s) you wish to check out for fun (for example: a West End play in London, a soccer match in Barcelona, an amusement park in Vienna, a nightclub in Berlin, a rock show in Moscow, etc.!)



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- Include ticket prices for attractions in your budget! (Check for student discounts!)

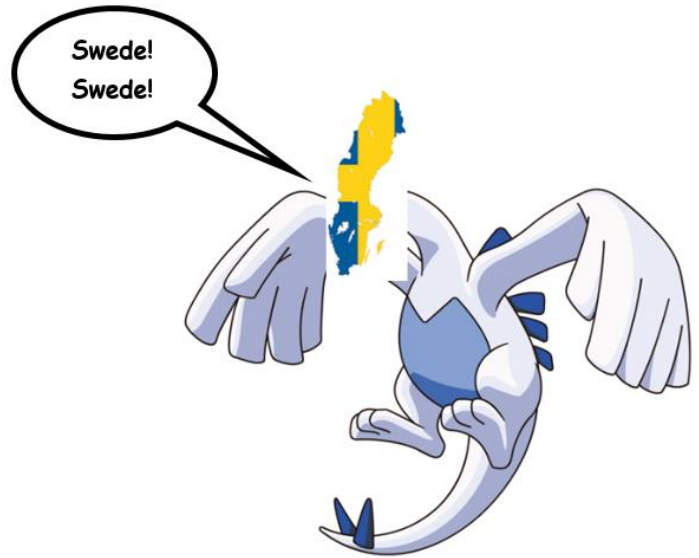
e. Locate the US embassy or consulate in or nearest to each city you'll visit and list the contact information! You'll probably never need this info but then again, you never know ...

f. At the end of each day's itinerary, after listing your daily schedule, itemize and sub-total your daily expenses! Include activities, transportation, accommodations, meals, souvenirs, communications, and another other incurred expenses!

g. After the final day of your tour, re-list the each day's subtotal and total the overall cost of your tour!

3. Transportation

- a. You must plan your transportation for each leg of the journey!
- b. How will you travel to Europe, within each city, from city to city, and from country to country?! By plane, train, subway, bus, taxi, boat, hovercraft, helicopter, bike, Vespa, horse, or even by *foot*?!
- c. State the distance and expected travel time between locations!
- d. Include transportation costs for each leg of the journey! How much will each ticket at every step?! You may want to look into a Eurail pass at <http://www.eurail.com>!



4. Accommodations

- a. Plan sleeping accommodations for each night! You must plan for a roof over your head each night! You may not sleep in the open! You may not stay with family or friends (assume you're estranged)! Include the costs of sleeping accommodations in each day's subtotal!
- b. Youth hostels (which are prevalent throughout Europe) and bed & breakfasts (B & B's) tend to be much cheaper than hotels! You might even try camping at an official campsite or sleep on an overnight train!

5. Dining

- a. For each night of your journey, pick a restaurant at which to dine! Research local cuisine and find local specialties! Be bold! Be adventurous! Steer clear of American cuisine; McDonald's/KFC is not an option! Eat the haggis (Scottish stuffed sheep's stomach)! Try the hákarl (Icelandic fermented shark)! *Vive l'escargot* (French snails)!
- b. Don't worry about breakfast or lunch! Most hostels, B & B's, and hotels include at least a simple breakfast! Carbo load and GO!
- c. Don't make specific plans for lunch but set aside \$15/day for lunch and snacks while you are out and about during the day!
- d. Include your dining costs in each day's subtotal! You might like (but are not required) to treat yourself to at least one true grandiose European dining experience and plan to spend \$100-200 on dinner in grand style one night! That rapidly adds up after a few nights of such rich dining *but find the right restaurant and it is oh so worth it!*

Slideshow & Presentation

1. Create a digital presentation "highlight reel" of places you will visit! Scour the web and travel guides for images!
 - a. There is no specific minimum/maximum number of slides! In fact, I'm much in favor of more slides with bigger images and less text than of just a few slides crammed with too much information!
 - b. Be able to briefly explain the history of the places you'll see and explain why you've chosen to go there!
2. Include slides of local important phrases! Displaying manners and a willingness to communicate in native languages will ingratiate you to the natives!
 - Hello/Goodbye!
 - Please/Thank you!
 - You're welcome!
 - Excuse me! Sorry!
 - Do you speak English?!
 - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10!
 - What time is it?!
 - Where is ...?!
 - How much?!
 - Help!
 - I'm lost!
 - Where are the toilets?!

Deadlines:

Tuesday, May 22, 2018: Decide which countries and cities you want to visit!

Wednesday, May 23, 2018: Have tourist sites selected!

Thursday, May 24, 2018: Have sleeping accommodations, restaurants and meals selected!

Friday, May 25, 2018: Finalize the schedule! Begin necessary cuts if over \$3500 or find more fun ways to spend money if you are under-budget!

Wednesday, May 30, 2018: Due date and presentation of Highlight Reels! (This is the day AFTER we return from Memorial Day giving you Tuesday if you have last minute questions for me!)

Some useful resources to get started:

1. Travel books! Books are awesome! Use books! Their great! Really, seriously, look at a book! I have lots of them!
2. STA Travel - [http://www.statravel.com/!](http://www.statravel.com/)
3. Lonely Planet - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/europe!>
4. Rick Steves - <http://www.ricksteves.com/!>
5. *Rick Steves' Europe* on Hulu - <http://www.hulu.com/rick-steves-europe!>
6. Time Out - <http://www.timeout.com/!>
7. Fodor's - <http://www.fodors.com/world/europe/!>
8. Let's Go - <http://www.letsgo.com/!>
9. Cheap Tickets - <http://www.cheaptickets.com/!>
10. Orbitz - <http://www.orbitz.com/!>
11. Expedia - <http://www.expedia.com!>