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The Bilingual Edge

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A successful entrepreneur with 40 employees once told me, “Whenever I have the chance, I hire bilingual people, regardless if they are the less skilled applicant. They outclass the rest.” I was interested, knowing that his employees never needed their bilingual skills at work. Seeing my curiosity he added, “I don’t exactly know what it is, but whatever it is...they have an edge.”

America was founded by statesmen who had that edge. Historically, a diverse language background was considered an essential element in a scholar’s background. It was a tacit fact that students had studied the quadrivium which included Latin: a prerequisite for reading the ancient classics. A scholar might know three or more languages, including the “dead” languages, enabling them to read some of the greatest thoughts of mankind in the original. Jefferson learned Hebrew so he could read the Bible, French to understand Montesquieu, Greek to read Aristotle and Plato, Anglo Saxon

for ancient law. Language proficiency was essential to the effective statesmen of his day.

It is equally important in ours.

One of the most disturbing, and revealing trends in education today is the scarcity of language study and the lowering standards when it is taught. Once required with any course of study, it is now reduced to an elective. Today's "ugly American" still expects the rest of the world to come to her.

While this standard is accepted in modern American academia, it is not acceptable for the Statesman of tomorrow. At GWC we have the right point of view, and the correct solutions. Firstly, language studies are given high priority. Secondly, the student is inspired by a powerful sense of purpose. And lastly, fluency is acquired very rapidly when standard textbooks are replaced by the culture's classics and lectures are forgotten in total immersion classes.

It is a straightforward fact that our future leaders will be crippled without the "edge" that a second language gives them. This edge is much broader than fluency. It is all the secondary and less obvious qualities that my entrepreneurial friend discerned: confidence, better English language skills, stronger determination, better memorizing skills, and greater empathy for humanity just to name a few. It really is about what the student becomes as he goes through the process of learning.

How are the statesmen of tomorrow in your homes, communities and schools doing on their language study today?

Presenting our Week Long Language Immersion Classes

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* Spanish – beginning through advanced

* Mandarin Chinese

* Hebrew

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2007 in Europe with Dr. Groft!

Turkey, Africa, Mexico, China, Canada, America and Europe are all names that represent unforgettable educational experiences for me and for those who have come with me. Most of our lives are spent in close proximity to the greatest place on earth—our own home. Likewise, most of our time is spent in hard work, selfless service and focused study. This is likely the way it should be. But when it comes to the education of Statesmen, world travel is an essential key to academic success. Shakespeare and Elizabethan England take on a new and profound meaning when one walks along the River Thames from Parliament and Big Ben to the Globe Theater and on to St. James Park. The French Revolution comes alive when one strolls from the Musée du Louvre westward to the Place de la Concorde, and down the Champs Elysées to Napoleon’s Arc de Triomphe. And the Awakening of the Italian Renaissance means more than ever as one crosses the Austrian Alps and walks in the footsteps of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo and other Romans, Venetians and Florentines including Julius Caesar, Savonarola and Leonardo Da Vinci. One comes away from educational travel experiences more eager and able to study and comprehend than ever before.

In addition to animating and giving life to history, literature and art, mentored world travel has a maturing effect. We learn to communicate in multiple languages, meet diverse people, taste culturally unique foods and appreciate the healthy variety the world has to offer. When those preparing to become Statesmen experience the world in this way, they develop a familiarity and easy comfort with people of various ethnicities, languages and cultures; they begin to learn the language of international diplomacy and are more prepared to interact with people, build relationships and accomplish missions. In addition, there is a confidence that grows, lending direction and empowering action. Of course, if one is forced to choose between intense book study with mentors in the classroom and world travel, by all means choose the study; but when an opportunity is taken to augment the hard study in the classics with mentored field experiences, education is enhanced ten fold.

After returning from a month in Europe last summer, one of my students said to me, “You know, Dr. Groft. One of the best parts about this experience has been the people...not just the Europeans, but the Americans and Canadians that came with us.” I whole-heartedly agreed. In this spirit I am inviting any fun-loving and

educationally minded adults and youth to accompany me to England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, the Mediterranean Sea and Spain. We will leave the end of May, 2007 and spend a whole month abroad. Those who come will be encouraged to study hard in preparation; they will be given an optional syllabus; they will earn 6 college credits and have the option of earning as many as 15; and they will have the time of their lives. GWC is not charging anything for this trip so those who come will pay only the actual costs of travel, lodging, entries, food, etc., which is \$3,750 for those under 23 years of age, and \$4,560 for those 23 years and older. For a day-by-day itinerary, visit www.gwc.edu, go to Seminars, and then to June 2007 European Field Experience.

This trip is going to be even better than last year’s. Dr. Groft is creating a city-by-city manual highlighting basic communication and language hints, maps, historical highlights, optional historic scavenger hunts, and the most important things to do during your free/exploration time. Also, we are spending more nights in the most important historic cities; there will be more directed free time, more stories and lectures by Dr. Groft and GWC Faculty, more free evenings so that your days aren’t cut short herding together for dinner, less time in big groups and more time in small exploration teams with assignments to see and do. Finally, for those who want to stay a little longer, many of us will extend an extra week to do service work at an orphanage in Spain or Portugal.

If you would like to come with us in 2007, please reserve your space by sending a check or money order in the amount of \$95 to:

GWC European Field Experience
c/o Dr. Groft
970 South Sage Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

Also include:

1. Full Name (as it will appear on your passport)
2. Birth date (mm/dd/yy)
3. Email Address (one you will use at least until the trip)
4. Home Address
5. Home Phone
6. Emergency Contact Person and Their Phone

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StatePrep Abroad 2007

A World History Field Experience prepared by **Dr. Andrew Groft**

Departure date: **Tuesday, May 29, 2007** (*Required date flexibility of 3 days on either side of requested dates*)

Day 1

Flight to London

Day 2

Arrival in London

“Sound drums and trumpets and to London all”— (Shakespeare, King Henry VI part II). Ranging from the North Sea in the east to the playing fields of Eton in the west, London covers an area of some 620 square miles and is home to over 8 million people. Prepare to observe the stunning architecture, vibrant street life and royal majesty of this bustling metropolis.

Walking tour of London

Starting at Embankment, we will see panoramic views over the Thames from Parliament to St. Paul’s. Imagine walking along the same streets as Queen Elizabeth, Charles Dickens, and many others including Jane Austin, John Milton and Winston Churchill. Continue on to Trafalgar Square where “My Fair Lady” was set, imagine German Zeppelins bombing the city from the air, and visit the four bronze lions at the base of Nelson’s Column. Finish your tour either in Leicester Square, center of theater and cinema, or Covent Garden, a converted fruit and vegetable market that is now a craft market and the stage for some of the world’s best street entertainers.

Overnight in London

Day 3

Guided sightseeing of London

London’s 2,000 years of history come into focus as you see how a city has been created from a collection of small villages. We will see London’s Parliament up close before visiting Christopher Wren’s masterpiece, St. Paul’s cathedral, whose dome is the second largest in the world (after St. Peter’s in Rome). Finally, we will visit Buckingham Palace and witness one of England’s most famed traditions – the changing of the guard.

Guided excursion to Windsor

Constructed by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor castle has been a preferred royal retreat for

the last 900 years. See the actual tomb of King Henry VIII (one of only a few English Royalty not buried in Westminster Abbey). Since a devastating fire in 1992, much of the State Apartments have been renovated. Outside the grounds of the castle, the town of Windsor offers a bustling mixture of both traditional and modern shops, as well as restaurants serving local favorites like Fish & Chips and Bangers & Mash. (Note: If the Queen is in residence, and the official apartments are closed, you will visit St. George’s Chapel or Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House.)

Overnight in London

Day 4

Optional excursion to Stonehenge and Bath

Arguably, nowhere in Britain has created more debate than the simple ring of stones that dominate the gentle chalk plains of Wiltshire. Archaeologists remain baffled as to just how Stonehenge was created and what it represents. From here continue on to the Georgian splendor of Bath. Settled by the Romans over 2,000 years ago, the city underwent a renaissance during the 18th century. Today is truly an opportunity to observe the character of English life while contemplating the ancient secrets of her past.

Overnight in London

Day 5

Globe Theater Workshop

Actors, directors, musicians and designers share their insights and practical experience of the Globe with participants. Learn the secrets of Shakespearean acting in a hands-on workshop.

Free afternoon in London

With shopping ranging from the chic of Kensington to the market stalls of Camden and Covent Garden, museums covering all aspects of art, natural and social history or the ancient world and major attractions such as the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey, you need to plan your time carefully. You might choose to take a boat trip along the Thames from Westminster

to Greenwich or just board the London Eye—built to celebrate the millennium, the world’s largest Ferris wheel offers you the chance to take it all in at once. Also a favorite is the London Museum which holds façade statues and reliefs of the Athenian Parthenon as well as the famed Rosetta Stone.

Overnight in London

Day 6

“Chunnel” crossing via the Eurostar

In London, board the high-speed Eurostar, a quarter-mile-long train that connects Britain with continental Europe for the first time since the Ice Age. The journey from London to Paris will take three hours, 16 minutes of which are spent under the English Channel as you pass through the world’s longest tunnel at a top speed of almost 200 miles per hour.

Walking tour of Paris

Dr. Groft and Faculty will introduce you to some of the highlights in the center of Paris. From the 19th-century opera with its stunning façade you will head towards Place Vendome. Here a column, forged from the metal of defeated armies’ cannon, is topped with a statue of Napoleon Bonaparte as emperor. You will also see the Ritz hotel and a statue commemorating Joan of Arc before walking through the Palais Royal Courtyard (where the fomenting of the French Revolution began) and ending at the majestic Louvre museum.

Louvre Museum

Europe’s most well-known museum safeguards one of the world’s greatest art collections. The structure, originally built in the 12th century and used as a royal palace for centuries, was later converted to a museum housing Greek, Roman and Egyptian antiquities as well as I.M. Pei’s controversial glass pyramids, which were added to the courtyard in 1989. Inside, among countless precious works, you will see the world’s most famous painting, Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa.

Overnight in Paris

Day 7

Free time in Paris

Enjoy free time for your own explorations of Paris. Enjoy time to visit the Musée d’Orsay with its superb

Impressionist collection, the Picasso Museum, or the futuristic exhibits of the Pompidou Center. Other possibilities are a visit to the Sacré-Coeur, where you can watch the artists of today at work in the streets of Montmartre, go to the top of the Eiffel Tower or Arc d’ Triomphe, or a stroll through the bustling streets of the Latin Quarter. You will absolutely love to walk around in the oldest part of Paris, Ile de la Cite, and see the Notre Dam Cathedral as well as the Ile de la St. Louis and the famous Jewish District.

Overnight in Paris

Day 8

Guided Full-Day visit to Versailles

Step back into le grand siècle as you experience the opulence of Versailles. Built under the orders of Louis XIV to be the most extravagant palace in the world, Versailles came to be a symbol of the gap between France’s lavish royalty and its impoverished masses in the decades leading up to the 1789 Revolution. Today, you will tour the Royal Apartments, the historic Hall of Mirrors, and the elegantly landscaped gardens. (Please note: because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons.) In years past we were always hurried at Versailles, so this year we will have the whole day there to explore the grounds and the hundreds of acres of Royal Gardens.

Remember that evenings in Paris are beautiful. Stroll along the Champs Elysees, and enjoy a warm drink at one of the many sidewalk cafés that are so famous in Paris. The view from Montemartre is also beautiful at night.

Overnight in Paris

Day 9

Optional excursion to Giverny

Follow the Seine south to lush Giverny where Claude Monet lived from 1883 until his death in 1926. The grounds, including his pink and green house, are open to the public as a museum. View the workspace in which he fostered his great artistic inspiration; then absorb the intricate palette of colors that he so magically depicted in paintings such as the Water Lilies series as you stroll through the surrounding gardens.

Overnight in Paris

Day 10

Free day in Paris

Dr. Groft will present several educational experiences, which will highlight cultural and historical significance of Paris in Western Civilization. You will then be encouraged to seek these things out in small groups. It will be a real adventure!

You may choose to join Dr. Groft and others in the Palais Royal to do a group reading of a portion of Les Miserables. From there they will walk to the Arc de Caroussel and read a few of Napoleon's Speeches. Afterwards those who want will walk to the Les Invalides and actually visit Napoleon's tomb.

Night train to Lucerne

Tonight relax and you travel in true European style. The night will take you through the heartland of France and through the mountains to the charming city of Lucerne

Overnight on Train

Day 11

Arrival in Lucerne

Set on the shores of the Vierwaldstattersee is one of the most scenic towns in Europe. Lucerne has a long been a central part of Switzerland's unique canton system. You can learn more about this while also enjoying the unspoiled wonder and stunning views of the surrounding mountains.

Excursion to Mt. Pilatus

Everyone will begin this breathtaking journey with a relaxing cruise around Lake Lucerne. We will ascend the mountain by way of the world's steepest cogwheel railway – a marvel of Swiss ingenuity and design. At the summit we will have stunning views across the country and through the Alps before we begin our cable-car descent over the serene forests of Kriens. We will see real edelweiss, hear real cowbells, and relate with Heidi we smell the fresh air of the Swiss Alps.

Overnight in Lucerne

Day 12

Transfer to Venice via Verona

Transfer by way of Romeo and Juliet's Verona, known for its couplets and Capulets! Here we will see the town's Roman Arena, which dates back over 2,000 years. Some may head off to find a bronze statue of Juliet in the tiny courtyard that houses the balcony made famous by Shakespeare. After lunch we will head onward to Venice!

Overnight in Venice

Day 13

This morning we will get up and visit the Doges' Palace while we contemplate the immensity and power of the Venetian Republic that was a world power during the time of Marco Polo. This 14th-century, pink and white Palace is where many of the Venetian dukes once ruled. We will cross "the Bridge of Sighs" connecting the palace and its prison.

Free time in Venice

The afternoon is yours to explore wondrous Venezia. Stroll along the intertwining canals, or venture into the labyrinth of streets crammed with restaurants and shops. Alternatively, you might wish to take in the views from the Rialto Bridge. Otherwise, enjoy a truly romantic experience and ride in one of the city's many gondolas along some of its finest canals. This city is as awesome as you ever imagined. It is unlike any other city in the world.

Overnight in Venice

Day 14

"Day at the Beach!" or "More Venice!"

Today you may opt to return for another visit to the Venice proper or play and relax on the beach.

Some will choose to get up early in the morning and read "The Merchant of Venice" on one of the quieter streets on the north side of the island city. Afterwards, you can have some lunch and then either explore places like St. Mark's Cathedral, where the remains of the Apostle Mark are supposedly buried, or head back to the hotel for an afternoon at the beach.

Day 15

Transfer to Florence via Bologna

Travel through the plains of Emilia-Romagna before making a stop in the university city of Bologna (home of the first university in Europe—chartered in 1158 by Frederick I Barbarossa). Unlike many other cities in the area, Bologna’s wealth is now more hi-tech driven, however the city still retains a wealth of artistic jewels housed in medieval buildings of red-brick. From here continue on to probably my favorite city in all of Europe...Florence, home of the Renaissance.

Guided sightseeing of Florence

Fall under the spell of the powerful Medici family as we walk in the footsteps of many of the greatest thinkers in Western Civilization on our guided tour of this Tuscan City-State. We will see Giotto’s Bell Tower and the imposing marble cathedral in the Piazza del Duomo. We will gaze at Ghiberti’s legendary Gates of Paradise (so dubbed by Michelangelo), and pass the classical statues of the Piazza della Signoria—here you can see where Michelangelo’s David originally stood. We will also visit the Chiesa di Santa Croce, final resting place of Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo. Later, we will watch local artisans at work at a local leather workshop. Hear Dr. Groft and GWC Faculty retell the compelling story of Savonarola and The Bonfire of the Vanities—in the exact spot that it actually happened!

Overnight in Florence

Day 16

Accademia Gallery

This simple building, located on Via Ricasoli, houses one of the world’s true masterpieces in Michelangelo’s statue of David. Elsewhere, we can see unfinished works by the great artist along with other Renaissance treasures. You’ll have to make sure to visit the ‘workroom’ and learn more of the skills required to bring images out of marble

Uffizi Gallery

Originally created as offices (uffizi) for Cosimo de Medici, the building became a gallery in the 17th century. Today it houses one of the finest collections of Renaissance work anywhere in the world. The three-sided gallery is a treasure-chest of pieces in a perfectly-lit opulent setting. The awesome museum contains works from Botticelli, Sarto, Raphael, Veronese, da Vinci, Chardin, and many others including Bernini.

Overnight in Florence

Day 17

Optional excursion to Pisa

Opt to journey to Pisa. Here your guide will lead you to the Field of Miracles, where you can see the six stories of white marble that form the 12th-century Leaning Tower of Pisa, along with the adjacent marble cathedral and the neighboring baptistry. The tower was re-opened to the public in 2001.

For those who opt to stay in Florence, there are a myriad of things to do including visiting the ancient Church of San Lorenzo and learning the story of the greatest of the Medicis, or the beautiful Boboli Gardens. You may also want to cross the Arno River using the Ponte Vecchio Bridge (the only Florentine bridge that was not destroyed by Hitler during World War II) and take in the view from Piazza Michelangelo. Wandering, shopping, people watching, exploring...these are all easy to do in Florence.

Overnight in Florence

Day 18

Transfer to Rome

Continue on to Rome, heart of the famed empire and once-again capital of a united Italy. Today the city is a bustling mixture of traffic that seems to defy logic and architectural treasures that define an age. The Colosseum stands as a reminder of Roman architectural skill while the Vatican City is home to the Catholic Church and some of the world’s most breathtaking works of art.

Orientation Tour of Rome

We will start at the fashionable Spanish steps in Piazza Spagna. From here we’ll head towards the Trevi fountain on our way to the Pantheon, commissioned by the Emperor Hadrian. You will be forced to contemplate just how this impressive building still stands when there are no visible arches or vaults. We will end our walk relaxing in Piazza Navona where you might choose to have your portrait painted by one of the many resident artists or just admire Bernini’s spectacular ‘Fountain of the Four Rivers.’ If you’ve read Dan Brown’s *Angels and Demons*, you will have a whole list of things you will want to see.

Overnight in Rome

Day 19

Imperial Rome Sightseeing

We will begin our tour at Piazza Venezia, which is dominated on one side by the controversial monument to Victor Emmanuel II, first king of a united Italy. From here we'll head towards the Colosseum and learn more of a gladiator's life and this astonishing building while walking inside its famed walls. Our tour ends in the Forum, political heart of the Roman Empire and center of some of history's greatest events.

Free time in Rome

Some will find a shady spot in the Forum and read Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, while others rush to see and explore all they can. Perhaps you might want to sit on the grassy banks of the Circus Maximus and imagine what it was like to watch chariot races there. Rome also has some of the most fashionable shops to be found anywhere; a trip along the Via del Corso confirms this. If not, just find a café, order a soda and watch the noise and bustle of this fascinating city go by.

Overnight in Rome

Day 20

Guided sightseeing Vatican City

Tour St. Peter's Basilica (the world's largest dome) in the Vatican City, erected on the site where Saint Peter was martyred. Inside, admire Michelangelo's *Pietà* along with the numerous features of this masterpiece cathedral—visually stunning and deceptive in equal measure. Passing through the Vatican museums, we will enter the Sistine Chapel, crowned with Michelangelo's incomparable ceiling depicting the creation.

Free time Vatican City

Take time to explore more of one of the world's smallest states. You might wish to ascend to the roof of the dome of St. Peter's for spectacular views of the city or spend more time looking at the almost endless works of art in the Vatican museum. Alternatively, you can relax in one of the many pizzerias to be found nearby.

Overnight in Rome

Day 21

Optional excursion to the Catacombs and the Appian Way

Step back into the 11th century on this optional excursion to Rome's outlying catacombs. Visit the burial chambers of popes and saints and explore some of the earliest signs of Christian worship. Then journey down the Appian Way, the most important route to the city in Roman times, to the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli (St. Peter in Chains) to view Michelangelo's imposing statue of Moses.

Night Ferry to Barcelona

Transfer to the port of Civitavecchia for your night ferry to Barcelona.

Overnight on Ferry

Day 22

Arrival in Barcelona

Follow the long sandy beaches along the low-rise Costa Brava towards Barcelona—Spain's second-largest city. As the capital of fiercely nationalistic Cataluña, Barcelona was the hotbed of resistance under the rule of General Franco and celebrates its unique identity through its language, its increasingly influential government, and most recently on the global stage as host to the unforgettable 1992 Olympic Games.

Walking tour of Barcelona

Absorb the colorful and dynamic atmosphere of Barcelona on our walking tour down Las Ramblas; a mile-long tree-lined pedestrian boulevard which runs from the pulsating Plaza de Catalunya down to the towering monument of Christopher Columbus pointing out to sea. Flower stalls, mime artists, puppeteers, diners and waiters all vie for your attention. You will also see the thrice-burned-down Gran Teatro de Liceu, the nostalgic Café de l'Opera, and still have chance to savor the splendid La Boqueria food market.

Overnight in Barcelona

Day 23

Parc Guell

Complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and the longest bench in the world, Gaudi's masterpiece offers

an unforgettable view across the city and out over the Mediterranean Sea.

Picasso Museum

Visit one of Barcelona's most popular museums which occupies five former medieval palaces in a secluded area on the edge of the Gothic quarter. The buildings were converted, in part, by Picasso to house some 2,500 of his paintings, engravings, and drawings. It now stands as the most significant collection of his work in Spain and includes some of his most formative work from 1895 to 1904.

Overnight in Barcelona

Day 24

Transfer to Madrid via Zaragoza

Transfer via Zaragoza, originally a Roman settlement founded by the mighty Caesar Augustus in 19 B.C., it is now the economically vibrant capital of Aragón. Located in the fertile Ebro valley, Zaragoza remains one of the most visited pilgrim sites in Spain with the colossal ten-domed Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar dominating the city center's exceptional square as the focus of pilgrim worship.

Group sightseeing of Zaragoza (time permitting)

Stand in awe outside the expansive Baroque Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar and view the ten brightly colored tiled domes and four towers which flank this monumental site of pilgrimage. You will be able to gaze up at the cupola with frescoes by Goya and Velazquez, and touch the central pillar where the Virgin was supposed to have appeared to the Apostle St. James.

Arrival in Madrid

Journey to Madrid. At 2,100 feet, this is Europe's highest capital, a Mecca for art-lovers, the world-stage for bullfighting and home to the world's most famous soccer team! The city was elevated to capital status in 1561 at the instigation of Phillip II, and the lavishly opulent Palacio Real, built in 1738, is now an uninhabited but fascinating monument to Spain's much-revered monarchy.

Overnight in Madrid

Day 25

Madrid Royal Palace

Marvel at the extravagantly lavish Palacio Real (Royal Palace) boasting more than 2,000 rooms, an unrivalled armory and a treasure-trove pharmacy.

Free afternoon in Madrid

Take time to explore Madrid. You might like to visit El Rastro, the biggest flea market in Spain, located a few minutes walk south of Plaza Mayor, or alternatively stroll down Paseo del Prado and admire the fountains of Cibeles, Neptune and Apollo by Ventura Rodriguez. Having rested to sample some tasty tapas, you might wish to absorb the buzzing modern Gran Via, or soak up the elite atmosphere of Calle Serrano and visit the Museo Arqueologico with its credible replica of the prehistoric painted caves of Altamira.

Flamenco Evening

The name itself evokes the emotions and traditions of Spain. Flamenco is a unique art form combining guitar playing, singing, chanting, dancing and handclapping. (Keep in mind that the guitar is a Spanish invention, dating back to the 1500's.) There are two main types of song: one lively and cheerful (cante chico) and the other sad and haunting (cante jondo). (A beverage is included.)

Overnight in Madrid

Day 26

Excursion to Toledo

Journey to Toledo, Spain's medieval capital. Crammed onto a rocky plateau, Toledo reveals a history of astounding religious tolerance. The fusion of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian influence manifests itself on the corner of every cobbled street. Tour the ostentatious Gothic cathedral, view El Greco's 'The Burial of Count Orgaz', and visit the synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca, as well as a local damascene workshop.

Overnight in Madrid

Day 27

Guided excursion to El Escorial and Valley of the Fallen
Among the foothills of the Guadarrama Mountains west of Madrid, King Philip II built El Escorial as a monument to his father, Charles V. Designed by Renaissance master Juan de Herrera, the grounds

includes the Royal Pantheon, burial ground of nearly every Spanish monarch since the reign of Carlos I, the magnificent Library of Philip II, and the Royal Apartments. Experience the opulence that Spanish royalty enjoyed long ago on your tour of this extensive complex. Then continue on to the Valle de los Caídos (Valley of the Fallen), an enormous mountain basilica commemorating the thousands who died in the Spanish Civil War. Here, with the Guadarrama Mountains serving as a backdrop, Franco lies buried.

Guided excursion to Segovia

Journey to medieval Segovia; perched on the rocky incline of the Guadarrama mountains, this breathtaking town is famous for its 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct. Visit the fortified Alcázar and Spain's last Gothic cathedral.

Overnight in Madrid

Day 28

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Days 28-33 Service Project Stay-behind (optional)

Students and adults wishing to stay in Europe an additional week to do service work at an orphanage in Spain or Portugal may do so. Dr. Groft is arranging the specifics and the additional costs will be approximately \$395 for the six extra days. This cost is subject to change. Sign up for this extension will be not open until January, 2007

Itinerary is subject to slight changes depending on conditions and local regulations.

Price:

Price for those under 23: With Airfare: \$3,750
 Without Airfare: \$2,998

Price for those 23 and over: With Airfare: \$4,560
 Without Airfare: \$3,808

Only \$95 is required to reserve your spot. A total of \$595 is required by August of 2006. The remaining total will be due by February 15, 2007.

You may be able to save some money by using your frequent flyer miles to cover your own airfare. Just remember that if you cover your own flights, it will be your responsibility to meet up with us at the hotel on the first day and to get to the airport the last day of the trip.

Prices Include the Following:

Comprehensive sightseeing tour led by an expert local guide of London, Windsor, Versailles Palace and Gardens, Florence, Rome, Vatican City, Toledo, Escorial, Valley of the Fallen and Segovia.

Entrance included to St. Paul's Cathedral, Windsor Castle, St. George Chapel, Globe Theater Workshop, Louvre, Versailles Palace, Mt. Pilatus Cog and Cable Car, Chiesa di Santa Croce-Florence, Accademia Gallery, Uffizi Gallery, Roman Colosseum, Sistine Chapel, Parque Guell, Picasso Museum, Royal Palace-Madrid, Flamenco Show, Toledo Cathedral, Sante Tome-Toledo, Alcazar-Segovia, and Segovia Cathedral.

Round-trip airfare

Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)

Overnight stays in superior tourist-class or tourist class hotels (all with private bathrooms)

Continental breakfast daily

Dinners on days 2, 6, 10-12 15, 18, 21, 22, 24

Tube passes while in London on days 2-5

Metro Passes in Paris on days 7-10

Travel card in Barcelona on days 22, 23

Travel card in Madrid on day 25

Full-time services of a Bi-Lingual Tour Director

Instruction from Dr. Groft and GWC Faculty

6-15 Possible Credits (must be paid for separately within one year of the completion of the tour)

Optional Excursions...

Stonehenge and Bath \$80
Giverny \$55*
Catacombs and the Appian Way \$35*
Service Project Stay-Behind in Spain
\$395/\$450**

* Pre-book only

** Book separately with Dr. Groft by the end of January, 2007. This optional stay-behind is not included in EF Insurance Coverage.

Not included in the itinerary:

Personal Insurance
Beverages and daily lunches
Customary gratuities for your Tour Director, Driver and local guides
Public transportation to free time activities
Porterage
Dinners on days 3-5, 7-9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25-27

Accommodation details available approximately 7-10 days prior to departure.

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