

EURO-BUS-TOUR

For Rotary Denmark's Overseas Exchange Students in
district 1440-1450-1461-1470-1480

SPRING 2024

*The timeplan and the plan for
boarding will be adjusted later*

18 days – 8 Countries - 8 Hotels – 12 big Towns
Driving 5.300 km and 92 Hour in a bus – walking 170.000 steps

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For several years, we have arranged a bus tour through Europe for our exchange students. We call it the Euro Bus Tour. It has been arranged in cooperation with a well-known Danish travel operator.

It is an 18-days bus tour through some of the most important European culture centers. The tour is for our Rotary Youth Exchange Students only and planned especially for them, at the same time giving each student the possibility of sharing this experience with other students. An experienced guide who is familiar with all sights and objects of interest on the route, will guide us in our own big, modern longdistance buses and see to, that our students will benefit the most from all they see during the tour.

The students will lodge at youth hostels or tourist class hotels. Accommodation will mostly be in four-bed rooms. Leaders appointed by Rotary Denmark will take part in the tour and take care of the young people's wellbeing and of appropriate discipline according to Rotary policy.

There will be two buses, one leaving Aalborg and through Jutland to Germany and one from Odense to Copenhagen going south through Seeland to Germany.

Itinerary for each bus can be found on page 7.

The buses will pick up students along the route through Denmark and then go through Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and back to Denmark.

To make connection travels as short as possible, the student will enter the bus with departure from the place closest to where they live. Please check the boarding place in the database when you have paid. It is important to be at the right place at the right time when boarding the bus.

Bus tour including accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner, guide and fee

TOUR PRICE

DKK 18.000, -

The tour price covers bus, bed, and three meals a day (beginning with lunch the first day, ending with lunch the last day), but not cokes, milk or other soft drinks you want to drink during the day.

Admission fees are paid for Theresienstadt, the Boat Tour to Venice in boat and the Canal Tour in Paris at Seinen in Paris and Amsterdam. A gondola ride in Venice is at your own cost.

You must bring on the tour the amount of money you want to spend as pocket money. We estimate that this will cost the equivalent of DKK 150 a day, which is DKK 2700 or EUR 350.

Of course, this does not include the purchase of expensive souvenirs, clothes etc., or tickets to concerts, cinema or arrangements like the Spanish Riding School in Vienna and gondola tours in Venice.

The tour has been arranged as appears from the program. The hotel list with the overnight places will be given later. There may be minor changes in the plan.

It is our aim to meet the desire of many exchange students to make a proper Euro Bus Tour. We are aware of many parents concern that the tour can be arranged under secure conditions – a concern which we of course fully share. The tour is therefore subject to Rotary's general disciplinary rules for exchange students.

Violation of the rules will result in immediate return to host club at student's own expense.

As far as possible, we will provide reservations for all students who want to participate, but space is limited by the bus capacity. You will soon get an invitation to the registrationsprogram **NEMTILMELD.dk**

Let your counselor help you with the payment. He/she has the payment form.



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TOUR PROGRAM 2024

1ST DAY - Departure early in the morning by our own bus from Denmark. The destination on the first day is Berlin, the world-famous city where life is exciting. Berlin has over its very changeable status and life, played a major role in many world historical events, and after reunification, again become one of the main cultural and political centers in Europe.

2ND DAY - We will spend all morning with teambuilding. It is very important, that we get to know each other, when we have to spend so many days together. After lunch we will spend the day in Berlin. We will go sightseeing to some of the famous sights, among others Branden-burger Tor, Kurfürstendam, Unter den Linden, Gedächtniskirche, and what is left, of the former Berlin Wall.

3RD DAY - After breakfast, we will continue to Prague in The Czech Republic. On our way, there will be sightseeing at the concentration camp Theresienstadt.

4TH DAY - "The Golden City" Prague stands on seven hills on the river Moldau. We shall go sightseeing to the old castle and the Royal Palace, Hradchin, the Teyn Church, St. Veits Cathedral and "The Golden Street" Zlata Ulica.

5TH DAY - After breakfast, the tour will continue through beautiful landscapes, and the border of Austria will be crossed before we arrive at the glorious capital Vienna, in which we shall stay for 2 overnights. Sightseeing in the afternoon or in the evening.

6TH DAY - Among other things in Vienna, we shall see the beautiful Schönbrunn Palace. There will also be time for you to be on your own and to experience the special atmosphere, listening to Viennese music.

7TH DAY - After breakfast, we shall continue through small picturesque towns in southern Austria. The tour from Vienna will take us through a typical beautiful Austrian landscape. We will arrive at Lido di Jesolo in the evening.

8TH DAY - Lido di Jesolo is a beach area of paradisiacal beauty at the Adriatic coast of Italy. We will spend the day bathing and basking in the sun. Next morning we will make a trip to Venice.

9TH DAY - Venice, town of gondolas, is one of the absolute climaxes on the journey. We will go sightseeing in Venice, visit the Marcus Square, the Doge Palace and the Bridge of the Sighs. After the sightseeing, we will go back to Lido di Je solo, where we will have supper and stay overnight.

10TH DAY - Early in the morning, we shall leave Lido di Jesolo and make a pause in Verona where you will have the opportunity of seeing the Arena and Juliet's balcony, before we continue to the Mondovi area, where we shall arrive for overnights and dinner.

11TH DAY - After a colorful tour we will arrive in Lyon the third biggest town in France. We will stay here for 2 nights.

12TH DAY - Lyon on the Route Napoléon, is strategically located at the confluence of the great rivers Rhone and Saone, the city was established by the Romans as the capital of their new province after their occupation of the Kingdom of Gaul. In this area it will be possibility for having outdoor activities.

13TH, 14TH AND 15TH DAY - Our goal is Paris, the city of cities with its big boulevards and small bistros - the city of thousands of pleasures.

We shall stay in Paris for two days. We will mainly be sightseeing. It will be possible to see Louvre, the Triumphal Arch, the old as well the new one, The Eiffel Tower, the Notre Dame, the Sacre Coer, the Concorde Square, the Latin Quarter and the Centre Pompidou. If you want you may spend some of the time to go to Versailles.

16TH DAY - We leave Paris early, and will arrive in Brussels before lunch, for sightseeing to the Grand Place and Manneken Pis. We will then pass the border to Netherlands and arrive at the Hostel in the Netherlands for last 2 nights on this trip.

17TH DAY - After breakfast will we drive to Amsterdam for sightseeing and a canal boat trip. There will hopefully be a nice farewell evening on the last night on this tour.

18TH DAY - After breakfast, we will drive back to Denmark. Everybody is tired, but it is a pleasant fatigue after a tour through both ancient and modern Europe. We will make a short stop at the Danish border. Arriving time at different places in Denmark are shown on the list of busboarding places.

GENEREL

In some cities, there is a possibility for further experiences. Ask your travel leader or Rotary guide on the bus.

We reserve the right to make alterations in the program.

Registration not later than 23th January.

Payment not later than 1st of March.

Your counsellor will immediately after registration deadline receive the invoice, that you must use upon payment.

Ask your counselor, after February 10th but before 1st of March, how to pay

ITINERARY FOR ROTARY DENMARK'S EURO BUS TOUR 2024

	TOUR 1 Aalborg, Aarhus Fyn og S.Jylland	TOUR 2 Sjælland, København og SYDSjælland	OVERNIGHTS
Day 1	May 20	May 23	Berlin
Day 2	May 21	May 24	Berlin
Day 3	May 22	May 25	Prague
Day 4	May 23	May 26	Prague
Day 5	May 24	May 27	Vienna
Day 6	May 25		Vienna
Day 7	May 26		Lido di Jesolo
Day 8	May 27		Lido di Jesolo
Day 9	May 28		Lido di Jesolo
Day 10	May 29		Mondovi
Day 11	May 30	June 02	Lyon
Day 12	May 31	June 03	Lyon
Day 13	June 01	June 04	Paris
Day 14	June 02	June 05	Paris
Day 15	June 03	June 06	Paris
Day 16	June 04	June 07	Soest, Arnhem
Day 17	June 05	June 08	Soest, Arnhem
Day 18	June 06	June 09	Arrival in Denmark

The dates isn't confirmed yet
But the periode will be in may and June

The hotel list for overnight will be given later



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BOARDING PLACES

BUS 1 – THE FYN – JUTLAND BUS

All participants must be present **15 minutes before departure.**

	Boarding place:	Depart May 20 th .	Return June 06 th (*)
1	From Ålborg Busterminal	Kl. 06.00	Kl. 22.45
2	From Viborg Banegårdspladsen	Kl. 07.00	Kl. 21.45
3	From Randers Arena	Kl. 07.45	Kl. 21.00
4	From Århus Musikhus	Kl. 08.30	Kl. 20.15
5	From Horsens afkørsel 56M og Burger King	Kl. 09.15	Kl. 19.30
6	From Samkørselsplads Hornstrup (is located	Kl. 09.45	Kl. 19.00
7	Feeder bus til Dannebrogsgade	Kl. 09.15	Kl. 19.30
8	From Hylkebanegård busse arrives.	Kl. 10.30	Kl. 18:15
9	From Vojens	Kl. 11.00	Kl. 17:45
10	From Esbjerg	Kl. 11.20	Kl. 17.25
11	From Ribe	Kl. 11.45	Kl. 17:00

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THE SEALAND –BUS

All participants must be present **15 minutes before departure.**

	Boarding place:	Depart May 23 th .	Return June 09 th (*)
1	From STOP 39 trafikcenter, Slagelse	Kl. 06.10	Kl. 21.15
2	From Sorø Hallen	Kl. 06.45	Kl. 20:35
3	From Høje Tåstrup Station	Kl. 07.30	Kl. 20.00
4	From Ishøj Vandrehjem	Kl. 07.50	Kl. 19.40
5	From Rønnede afkørsel 37 – p-plads	Kl. 08.20	Kl. 19.00
6	From Farø Kiosk afkørsel 42	Kl. 08.50	Kl. 18:30
7	From Nykøbing Falster Banegård	Kl. 09.20	Kl. 18:10
	Meeting time – Scandlines - Gedser	Kl. 11:00	
	Arrival Rostock	Kl. 13:15	

(*) Eventual delays: Please phone Tour-operator – 2969 7602

Return-time is only estimated time on arrival – it is not possible to forecast traffic, accidents etc. Please, contact your student during the last day to get updates about arrival-time.

OBS: Students must board and un-board the same boardingplace!!

We reserve the right to change boarding places and times for planning purposes as well as return times due to traffic conditions.



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN EURO BUS TOUR 2024

Dear EURO BUS TOUR Participant!

Here are some pieces of practical information concerning your tour. We have done our best to arrange a good tour for you, but it is also up to you to make it to a real success.

RULES – the 4 D's

Rotary rules must be followed all times.

When you have registered at **NemTilmeld**, you also have accepted, that you will comply with all Rotary rules during the Tour, as for example:

- 1. Drinking or possessing alcohol is not allowed.**
- 2. Using or possessing drugs is not allowed.**
- 3. No driving – cars, electric SEGWAY, electric SCOOTERS or similar**
- 4. Piercing and tattooing is not allowed during the tour.**
- 5. Illegal or disrespectful behavior is not allowed.**

It is neither allowed to buy alcohol nor bring it to Denmark, not even for presents.

The Rotary guides are representing your host club counsellor and are authorized to discipline you and send you back to Denmark at your own expense if you break the rules. You will be sent home immediately. The same applies if we afterwards find you are showing such behavior on social media. After being sent back to Denmark your host district and club will decide, if the warning has such a character, that you will be sent all the way back to your home country.

We have on earlier tours seen that a few students are not mature enough to manage freedom with responsibility. They are damaging the reputation of our program. We hope that we can avoid problems of this kind and that everyone will have a nice tour through Europe.

You must be in the assigned room at curfew time, and all meeting times and places must be respected. Rooms must be left tidy at any time.

You must respect the property of hotels, restaurants and other places en route and not "take" souvenirs. Any damage made by you is your own responsibility. Remember, you are an ambassador of your country, club, your family etc. – and also of Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

POCKET MONEY

You have already paid for bus, hotels and 3 meals a day.

You will have to pay for Cokes, milk, other soft drinks or whatever you will drink during the day (drinks are not included in meals) and you will have to pay for some admission fees.

We have estimated the amount of money you can bring to be about 350 Euro. You can change the amount you need in Prague to Czech. kr. in Prague. Elsewhere Euros can be used.

This estimate does not include tickets for cinema, concerts, The Spanish School etc. or the purchase of souvenirs, clothes, gondolas in Venice etc. This is of course up to you.

It will save a lot of time if you bring some of your money in cash. Major credit cards can be used in most places. It is a good idea to keep the main part of your money, credit card, passport in a small purse that you can carry around your neck (in Danish: en pengekat).

Please do not bring any valuables like expensive jewellery, gold watches etc.

MOBILE PHONE

Use of telephone data/internet outside Denmark may be expensive if you do not have a dataplan. This should be examined (and maybe purchased) before you leave. Some of the information during the trip will be available on mail, WhatsApp or Facebook.

The maximum limit of data usages outside Denmark is often much less than in Denmark.

If you do not have a dataplan, then turn off roaming and use only WIFI. This will restrict your use of internet to places where WIFI is available but save you money.

CLOTHES

In the Middle Europe the temperature is about 15-20 centigrade at the end of May. It may be warmer, and it may rain. Therefore, you should bring summer clothes including a bathing suit and a towel, but also remember to bring a few sweaters and a raincoat or a jacket. Good and comfortable shoes are important, and you must bring more than one pair.

You don't have to dress up unless you want to go to the theatre or to classic concert.

Please observe and respect that many cities have rules for what (little) you may wear.

For your own sake, please do not bring more luggage (Max. 23 kg) than you need. From previous tours, we know that most participants after a couple of days get fed up with carrying too much weight in and out of overnight places. Not all hotels have elevators.

FOOD

If you have specific requirements to the food (vegetarian, vegan, allergy etc.) then advise the travel guide on the bus at the beginning of the trip. Remember it in registration at NemTilmeld.

Many meals you will eat all together and the bus will pay, sometimes you will be given money to buy food and you can go out and eat in smaller groups. The food money will be sufficient for an ordinary meal. If you want more food or expensive food you will have to add money yourself.

REMEMBER TO BRING - MANDATORY

In the bus and not in your luggage

- **Passport**
- **Danish health insurance card – the yellow card**
- **Your own Insurance Card**
- **Your own Residence Card**

- **Copies of the main pages of passport to be stored by the Rotary guides.**

WE SUGGEST YOU BRING

1. **Mobile phone with data plan and charger**
2. **A pillow and a smaller blanket**
3. **An alarm clock / phone + charger**
4. **Padlock for your suitcase when left unattended.**
5. **Bathing suit and 2 towels – It is not allowed to use the hotels/hostel towels at the beach.**
6. **Music instruments**
7. **Student/scholar identity card – (Studiekort), which will give you some discount at certain sights.**

BUS BOARDING

A list of boarding places is seen above. Buses will stop and pick up participants in various towns. The tour coordinator will assign you to a bus and boarding place. The list of boarding places may be subject to changes, if your boarding place is changed you will be informed.

Notice that on return you must leave the bus in the same town where you were picked up the first day.

It is important, that you do not change the boarding place on your own. You need permission from the EURO Tour Coordinator to change boarding place. Bus seating cannot be changed – meaning, you can NOT change bus for some reason.

A list of the hotels will be given later.

To your host families:

Leave a copy of the bus boarding stations and the hotel list with your host family.

When you, at NemTilmeld, have agreed to participate, you also have accepted the rules above.

Changes cannot be made after March 1st, and the paid amount is nonrefundable after this date for any reason - including early return.

Notes:







QUESTIONS to program or payment:

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