All Aboard for Europe

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TAKE your pick, for there are dozens of ways to make your European trip. Everywhere you look, there are more and more students taking advantage of the opportunities for leisure and advanced education that Europe promises.

Conducted tours are many and varied. The Travel and Study Tours, Inc. offers journalism students a 75-day tour of eight European countries. The trip costs \$1.075 and takes in UNESCO, NATO, United Nations European Headquarters in Zurich, the Peace Palace and International Court in the Hague. This trip specializes in the study of European economics and social conditions.

Designer collections

Another tour offered by Travel and Study Tours would interest Textiles and Clothing majors. The trip costs \$1,350, and includes 81 days of visiting England, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and France. The fall and winter collections of Dior, Fath, Schiaparelli and Desses in Paris, and Fontana and Shubert in Italy will be shown to the travelers. European clothing production and design will be studied by taking the student directly to the factory and workshop.

Motor tour

Europe by Motor, sponsored by the International Westminster Tours, travels eight countries in 60 days for \$1,090. France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Holland and England are visited; and an extension to Naples, Pompeii and Capri is offered for \$67.50.

Most conducted tours like the preceding include all costs except passport fee and \$5 French port tax, plus personal spending money.

Many people say the "independent" way of traveling Europe is best. That is, going with your own friend or member of your family, having no exact schedule of travel and going wherever you please. Many good things can be said of this plan. Dorothy Ann Dokken, '52, who traveled Europe this way last summer, gives

her reasons for the independent trip over the travel conducted tour:

- "I. Conducted tours are too regular; you must keep up with the fast pace, cannot linger anywhere you wish.
- 2. In a conducted travel tour you cannot change plans.
- 3. You stay with the same group all the trip; don't see many foreigners long enough to get to know them.
- 4. Majority of travel conducted tours take you to see only buildings, not people and cultures."

An independent tour of Europe costs no more than the conducted tour, and if you budget carefully, you can travel on less.

Youth exchange

Another way to see Europe is by being a member of an experimental group. One of these is offered by the Farm Youth Exchange Program. In an experimental group, you can stay with a family in a European country for the summer. That country in turn will send a citizen of theirs to the United States.

Get a light-weight bicycle and travel Europe as a hosteler. Before your trip, a letter to the hosteling office in the U. S. including your proposed route (you can count on traveling around 25–35 miles per day)

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will get you accommodations for each night in those countries in a hosteling hotel or private home. The main advantage of this trip is that it costs only \$10-\$12 per 100 miles. On your bike you'll carry a little American flag to identify your country. Another great advantage, just like all other independent tours, is that you meet many more people than on a conducted tour.

Information

For further information, write to the addresses below:

- 1. Travel and Study Tours, 110 East 57th Street, New York 22, New York.
- Olson Travel Organization, 39 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.
- 3. Sabena Belgian Air Lines, 422 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.
- International Westminster Tours, c/o Prof. Walter Biberich, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.

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