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Geneva to Den Hague

February 13 to February 21, 2027

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Fee: \$4500 *(funding available)

After the experiences of two World Wars, devastating Europe in the 20th Century, international nations developed a system of international institutions for cooperation, communication and compromising in a peaceful way, based on human rights, instead of military conflict.

It started after World War I, with the League of Nations in Geneva, predecessor of the United Nations. The European Union was born out of World War II. In contemporary times, we see an erosion of many of those crucial institutions.

A tour through Switzerland, France and the Netherlands allows us to learn more about those international attempts to found a peaceful world order.

This Immersion Service Learning experience introduces participants to the complex effects of both world wars from a global perspective. The aftermath will be explored through visits to key international cooperation organizations. Participants will tour historic cities and learn about the current environment and efforts of these important institutions.

Transportation

Group members fly into Geneva and will later travel by train to Strasbourg, then continue on to The Hague. The group will depart from Amsterdam on their return. Participants may walk and travel by public transport bus/train during their trip.

Housing & Meals

Participants will stay in modest hotels in Geneva, Strasbourg and Netherlands. Simple but comfortable rooms typically have two students sharing. Breakfasts are generally included. Participants will experience local cuisine for lunch and supper at various locations.

Service Placements and Group Sessions

Reflection sessions will be incorporated daily. Local facilitators help participants understand the history and purpose of the sites that will be encountered and help interpret these daily experiences and place this experiential knowledge within the broader framework of social justice, and current political issues. Participants will complete their service with post travel public sharing of their research and reflections.

February 13	Arrival in Geneva, city walk
February 14	Key institutions: UN, WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation), UNHCR (High Commissioner for Human Rights), ILO (International Labor Organisation), WHO (World Health Organisation), WTO (World Trade Organisation), WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) visit of Red Cross / Red Half Moon Museum
February 15	Visit Palais des Nations / Palace of the United Nations, former League of Nations, now second seat of United Nations. Train ride to Strasbourg,
February 16	Guided city walk Strasbourg, Center for European Institutions, fact finding European institutions: European Council, European Court of Human Rights, International Institute of Human Rights, European Parliament
February 17	Visit European Parliament
February 18	Train to Den Haag /The Hague, city walk, Dutch Government and Royal Court
February 19	Visit ICJ (International Court of Justice), and ICC (International Criminal Court)
February 20	Train to Amsterdam, city walk and historic site
February 21	Return flight

*** ISL bursaries, and ISL endowment funds are available.**



Please note this schedule is a guideline for typical activities and is subject to change based on a number of factors. Flight delays, available space and staff at facilities, to name a few factors, all play a role in the scheduling process. Students should be prepared to be flexible.