



# Custom Programs

## Shepherd University: Celtic Roots and Global Appalachia 2019 Working Itinerary

The following itinerary is a working document and is subject to change. (revised 9/10/2018)

### May 7

### Departure

Monday

- Group flight departs for Madrid

Meals Included:  
Per airline

### Arrival Flight (21 seats held)

Flight #	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
LH 415	Washington Dulles (IAD)	Munich (MUC)	10:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m. +1
LH 1804	Munich (MUC)	Madrid (MAD)	3:30 p.m.	6:05 p.m.

### May 8

### Arrival and Acclimation in Madrid

Tuesday

*Welcome to Madrid! This European political, economic, and cultural center draws visitors in with a passion for life that is contagious. Whether it's the brilliant art, pounding rhythms of flamenco, or the pace of modern business at one of its many headquarters, Madrid boasts a romantic and unforgettable energy. Explore the Celtic roots of classic works of fiction here in Spain and drink in the Madrileño atmosphere that has inspired authors for centuries.*

Meals Included:  
Per airline  
Dinner

- Meet your field specialist outside of customs and immigration. Board your private coach at the airport for transfer to the hotel.
- Enjoy dinner on own at a local restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.

Madrid Accommodations:  
[Hotel Agumar Madrid](#)  
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### May 9

### Madrid: Orientation & Independent Exploration

Wednesday

- Meet your group and guide in the lobby and continue on a four hour tour of Madrid on foot and via metro. 3-day metro passes will be handed out to all participants.
- Orientation Literature Tour of Madrid:** This 4 hour orientation tour will familiarize guests with Madrid as a destination. Some sites visited by Hemingway or mentioned in his works are included.
- Enjoy lunch on your own during tour, a stop will be provided.
- After lunch enjoy the remainder of the day for independent sightseeing, no coach or guide services included.
- Explore Madrid independently using your three day tourist pass. This pass is valid on all forms of public transport in the city, the nearest metro stop to your hotel is the Atocha Cercanias stop.

Meals Included:  
Breakfast at the hotel

Madrid Accommodations:  
[Hotel Agumar Madrid](#)  
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### Suggested sightseeing in Madrid:

- Royal Palace of Madrid (Palacio Real)
- Parque del Retiro
- Real Basilica De San Francisco El Grande
- The Prado Museum



- Las Ventas Bullring
  - San Miguel Market
  - National Archeological Museum
- Enjoy a free evening and experience a local restaurant on your own.

## May 10

Thursday

### Meals Included:

Breakfast at the hotel

Madrid Accommodations:

[Hotel Agumar Madrid](#)

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## Segovia: Day Trip

- Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for Segovia. Program will travel via private coach. No guide services included

**Intra-program Coach to Segovia** – Approximately 1 hour 15 minutes.

▪ **Tour Segovia**

The coach will drop you off near Segovia's aqueduct, where you will enjoy a program-leader-led tour of the Segovia, including the Cathedral – one of the last Gothic temples built in Europe - and Alcazar. The first records of Segovia show it to be a Celtic settlement which later passed into the hands of the Romans. In 1985 the city-center was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of its ancient roots and heritage. **(entrances to the cathedral and the Alcazar are included)**

- Lunch on own during your sightseeing tour.
- After your day of sightseeing, transfer back to Madrid.
- Return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

## May 11

Thursday

### Meals Included:

Breakfast at the hotel

Madrid Accommodations:

[Hotel Agumar Madrid](#)

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## Toldeo: Day Trip

- Meet in the hotel lobby for your day trip to Toledo. Program will travel via private coach. No guide services included.

**Intra-program Coach to Toledo** - Approximately 1 hour

*Welcome to Toledo! This medieval golden city perched above the Rio Tagus is known as the "city of three cultures". The interwoven cultural influences of Christians, Muslims, and Jews are evident in its intricate mosques, convents, synagogues, and one of Spain's most notable cathedrals. Daunting medieval walls enclose magnificent narrow alleyways and steeply situated artisan shops in this anciently influential city.*

- Meet local guide upon arrival in Toledo. Set off on a tour of the city (3 hours of guided service included) Tour is on foot.

**Tour of Toledo:** Travel to Toledo, the ancient capital city overlooking the lovely Castilla-La-Mancha in central Spain. Known for its Arab, Jewish and Christian monuments, this walled old city highlights the cultural diversity and cultural crossroads that was medieval Spain. See the Bisagra and Sol gates as well as the lively Plaza de Zocodover. Tour will also include the famous sites of this medieval city such as the Alcazar, the highest part of the city to learn of the history and culture of Toledo, the Monasterio de San Juan de los Reyes, cross the Puente de San Martin and see a panorama of the town. **(entrances to the Cathedral and Sinagoga del Transito included)**

- When tour finishes, enjoy lunch on your own. Your local guide will provide suggestions.
- After lunch, enjoy some free time to experience Toledo on your own.
- After your free afternoon, board the coach and return to your hotel.
- Dinner on own
- Return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.



## May 12

Saturday

### Meals Included:

Breakfast at the hotel

Pamplona Accommodations:

[Pamplona Cathedral Hotel](#)

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## Transfer to Pamplona: Local Sightseeing

- Check out, load luggage, and board your coach for your trip to Pamplona. Six hours of coach service included, no guide services included.

*Welcome to Pamplona! Though the first thing that comes to mind may be the world-famous annual Running of the Bulls, originally made famous by Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, visitors will be delighted to find that there's much more to this charming Navarra city. The Casco Antiguo offers enticing churches, beautiful green spaces, an impressive citadel, and a chance to hear the fabled stories of the Camino de Santiago pilgrims.*

- Enjoy lunch with a stop provided (not included).
- After lunch, explore Pamplona on your own and get a feel for this medieval town famous for capturing the heart of Hemingway.

Suggested sites in Pamplona (not included in your program price):

- Fortress and Walls of Pamplona
  - Plaza de Toros de Pamplona: An interactive bullfighting museum
  - Plaza del Castillo (Bar Txoko, Hotel Quintana, Café Bar Torino, Hotel La Perla, Café Iruña, Café Kutz, Café Suizo)
  - Paseo Sarasate (Antiguo Restaurante las Pocholas)
  - Calle Mercado (Casa Marceliano)
  - Calle Eslava, 5 (Antigua pensión)
  - Plaza de Toros.
- Dinner on own
  - Return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

## May 13

Sunday

### Meals Included:

Breakfast at the hotel

Poitiers Accommodations:

[Hotel de l'Europe](#)

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## Depart Pamplona for Southern France

- Check out of your hotel
- Meet your driver in the hotel lobby and board your coach

**Intra-program Coach to Saint-Émilion** (approximately 3 hours 30 minutes by coach)

- Stop for lunch on your own upon arrival in Saint Emilion

### Saint-Émilion Winery Tour:

Saint-Émilion is an ancient town surrounded by vineyards – both the walls and the vines date back to the days of the Roman Empire. For this reason, the majority of the village and its surrounding vineyards are UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit a local winery for a tour and tasting and relax with a glass of red under the summer sun, just as the Romans did some 1800 years ago. (included in the package price)

- After your winery tour, board your coach and continue northwards towards Poitiers.

**Intra-program Coach to Poitiers** (approximately 3 hours by coach)

- Check into your hotel
- Dinner on own and remainder of evening free

## May 14

Monday

## Travel to Paris | Orientation Tour

- Meet in the lobby and check out of your hotel.
- Board coach and depart for Paris. No guide services on coach transfer.



Meals Included:  
Breakfast at the hotel

Paris Accommodations:  
[Holiday Inn Paris Opera Grands Boulevard](#)  
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- Coach from Poitiers to Paris – approximately a 4 hour drive

**Intra-program Coach to Paris** (approximately 4 hours by coach)

*Welcome to Paris! A city that needs no introduction, her charms have captivated the likes of visitors from Cole Porter to James Joyce. Chic, iconic, important, and, of course, delicious, Paris is both exotic enough to inspire and familiar enough to feel like home.*

- Meet your guide at the hotel. Leave luggage at the hotel and continue on your afternoon sightseeing tour by public transit.
- Your guide will hand out three-day metro cards for zones 1-3 and explain how to use public transit in the city.

**Paris Orientation Tour (4 hours)**

*Enjoy a highlights tour of Paris by public transit – four hours of guide-time included. Explore Notre Dame, Quartier Latin, La Conciergerie, Trocadero, Le Marais, and the Eiffel tower. (Entrance to La Conciergerie is included in your tour price.)*

- Return to the hotel. Check in.
- After a short break to relax and eat dinner on your own, reconvene in the lobby and head out for your evening river cruise.
- Enjoy a 1 hour **Paris Evening Cruise** on the Seine
- Return to the hotel on own.

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## May 15

*Tuesday*

Meals Included:  
Breakfast at the hotel

Paris Accommodations:  
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## Paris: Free Day

- Today is a free day for independent sightseeing, no coach or guide services included.
- Explore the City of Light independently using your five-day metro pass. This pass is valid on all forms of public transport in the city.

**Suggested sightseeing in Paris: (not included in your program price)**

- The Louve
- Musée d'Orsay
- The Catacombs of Paris
- The Eiffel Tower
- Musée Rodin
- Palais-Royal Gardens
- Day-trip to the Palace of Versailles

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## May 16

*Wednesday*

Meals Included:  
Breakfast at the hotel

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## Day-trip to Bayeux by private coach

- Meet your coach outside the hotel and board for your sightseeing day in Bayeux (no guide service included, program leader to lead all sightseeing. 10 hours of coach time included.)

**Intra-program Coach to Bayeux** (approximately a 3 hour drive)

- Enjoy local sightseeing in Bayeux – visit the famed Bayeux tapestry at the Bayeux Museum and make a stop at its original home, the Bayeux Cathedral (entry to the museum is included, cathedral entry is free of charge)
- Lunch on own
- After lunch, visit Omaha beach, sight of the D-Day landing during WWII. After your visit, board coach transfer back to Paris.
- Return to the hotel in Paris (approximately a 3 hour drive)
  
- Return to the hotel. Enjoy a free evening.



## May 17

## Paris: Literary Sightseeing

Thursday

### Meals Included:

Breakfast at the hotel  
Dinner

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Travel via metro and spend the day exploring the literary side of Paris. Program leader to lead all sightseeing (no coach or guide services included)

### Suggested Literary sightseeing in Paris: (not included in your program price)

- Musée Carnavalet – Museum of the History of Paris
  - Gravesite of Oscar Wilde at Cimetière du Père-Lachaise
  - Grave of Samuel Beckett at Montparnasse Cemetery
  - Themed walks based on literary neighborhoods of Paris
  - Shakespeare and Company Book Store
- In the evening, walk to your farewell dinner (no assistant service included)
  - Celebrate the end of your program with a **Farewell Dinner** as a group
  - Return to your hotel on foot

## May 18

## Return Home

Friday

### Meals Included:

Breakfast at the hotel

- Spend your morning free exploring Paris!
- Meet your field specialist to check out of your hotel. Board coach and transfer to the airport for your return flight home
- Group flight departs en-route to the United States

### Return Flights

Flight #	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
LH 1027	05/18/2019	Paris (CDG) / Frankfurt (FRA)	9:20 a.m.	10: 35 a.m.
LH 418	05/18/2019	Frankfurt (FRA) / Washington D.C. (IAD)	1:15 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

## Program Ends

### Throughout your tour

As part of our commitment to quality and value, we've included the following:

- English-speaking, trained professional tour guides where indicated
- English-speaking field specialists where indicated
- Wireless internet access in hotels, unless otherwise noted
- Entrances for cultural sites, unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for meals, guides, and drivers
- Transportation in safe, clean motorcoach, including:
  - Intra-city transportation, as listed in your itinerary
  - Airport transfer for group flights
  - Meal transfers, as noted
  - As noted - Full day = 8 hours; Half day = 4 hours
- Intra-program train transportation from Bordeaux to Paris (quote only)

### We thought of that too!

- Bottled water on coach rides
- One non-alcoholic drink at all included meals

### Before your program departs

- Customized online registration portal to manage student registration, payments, dietary and health information collection, roommates, etc.
- Destination guide books

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