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Two Ways to See Europe

Take a Tour

by Doris Post, H. JI. 2

This June, Gladys Hamlin, associate professor of applied art, will make her seventh trip to Europe. She will guide a group of tourists through Austria, Germany, France, England and the Scandinavian lands, pointing out the history of their arts. She has made arrangements to have residents of specific areas act as tour conductors.

Meal and evening stops have been scheduled in advance, but Miss Hamlin says that because most of the traveling will be done in a private bus, she and the others will be able to stop to look at or photograph any unusual or interesting scenes they might encounter.

"Driving down the main streets of the quaint villages and towns, one gets a better idea of the country than by passing through back yards on a train," Miss Hamlin observes.

The tour members have seen slides that Miss Hamlin took at the places they will be visiting. They have also received background information on places they will visit and lists of suggested reading materials.

"An exciting thing about this year is that we will have a chance to attend three festivals! And, the Shakespearian play at Stratford is included in the tour price," she says.

Visitors to Europe have hundreds of questions to ask, and Miss Hamlin has many answers and wise tips. She enjoys taking pictures and will be taking 70 rolls of film with her for her two cameras. She suggests that anyone going to Europe take a camera and know how to work it *before* leaving the United States.

Many people ask about clothes, too. Miss Hamlin suggests that her travelers take an all-purpose coat that offers rain protection and some warmth. It will be needed during the stay in northern countries.

"Europe is no place for heels," she says. "Take thick soled, comfortable walking shoes rather than high heels." Clothes that require little or no ironing and that drip dry are the most convenient for travelers. Something dressy is needed on the boat.

Miss Hamlin advises shoppers to spend their money on something representative of the country and not on some meaningless trinket.

The tour is open to anyone, and members of the group are selected on a "first come" basis. There has been a waiting list for this trip, and all vacancies are filled at the present. This year there will be one college student, Mary Curtis, H.Ed. 3, making the trip.

Travel Independently

by Patty Anderson, H. Ed. 2

In planning a European trip, the first thing to consider is whether to travel with a tour or independently. Though there are advantages to both independent and tour travel, I have decided to travel independently through Europe this summer for two reasons.

1. Traveling independently allows more freedom. You are able to follow an inviting country road when you see one, to stay in a city longer if you feel like it, and to meet the European people on your own to really get to know them.
2. Traveling independently allows a greater variety of hotel accommodations and restaurants. Independent traveling will give you an opportunity to stay in a less expensive hotel or a hostel when you choose and to eat when and where you prefer.

After deciding whether to travel independently or on a tour and finishing the preliminary details of booking a ship or plane, getting a passport and having the necessary inoculations, you are free to think about how you want to travel in Europe. There are many low-cost ways for students to travel, including car, cycling, hiking, railroad, bus and even a scooter or plane.

Traveling by car is recommended to those with limited budgets, for it's economical and educational. The motorist is free to stop whenever he sees something of interest, and if a hotel or restaurant is too expensive, he can drive on to a less expensive one. It is very worthwhile to rent or buy a small car in Europe, for shipping a large car to Europe from the United States by freighter costs almost \$400.

The railroads of Europe now offer an unusual new ticket to travelers from the United States and Canada. This ticket, called "Eurailpass," provides unlimited travel in thirteen countries of Western Europe for two months at the flat cost of \$125. In addition to being honored by railroads, "Eurailpass" is honored by Swiss lake steamers, Rhine and Danube steamers and a ferry service operated by Danish, Norwegian and Swedish railways.

Student charter airplane flights are operated by national unions of students in Europe, providing an inexpensive way to travel between major cities of Europe.

After deciding on the method of travel, it is finally time for the European traveler to decide what countries he would like to see. Author Harvey S. Olson says, "Your own purse, the dictates of your personality, and time available can best guide you in your final decisions."