

GARDENS AND FOOD OF THE ALPS

AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, LIECHTENSTEIN, & ITALY
STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2025



Immerse yourself in the breathtaking gardens and landscapes of Europe's iconic Alpine region, all while savoring local cuisine. Join us as we delve into the design, ecology, and agricultural wonders of France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy—countries renowned for their stunning natural beauty and unique environmental adaptations. This journey will take you to extraordinary landmarks such as the charming Ville de Marseille near Nice, France, the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany (the inspiration for Disney's castles), the enchanting Mainau Island Garden, and the picturesque Lucerne in Switzerland where you can indulge in a delightful array of cheeses and flavored milk. Our program is a deep dive into landscape design principles, where you'll learn to incorporate distinctive regional features and plants. You'll explore the vital role plants play in making our world not only more beautiful but also more sustainable. We'll cover everything from food systems and urban landscape architecture to plant adaptation and environmental impact. By participating, you'll gain the knowledge to make informed decisions about plants and landscape materials, appreciate the artistry of landscaping, and understand the critical influence of plants on both the environment and human life. This program aims to inspire a deeper recognition of the natural world's divine beauty and the central role plants play in our lives and society. This is an active and immersive study abroad experience. You'll visit diverse gardens, food production systems, historic manor houses, and natural landscapes. Engage with local professionals, explore historical locations, and develop a profound appreciation for the beauty and importance of plants in our world. Don't miss this chance to be part of an unforgettable journey through the heart of Europe's most stunning landscapes.

DATES

6 July–7 August 2025 (official dates TBA)

HOUSING

Hotels and hostels in France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy

COURSES OFFERED

PWS 100 Plants in the environment (3 credit hours) How plants influence humans

PWS 103 Residential Landscape Design (3 credit hours) design and composition as applied to development of residential grounds; fulfills the Arts GE requirement for Arts, Letters and Sciences, and major requirement for PLS majors
PWS 320 Sustainable Plant Systems (3 credit hours) controlled environment horticulture for domestic and global food security
PWS 331 Science of Plant Pest Control (3 credit hours) management of plant health;
PWS 494R Mentored Research (3 credits) develop your own project based on your interests
Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$8,100-8,600

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and Non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, in country travel, entrance fees, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include international airfare or personal expenses. Some but not all meals will be included in the program cost.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at:

BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB

PREPARATION

No prerequisites required. This study abroad is for students in any major. Students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of winter semester. (Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class.) Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course. International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see

<https://kenedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES

University funding is available to help fund study abroad experiences. Contact Professors Matt Arrington or Brad Geary for details. Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (seek kenedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be adults 18 years-of-age or older. Complete the online application at kenedy.byu.edu/apply.

The application requires a \$35 fee. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance. Please refer to the Payment Information document (see kenedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2024.pdf).

Application Deadline: 15 December 2024

Priority Deadline: 15 November 2024

FACULTY

Matt Arrington and Brad Geary are faculty directors of the program and are professors in the Department of Plant and Wildlife Sciences at Brigham Young University. Feel free to contact us with any questions you have.

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INTERESTED STUDENTS CAN ALSO CONTACT

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.