



# Virginia Tech RSAP Summer 2018

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Each year, CLI partners with a select number of universities to create one-of-a-kind, fully customizable study experiences around the world. With careful guidance from CLI's team of American and international educators, Virginia Tech RSAP students will gain invaluable insight into Europe's visionary science tradition and the future of some of its most relevant industries.

CLI provides three core services: (1) assistance in developing your program itinerary; (2) comprehensive pre-departure support (see [www.studycli.org/rsapeurope18](http://www.studycli.org/rsapeurope18)); and (3) facilitation of all logistical provisions (e.g., domestic and international airfare, buses, hotel accommodations, restaurant recommendations and bookings, activity planning, and CLI program leaders).

Please note that while the spirit of the below schedule will remain unchanged, certain aspects — in consultation with VT faculty leaders — are subject to be updated. Company visits are typically scheduled one to four months prior to program start date. As a result, our proposal includes a few placeholders for unspecified visits. Each will be specified in the months leading up to May 2018, and this process will be completed in close collaboration with Virginia Tech faculty leaders. CLI maintains a strong track record of providing engaging and impactful company visits to both highly localized firms as well as multinational corporations.

As always, please feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions, requests, and/or suggestions during the program planning and implementation process.

*Our team looks forward to welcoming VT RSAP back to Italy, Switzerland and Germany in 2018!*

## MAY 14 - MAY 17: ITALY | MILAN'S MASTERS OF DESIGN AND GASTRONOMY

### DAY 1 | SUNDAY, MAY 13 (MILAN)

**Evening** Fly from Washington DC to Milan

### DAY 2 | MONDAY, MAY 14 (MILAN)

**Early Afternoon** Arrive in Milan and check into the hotel

*While traveling into Milan, engage in a comprehensive orientation session to understand and conceptualize the journey ahead. In addition to several other items, students will receive public transportation passes for the program ahead.*

**Late Afternoon** Enjoy a guided bus tour of the streets of Milan en route to your welcome dinner

**Evening** Group welcome dinner followed by gelato dessert!



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## DAY 3 | TUESDAY, MAY 15 (MILAN)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit the Politecnico de Milano campus for cultural exchange with local engineering students
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch near Politecnico de Milano with local peers
<b>Afternoon</b>	Company visit
<b>Evening</b>	Free time to explore the city and small group dinners on your own

## DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 (DAY TRIP TO PARMA)

<b>Early Morning</b>	Relax on a scenic bus ride to Parma (~2 hours) <i>The city of Parma is often recognized for its famous Parmesan cheese and prosciutto, as well as its Romanesque buildings gracing the city center.</i>
<b>Late Morning</b>	Visit the Barilla pasta plant, the biggest pasta factory in the world!
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch
<b>Afternoon</b>	Tour the Dallara Factory <i>Dallara Automobili is an Italian chassis manufacturer for various motor racing series, including IndyCar, Indy Lights, Super Formula, and Formula E.</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Bus back to Milan; free time to enjoy small group dinners and explore the city

## DAY 5 | THURSDAY, MAY 17 (MILAN)

<b>All Day</b>	Free time and optional activities
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## MAY 18 - 21: SWITZERLAND | THE LEADING EDGE OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

## DAY 6 | FRIDAY, MAY 18 (MILAN TO GENEVA)

<b>Morning</b>	Embark on a train journey to Geneva (~4.5 hours); check into hotel
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch near hotel
<b>Afternoon</b>	Take part in a walking and boat tour of the city's top attractions, including Jet d'Eau, Lake Geneva, and Palais des Nations, home to the UN's headquarters and several additional international organizations
<b>Evening</b>	Free time to explore Geneva and small group dinners on your own

## DAY 7 | SATURDAY, MAY 19 (GENEVA)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research <i>CERN boasts the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest machine and most powerful particle accelerator. Among other historic accomplishments, CERN is also the birthplace of the World Wide Web.</i>
<b>Noon</b>	Small group lunch on your own at the CERN cafeteria
<b>Afternoon/Evening</b>	Free time



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## DAY 8 | SUNDAY, MAY 20 (GENEVA)

<b>Morning</b>	Free time
<b>Noon</b>	Small group lunches on your own
<b>Early Afternoon</b>	Visit the Geneva Ethnography Museum <i>The permanent collection of this excellent hands-on museum, "The Archives of Human Diversity," examines the similarities and differences of our planet's myriad of cultures. It showcases around 1,000 artifacts from the museum's 80,000-strong collection. In 2017, the MEG (Musée d'Ethnographie de Genève) was awarded the prestigious title of European Museum of the Year.</i>
<b>Late Afternoon</b>	Explore the Conservatory and Botanical Garden of the City of Geneva <i>Celebrating its bicentenary in 2017, Geneva's premier botanical park — renowned for its Botanical Conservatory — boasts over 12,000 species of plants from around the world, meticulously arranged in a series of beautiful themed gardens.</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Free time to explore Geneva and small group dinners on your own

## DAY 9 | MONDAY, MAY 21 (GENEVA)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit the Verbois Dam for a behind-the-scenes guided tour <i>Verbois opened in 1944 and is the principal hydroelectric works on the Genevan Rhone. The plant includes the dam and its four channels with two sluice gates each, as well as four Kaplan turbines and two lateral dykes. It's the largest source of electrical energy production in Geneva.</i>
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch
<b>Afternoon</b>	Company or university visit (TBD, possibilities include the Wyss Center for Bio and Neuroengineering, the University of Geneva, or a local company)
<b>Evening</b>	Free time

## MAY 22 - MAY 26: GERMANY | A HIGH-TECH POWERHOUSE

### DAY 10 | TUESDAY, MAY 22 (GENEVA TO MUNICH)

<b>Early Morning</b>	Hotel check-out and fly nonstop from Geneva to Munich (~1.5 hours)
<b>Late Morning</b>	Check into hotel and explore surrounding area
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch
<b>Afternoon</b>	Engineering company visit
<b>Evening</b>	Free time to explore Munich and small group dinners on your own



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## DAY 11 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 (MUNICH)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit the site of the Dachau Concentration Camp <i>Dachau was the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany. In the postwar years the Dachau facility served to hold SS soldiers awaiting trial.</i>
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch
<b>Afternoon</b>	Visit the engineering department of a major university in Munich <i>Engage in one-on-one cultural exchange activities, tour the campus with local university students as guides, and attend a guest lecture on Germany's largest engineering projects.</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Free time in Munich to explore with local peers

## DAY 12 | THURSDAY, MAY 24 (DAY TRIP TO SALZBURG)

<b>Early Morning</b>	Travel by bus to Salzburg (~1 hour 45 min)
<b>Late Morning</b>	Ride the glass Festungsbahn funicular atop the Festung Hohensalzburg, a mighty 900-year-old cliff-top fortress; take in the views over the Salzach River
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch at Marktplatz
<b>Afternoon</b>	Embark on an underground tour of the Salzburgwerk Berchtesgaden Salt Mine
<b>Evening</b>	Return to Munich by bus; free time

## DAY 13 | FRIDAY, MAY 25 (MUNICH)

<b>Morning</b>	Take part in a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the BMW Plant <i>Engage in an exciting behind-the-scenes tour of all areas of production of this iconic automobile, from the press works to its assembly.</i>
<b>Afternoon</b>	Free time
<b>Evening</b>	Enjoy a festive group farewell dinner in central Munich

## DAY 14 | SATURDAY, MAY 26 (MUNICH TO WASHINGTON DC)

<b>All Day</b>	Fly back to the USA
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*Please see the following page for additional information*