



Germany

2017 JETSETNETWORK



WILLKOMMEN!

Welcome to Cologne, Germany! Our NetWings Family is delighted to invite you to our NetWings European JetSetNetwork in Cologne, Germany. Through this Cohort, you will also participate in the prestigious 2017 World Business Dialogue Conference. Throughout the past few months, our team has worked hard to prepare an eventful five-day, impactful journey with the hope of exposing your cohort to a variety of events ranging from keynote presentations from European Politicians, One on One interaction with citizens experience migration policy and refugee status , conversations with your mentors living in Europe, amongst many other opportunities . Our team at NetWings cannot wait for you to gain your wings... your NetWings. Thank you for your handwork and dedication throughout the past few months! We look forward to an amazing trip ahead!



CASE STUDY RELEVANCE TOPIC

UNDERSTANDING THE EUROPEAN UNION, CURRENT DAY.

EUROPEAN UNION THREATENS MASS DEPORTATION ON REFUGEES

On March 3rd, 2016, European Council President Donald Tusk issued a blunt warning that the European Union (EU) intends to seal off its borders and summarily deport masses of desperate refugees fleeing imperialist wars that are devastating the Middle East. Speaking from Athens after meeting with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, Tusk said: "I want to appeal to all potential illegal economic migrants, wherever you are from. Do not come to Europe. Do not risk your lives and your money. It is all for nothing. Greece, or any other European country, will no longer be a transit country." Who wants to leave the European Union? Between now and June Britain heads to the polls to decide whether or not to leave the European Union—get it, Brexit, as in British exit? —after 43 years as part of the now-28-nation bloc. In the best case, doing so would hurt their economy for the next 5 to 10 years, and leave them no better off after that. And in the worst, it would send political shockwaves through Europe that would dwarf the economic ones hitting Britain. Indeed, people are already talking about Brexit leading to Czexit and who knows how many others as Europe wakes up from its dream of an "ever closer union" to the reality of a new nationalism. This was a discussion in our agenda for our 2016 trip. With only a couple months after this, we have now seen the effects of Brexit. This will be a major point of discussion and observation during our time in Germany.



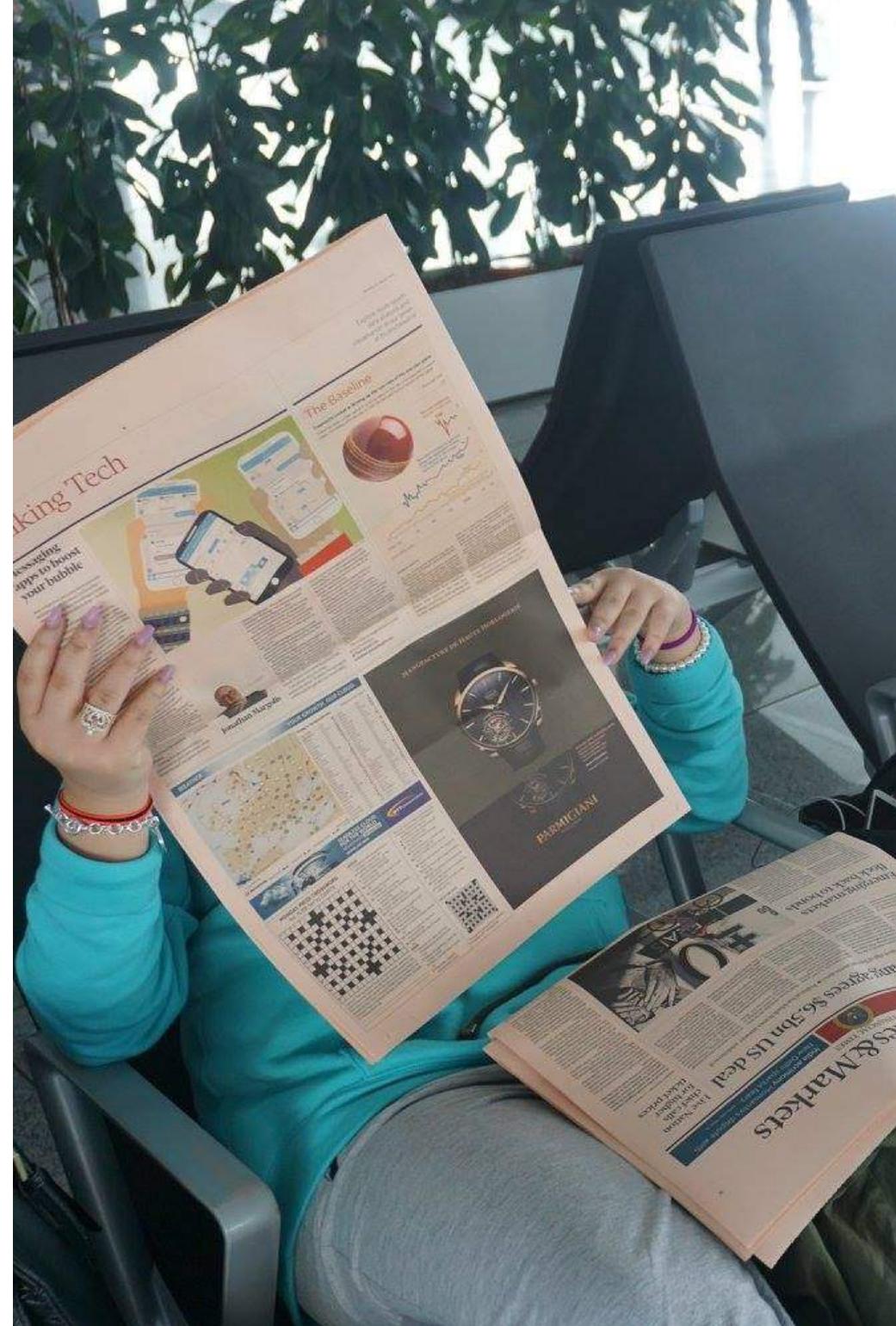
TRAVEL AGENDA & TRIP PRE-WORK

Get ready for an action packed week filled with NetWings Curriculum Program as well as attendance of the World Business Dialogue Conference!

In the following pages, you will find a tentative travel agenda for the activities you will be partaking in.

Make sure you prepare by reading through the topics we outline in this packet, review your case study, and consider the conversations you have had with your mentors these past months as well as articles our NetWings team has sent your way.

Make sure to also bring your Mickeyisms 30 Tips for Success Book for your inflight reading!





DAY 1

Culture Exploration Day

- (1) Germany History Museum Tour
- (2) Koln Cathedral Tour
- (3) World Business Dialogue Welcome Night Reception- Meet the 300 delegates of the Dialogue this year

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DAY 2

Mentor Meet up Day

- (1) Case Prep sessions with Mentors to discuss strategy for Fieldwork Day
- (2) Dinner with all Cohort mentors to meet in person and try local German food

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DAY 3

Case Studies Fieldwork Day

- (1)PWC Frankfurt Office Visit with Office Managing Partner- Discussion about the economic impact of the refugee crisis within Germany
- (2) Meet with government volunteers at Bonn Train Station- Understand the logistics process of welcoming refugees upon arrival to Germany
- (3) CARE Bonn Office Visit with CARE Director Thomas Knoll and Syrian Refugee Basheer Alzaalan- Learn of CARE's role in the refugee crisis and learn of Basheer's journey to Germany
- (4)Dinner with refugees at Bonn Church- Meet with refugees to learn of their stories, and share a meal amongst new friends

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TRAVEL TO DOS

(1) Currency- Cash is King! Several shops and Taxis will only take Cash so make sure you plan ahead for this whether bringing cash with you or using ATM machines in Germany. Make sure to keep up to date on the exchange rate for your currency to get the best rate possible.

(2) Credit Cards- Make sure to authorize the use of your Credit/Debit Cards while abroad. Call your Bank and tell them you will be traveling. Also ask about transaction fees that you might incur while abroad.

(3) Adapter- Make sure you bring the appropriate adapter for your appliances

TRAVEL TO DOS

(1) Phones- Get an International Phone Plan or SIM card and figure out how to use your phone while abroad to avoid costly roaming and travel fees

(2) Converter- The electric current in Europe is 220-240v. Make sure to check your chargers and electronics beforehand— if your electronic device only operates on 110- 120v, then you will need a converter.

(3) Time Difference- Account for the time differences in your travel planning and communication

LANGUAGE

As you might expect, German is the official language of Germany, and is a very important aspect of German culture. In large cities, you'll find that many people speak and understand English. However, English is limited in smaller, more rural areas. The conference will be in English and will be attended by several individuals from around the world, speaking various languages. It never hurts to brush up on some basic phrases and terms to best navigate the country you will be visiting. Here are a few to get you started! Any questions? Ask your mentors!

Hi	Hallo!
Good Morning!	Guten Morgen!
Good Evening!	Guten Abend!
Welcome!	Willkommen!
How Are You?	Wie geht's dir?
I'm fine, How are You?	Danke, mir geht's gut!
Thank You Very Much!	Danke/ Vielen Dank!
How much is this?	Was cassette das?



CULTURE TIP --TIPPING--

Service workers in Europe are paid a livable wage, and therefore do not rely on tips as heavily as service workers do in the U.S. Leaving 5-10% is considered a very good tip if you've had a pleasant dining experience. It's usually preferred that you tip in cash (using local currency) whenever possible. To ensure that your tip makes it to the right person, always give your tip directly to your server rather than leaving it on the table.

CULTURE TIP --WATER--

In the United States, it's common for restaurant-goers to ask for a glass of tap water. In Germany, however, requesting tap water is a big no-no. Why?

The German word for tap water is "Leitungswasser," which means plumbing water. Obviously, one doesn't want to wash down their sauerkraut with a glass of plumbing water.

CULTURE TIPS --COMMUNICATION--

Contrary to popular belief, Germans are actually a quite talkative bunch—they just don't like meaningless small talk. Germans are known for being very direct, which shouldn't be mistaken for rudeness or coldness. When having a conversation, speak clearly and precisely. If you say to someone, "Hey, how's it going?" don't be surprised if they go into a 10-minute spiel about how they are. Germans interpret this common English greeting very literally.

Germans greatly value their privacy and personal space. Never ask someone to give you a tour of their home; don't greet someone with a hug unless you are close friends; and stay at least an arm's distance or more away when having a conversation with another individual.



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