

WorldTour 2019/2020

The Project

WorldTour is a project by the Ressort International (RI) (www.ressortinternational.ch) an initiative by the Student Union at the University of St. Gallen. The Ressort International wants to provide a platform for students to network with other students from all over the world and to foster students' cultural competence and intercultural understanding.

The WorldTour project is a student exchange-program between Switzerland and Russia. Its goal is to strengthen the cultural understanding between students from both continents and function as a platform to develop long-lasting connections/friendships amongst the students.

The project consists of two 10 to 12 day long trips, one to Russia and one to Switzerland. Each trip will be organised and funded by the student team from the respective university. There are usually around 40 students participating (20 from Switzerland, 20 from Russia), including the participating organising team.

Trips

On the trips the local students will show the exchange students their home country and culture from a personal perspective. It is a goal of the project to make those groups as multicultural as possible. This means that there are no restrictions regarding nationality or else, everyone is welcomed to participate, as long as he/she is an enrolled student at one of the two participating universities.

The trips usually include visits to political institutions, companies, typical activities for the respective country, sport events, nights out, local meals, visiting special places and more. The core teams are free how and what to organise for the trip. As inspiration old schedules can be provided. Also, the Swiss student team will gladly help and answer any questions. Particular wishes regarding the program can be brought up and the core team will try to make them possible.



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Hospitality has to be organized by the local core team, how is their choice. Sometimes a buddy system is used, whereby the visiting student sleeps at the flat of his “buddy” and vice versa on the second trip. Also possible are for example hostels.

Financing

The trips are financed by a fee charged of the participants as well as donations by companies, foundations or else. Last year’s fee for swiss participants participating in a comparable project was 1000 Swiss francs. We in addition managed to gain sponsors and donations from foundations and companies. Furthermore, often companies are willing to provide food, free access for activities, or other non-financial aid.

The Budget of the Russian organisation committee has to include the following:

- The flight to Switzerland and back.
- The Russia-Trip (This includes accommodation for **all** students during the Russia-Trip, the food, the transportation, all entry fees etc.)

The Budget of the Swiss organisation committee has to include the following:

- The flight to Russia and back.
- The Swiss-Trip (This includes accommodation for all students during the Swiss-Trip, the food, the transportation, all entry fees etc.)

Personal needs/goods are at the expense of each student.