POLITICS | BELGIUM | 4 DAYS

## BRUSSELS





Discover the day-to-day running of the European Parliament, Europe's largest parliamentary visitor centre. Take a seat in the cinema of the Parliamentarium and get a 360° view of Europe and of its Parliament. Discover how the Parliament works, how laws are made and why European politics matter.

Experience the engaging "MEP for a Day" role play game which is designed for groups of secondary school students and lasts 2.5 hours. Players are split up into political groups and step into the shoes of Members of the European Parliament. By debating on actual issues and themes, they learn how European Union legislation is created and how the future of Europe is forged. The role-play game reveals the full extent of the legislative process, from consulting interest groups and forming alliances to negotiating with other institutions and speaking to the media.

Visit the European Commission for a talk on the history and role of the Commission and visit the European Council for a Question-and-Answer session. And finally challenge your Politics students to contemplate both Europe's history and its future at the House of European History.

### **CURRICULUM LINKS**

Our school tour to Brussels is most relevant to students of GCSE Politics, European History and Citizenship. It is also an excellent cross curricular tour for activities week.





#### KS3

 Citizenship skills, processes and methods

### GCSE

- Democracy in Action
- International Politics in Action
- How can citizens try to bring about political change

# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

For larger groups the tour can easily be carried out by coach and for smaller sized groups we recommend asking for a quote via Eurostar from London St Pancras. A condensed 3-day itinerary is also available.

Day I	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Eurostar travel to Brussels. Check in to accommodation	Guided walking tour of the European Quarter	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 2	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	MEP for a Day role play game at the Parliamentarium	Visit the House of European History	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 3	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 3	<b>Morning</b> Visit the European Commission for talk	<b>Afternoon</b> Question and Answer session at the European Council	<b>Evening</b> Evening meal at accommodation Ten Pin Bowling
Day 3 Day 4	Visit the European Commission	Question and Answer session	Evening meal at accommodation

### **EDUCATIONAL VISIT OPTIONS**

- Atomium and Design Museum Brussels
- Choco Story





## SAMPLE ACCOMMODATION

Centrally located hostel accommodation located just 20 minutes metro transfer from the Eurostar terminal and around 30 minutes' walk from the European Parliament.



#### **SLEEPWELL HOSTEL**

Eco friendly hostel with 137 beds, 24h reception, free wifi, luggage room, lounge with table tennis and table football.

All rooms have private showers and bathrooms and lockers to secure belongings. A breakfast buffet is included.

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