TRAVEL PROGRAM MEDIA GUIDE
The Great Journey through Europe

We hope you find the following list of resources—books, maps, video recordings, audio recordings, and websites—relating to your travel program helpful. The book titles listed should be available at local public or university libraries; most of them may be purchased and/or downloaded for e-readers through local and online bookstores.

◆ GUIDEBOOKS AND MAPS
   An updated, well researched and easy-to-navigate guidebook which covers Germany’s most visited attractions in addition to unsung gems. Comprehensive chapters on the historically rich cities of Cologne and Heidelberg are complemented by well-researched background information and tips on visiting storied castles and hilltop villages.

   A truly comprehensive guide, this book features commentary and expert advice on France’s best sights and a comprehensive background on its unmatchable culture.

   Eyewitness Guide Staff. DK Eyewitness Switzerland. 2019.
   This concise and visually oriented guidebook provides brief but inspiring commentary on Switzerland’s magical Alpine landscapes and storybook towns and cities.

   The market leading travel guide publisher, Lonely Planet combines accessible and well-written information on Amsterdam’s most popular sights, with expert tips on how to get the most out of the storied capital city in a short amount of time.

   A regional map at a scale of 1:350,000 includes the Rhineland.

   The popular public television travel host highlights Germany’s natural wonders and cultural treasures as he traverses the nation’s rivers, mountains and cityscapes. Enthusiastic, conversational prose is accompanied by historical context, practical information and cultural features along with useful planning tools.

   Rough Guide provides a wealth of well researched and narrated cultural information as well as background features, evocative landscape descriptions, honest reviews, planning tools, curated itineraries and insightful ‘best of’ sections.

   Laminated, pocket map with an extensive street index at a scale of 1:15,000. 4x7 inches.
Laminated and folded, this pocket-size map displays central Amsterdam at a scale of 1:9,000; the main city at 1:14,500; and the metropolitan area at 1:80,000. 4x8.2 inches.

A waterproof, tear-resistant map of Switzerland at a scale of 1:300,000. Includes detailed elevations and the locations of natural attractions. 4.25x9.25 inches.

**History and Culture**
Besamusca, Emmeline and Jaap Verheul. Discovering the Dutch: On Culture and Society of the Netherlands. Amsterdam University Press. 2014. This updated edition tackles Dutch identity through a number of essential themes that span the culture, history and society of the Netherlands.

Through his examination of the daily life, loyalties and rivalries in the Alpine village of Château-d'Oex, where he grew up, Birmingham illuminates the broader history of the country, from early colonization by the Celts through the reformation and 20th-century modernization.

This exceptional and rare history of the Grand Tour begins at its inception during the decline of the Roman Empire and follows all the way through the modern era. Enjoy Chaney’s thorough and complete picture of Western civilization’s traditional Grand Tour through Europe.

Church, Clive, and Randolph C. Head. A Concise History of Switzerland. Cambridge University Press. 2013. This comprehensive and engaging history of Switzerland traces the development of its society and state from its medieval origins to the present. The authors provide a fresh view that places Swiss history within a European context, adding a new perspective to the history of the continent as a whole.

Cioc traces the history of human impact on the Rhine over the past 200 years. He offers evidence that an awakening environment ethic among the nations of the Rhine Valley has led to a restoration of this historic river and its habitats.

A lively, fast-paced chronicle of the daring and driven mountaineers who pitted their skills and stamina against Switzerland’s most challenging peaks, woven into a chronology of Alpine exploration spanning 150 years.

A clear and informative guide to the twists and turns of German history from the early middle ages to the early 21st century. The author, a professor of German history at London’s University College, provides a crisp synthesis of a vast array of material and explores the interrelationships between social, political and cultural factors.
Halbrook, Stephen P. *Target. Switzerland: Swiss Armed Neutrality in World War II.* Da Capo Press. 2003. In this definitive study of Switzerland’s neutrality during World War II, Halbrook argues that Switzerland’s fierce determination and robust preparation for armed resistance was the most significant contributor to its success in maintaining neutrality against German and Italian totalitarian regimes.


Kuntz, Joelle. *Switzerland: How an Alpine Pass Became a Country.* Historiator Editions. 2008. Kuntz examines the history of Switzerland, dating from 1291, and how one of the oldest and smallest countries continues to endure. Over the last 500 years, the people of Switzerland have maintained the same basic principals: remain small, neutral and moderate.

Price, Roger. *A Concise History of France.* Cambridge University Press. 2014. This comprehensive survey, the substantially revised third edition in the series, examines French history from the Middle Ages into the chaotic contemporary era of a society and political system in crisis.


Shorto, Russell. *Amsterdam, A History of the World’s Most Liberal City.* Vintage. 2014. An entertaining exploration of Amsterdam, demonstrating how the unique geography of the city cultivated the spirit of progressivism associated with it today.

Steinberg, Jonathan. *Why Switzerland?* Cambridge University Press. 2016. First published in 1976, this revised edition of Steinberg’s classic account of Switzerland’s unique political and economic system examines the nation’s complicated voting system; a collective and consensual executive leadership in both state and church; and the creation of the Swiss idea of citizenship.

**ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

This fresh look at Swiss graphic design reveals local concerns and a high conceptual and formal quality.


**LITERATURE AND TRAVEL MEMOIRS**

With astuteness and charm, the author retraces Thomas Cook and company’s 1863 journey from London to Lucerne, guided by diary entries from a member of Cook’s original traveling party.

Recipient of the Booker Prize, Fitzgerald’s novel, set in the age of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, penetrates the world of Germany’s intellectual and mercantile elites.

Goethe, Johann Wolfgang von. *Faust*. 1808 (Part I) and 1832 (Part II).
A classic of world literature, this drama in two parts portrays man’s uncompromising and never-ending quest for the sublime.

Heine, Heinrich. *The Book of Songs (Buch der Lieder)*. 1827.
This volume collects all of the verse written at the time of publication by the celebrated 19th-century German poet Heine, a child of the Rhineland. It includes Heine’s lyrical poem, *The Lorelei*, based on the legend of a siren who lures sailors to a steep rock in the Rhine River, which has been set to music by more than 25 composers, perhaps most famously by Franz Liszt.

Lightman explores the relationship between science and art, the creative process and the fragility and anguish of human existence as he presents a fictionalized account of young, defiant and sensitive Albert Einstein as he grapples with his theory of relativity and new concepts of time in turn-of-the-century Bern.

Originally published in 1924 and hailed as one of the most influential works of 20th-century German literature, Nobel Prize winning author Mann presents a hermetic Swiss community devoted sickness as a fictional microcosm for Europe in the days leading up to World War I.
In this vivid drama set in 1630s Amsterdam, a man contracts the talented painted Jan Van Loos to paint a portrait of himself and his beautiful wife, Sophia. But as Van Loos begins his work, a mutual attraction develops between the artist and his patron’s spouse.

Originally published in 1817, English Romantic writer Shelley recounts her Great Journey with poet (and soon-to-be-husband) Percy Bysshe Shelley through France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands in the summer of 1814.

Twain, Mark. *A Tramp Abroad*. Oxford University Press. 1996.
Originally published in 1880, written as a “sequel” to Twain’s earlier work, *Innocents Abroad*, this volume provides a wealth of humorous insights into the author’s experiences in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Van Last Galen, Dick and Rolf Wolfswinkel. *Anne Frank and After: Dutch Holocaust Literature in a Historical Perspective*. Amsterdam University Press. 1996. In this critical text, authors grapple with the Holocaust’s indelible influence and how Dutch literature bore witness to this horrifying historic chapter in the Netherlands. Based on the work of leading historians of the period, the book examines literary works from Gerard Durlacher, Anne Frank, W.F. Hermans, Harry Mulisch, Gerard Reve and many others.

**FOOD**

Braatz, Dieter, Ulrich Sautter and Ingo Swoboda. *Wine Atlas of Germany*. University of California Press. 2014. A comprehensive and up-to-date guide to German wines that explains the geography of the country’s wine-growing regions and provides independent analysis and ranking of the most significant vineyards in each area.

Child, Julia, Simone Beck and Louisette Bertholle. *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. Knopf. 2009. Child’s masterpiece, this two-volume set has introduced millions of Americans to French cooking for more than 40 years and remains relevant and user-friendly. Originally released as separate volumes in 1961 and 1970, this set is collectively considered one of the most important American cookbooks ever published.

The history of beer and its role in German culture includes descriptions of Germany’s chief brewing styles. Dornbusch handles his subject with knowledge and enthusiasm.

With an enjoyable and immensely readable style, a science writer uncovers how topography and geography greatly impact the qualities and subtleties of France’s regional wines.

**DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS**

Listed below are films, documentaries and travel programs featuring Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland. All should be available on DVD and/or Blu-ray at your local library and/or bookstores or may be ordered online.

*Clouds of Sils Maria.* 2014. Directed by Olivier Assayas.
The Swiss Alps provide the stunning backdrop for this coming-of-age drama featuring Juliette Binoche as an acclaimed actress and Kristen Stewart as the personal assistant who poses a subtle threat to her identity.


A classic crime thriller stars Eastwood as an art history professor, mountain climber and former assassin who joins a mountain climbing expedition in the Swiss Alps when he is blackmailed into returning to his former profession.

Kapczynski, Jennifer M. and Michael D. Richardson. *A New History of German Cinema.* Camden House. 2014. This dynamic, event-centered anthology offers a new understanding of the 100-year history of German-language film. Each of the more than 80 essays takes a key date as its starting point and explores its significance for German film history, pursuing its relationship with its social, political and aesthetic moment.

Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn uncovers a murder conspiracy he paints into The Night Watch in this much-praised film by the colorful, often risqué British filmmaker Greenaway.

James Bond (George Lazenby, in his only appearance as Bond) goes undercover in the Swiss Alps. Co-starring Telly Savalas as the villainous Blofeld and Diana Rigg as an atypical Bond girl, Countess Tracy di Vicenzo.

*Rick Steves’ Europe Online Television Episodes.*
Join ubiquitous television personality Rick Steves on a journey throughout Europe. In this list of online episodes, Steves travels to many countries, cities and towns we will visit during our travel program, including the following episodes:
- *Amsterdam* (2014)
- *Germany’s Black Forest and Cologne* (2001)
- *Germany’s Romantic Rhine and Rothenburg* (2001)
- *Switzerland’s Great Cities* (2008)

These episodes can be accessed from: www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/video/tv-show
**MUSIC AND AUDIO RECORDINGS**

[www.deutschegrammophon.com](http://www.deutschegrammophon.com)

A website specializing in quality CDs and downloads of the world’s greatest classical music, including a praised 1965 performance by master German baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau of composer Robert Schumann’s song cycle *A Poet’s Love*, set to text by Heinrich Heine, and a recording of Gustav Mahler’s *The Boy’s Magic Horn* by the Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Pierre Boulez.

[www.worldmusic.net](http://www.worldmusic.net)

*The Rough Guide* and the *World Music Network* publish a variety of Dutch, German, French and Swiss music as well as superbly researched book guides to international music generally.

**WEBSITES**

[www.airpano.com](http://www.airpano.com)

Virtual tours and 360-degree photos of destinations all over the world.

[www.cbp.gov/travel](http://www.cbp.gov/travel)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website.

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Provides information on immunizations and vaccinations and tips for staying healthy when traveling abroad.


The official portal website of the city of Amsterdam.

[www.iec.ch/worldplugs](http://www.iec.ch/worldplugs)

Information on international electric current and plug types.


A comprehensive website for travelers planning to visit Germany.

[us.franceguide.com](http://us.franceguide.com)

The official French government tourism website for the U.S.


The official website of The Netherlands Board of Tourism and Conventions.

[www.myswitzerland.com](http://www.myswitzerland.com)

The official website of the Swiss National Tourist Office provides a wealth of useful information for visitors to Switzerland.


*The New York Times* Travel Section features an array of basic travel-related information, multimedia presentations and links to newspaper articles from recent years.


Online currency converter tool and information on currency exchange rates.
www.timeanddate.com
Information on time zones and time conversions.

www.travel.state.gov
United States Department of State website; details on how to obtain or renew a passport.

www.tsa.gov
Transportation Security Administration website. Provides information on air travel security, including permitted/prohibited items for carry-on luggage.

www.weather.com
Current weather and extended forecasts around the world.