



2024 International Documentary Film, Photography, and History Program

About:

“Honing the craft of documentary filmmaking, photography, and history while honoring the contributions of the Greatest Generation. Educating students about the world we live in today, utilizing the lessons of those who fought in, witnessed, and survived World War II.”



France

Our History:

Each year, the non-profit [World War II Foundation](http://www.wwiifoundation.org) partners with significant colleges, universities, and organizations nationwide to introduce young filmmakers, photographers, and historians to the experience of filming a World War II documentary overseas, utilizing video, still photography, and teaching history.



Italy

In 2022, The World War II Foundation launched this exciting new educational program with The Newhouse School at Syracuse University and San Diego State University. The students took part in shooting two films in Italy and experienced the history and culture of that beautiful country.

In 2023, Syracuse students were joined by students and graduates from the University of Georgia, Davidson College, and the University of Rhode Island on a Foundation film trip to France and Switzerland. This

year's educational film trip was based on the book *Scholars of Mayhem*, a true story about an American recruited by one of the Allies' top spy and Resistance units. The Foundation is making the extraordinary book, based in France around D-Day, into a documentary narrated by actor Kevin Bacon.



Italy



Famous Leica Camera

The international experience is very hands-on for the students as they take part each day in meeting our foundation's professional goals while producing individual and group content they will take back and share with their schools and have available for their resume reels when they graduate.



France



Italy

In addition to experiencing the stories of World War II, the students, many of whom have never been outside of the United States, also learn about the local culture and history of the country where our filming takes place.

2024 Trip:

In 2024 (June 19-27) The World War II Foundation will be taking student filmmakers and historians to Germany to focus on the rise of Nazism and antisemitism in Germany, which led directly to the



Berchtesgaden

beginning of World War II. We will be based in Salzburg, Austria, for eight days, and the film we will be



Salzburg, Austria

producing for global airing on American Public Television/PBS.

While the historic city of Salzburg will be our base, and we will explore its role in WWII, as well as its fantastic history of culture, we will also be visiting as part of the making of this globally aired documentary:

- *The Dachau Concentration Camp.*
- *The city of Nuremberg (home of the infamous Nuremberg rallies leading up to the start of WWII).*
- *The mountainous village of Berchtesgaden (Adolf Hitler's home) in the Bavarian Alps*
- *Salzburg, Austria (WWII filming & Sound of Music Tour)*
- *Munich, Germany*



Munich, Germany

In 2024, we expect roughly 22 students from four universities to join us, along with a professor or representative from each university to oversee their group of students. The students will work directly with the film crew on the trip as film credited Production Assistants. This is a very hands-on trip for students, and they will be involved each day with our crew, from the videographer and director to the historians who will also be on the journey with us. We travel to each location on a beautiful large luxury bus.



Castle near Munich

One of the actual benefits of this trip, as an aside, is the building in of lots of extra time for the students to work on their projects, as assigned by their schools, and the

opportunity to spend time exploring non-World War II related sites, such as museums and the city of Munich itself. The trip combines World War II, local history, and culture.

Based on our most recent costs of film trips to Italy, France, and Switzerland, at this time, it is estimated the trip will be roughly \$3,800 per person with double occupancy. Airfare is not included.



German Massacred village of Oradour-sur-Glane in France



Nuremberg



Dachau Concentration Camp

Over the past few years each school has sought out sponsors, donors, and scholarship opportunities to defray the costs of the trip, at least partially. The World War II Foundation is also actively searching for program sponsors for the trip.

As an aside, on our first program trip in 2022 with Syracuse and San Diego State represented, we had 4 students. In 2023, that increased to 16 students from Georgia, Syracuse, Davidson College and one student from the University of Rhode Island. The trip is life-changing for many of these film and history majors, many of whom had never left the United States and were very excited to acquire their first ever Passport.

