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IN EUROPE AND THE
SOVIET UNION



THEIR PRESENT STATUS
AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
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SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES?

"Yes," say the peoples of the U.S.S.R. "No," say the leaders of fascism in Germany and Italy. "Perhaps," answer the spokesmen for European democracies. Thus controversy rages about a world problem that increasingly demands an honest solution.

UNDER THE PERSONAL LEADERSHIP

of LANGSTON HUGHES, well-known Negro author and playwright, an inter-racial group of travellers will spend July and August, 1937 in Europe and the Soviet Union studying different National Minorities. Two particular questions in regard to each National Minority will be extensively considered by the Hughes group: (1) What is the present status of minority individuals? (2) What opportunity is being given for cultural development in such fields as art, music, literature, and the drama? The tour itinerary calls for brief but focussed glimpses of the relations existing in England, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland and France with smaller and subject peoples. Attention however will be concentrated on the Soviet Union where for 31 days the Russian answer to the problem will be examined.

MR. HUGHES' GROUP SAILS

from New York July 3rd on the S.S. Berengeria. After stops in London, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Helsingfors, the party will reach Leningrad July 18. Here, as in Moscow and Rostov, visits will be made at institutes such as the University for Eastern Peoples, and museums of minority cultures. Mr. Hughes will lead discussions on nationality problems so that a comprehensive insight into the Soviet theory of behavior towards minority groups may be obtained. Then the group will travel southward to the Caucasus and Black Sea where it will have first hand contacts with a half dozen different racial groups, such as the Ossetians, Imeretians, Ingushi, Kabardins, Balkars, and Abkhasians. During the 11-day period in the Caucasus, the group will go from Ordzhonikidze to Kutais over the Ossetian Military Road passing through many picturesque villages situated among some of the world's most magnificent mountain scenery.

To reach the beautifully located health resort of Shovi, near the Mamisson Pass the group will leave the beaten path and travel one day by horseback or cart. An optional excursion by horse to a glacier has been planned. From Kutais, capital of Imeretia and one of the most colorful cities in the Caucasus, the group will visit Batum with its subtropical vegetation and then travel by Black Sea boat to Sochi, one of the newest and most popular bathing resorts on the Russian Riviera. The group will leave the Soviet Union via the Ukrainian cities of Kharkov and Kiev. A day will be spent in Warsaw and four days in Paris before embarking upon the S.S. Aquitania.

ITINERARY AND PROGRAM

- July 3 Sail from New York. S.S. Berengaria. At sea, arriving Southampton and proceeding to London on July 9th. On board ship, Mr. Hughes will lead discussions on the treatment of national minorities in America, Europe and the Soviet Union; with particular reference to problems of cultural development.
- July 9 LONDON. Free day.
- July 10 LONDON. Visit foreign and workers' sections of city Limehouse, Whitechapel, Soho. Guests of African Students' Club. Discussion of British relation to Indians, Africans and other Empire groups.
- July 11 LONDON. Free day. Leave in afternoon for Copenhagen.
- July 12 At sea. Free.
- July 13 COPENHAGEN. General sightseeing. Discussion with Danish leaders on treatment of German minority in South Jutland.
- July 14 By train via Malmo to Stockholm, the Venice of the North.
- July 15 STOCKHOLM. General sightseeing and discussion of Swedish relations with Finn and Lapp minorities.
- July 16 HELSINGFORS. General sightseeing. Leave 11:20 p.m.
- July 17 LENINGRAD. Arrive 1:15 p.m.
- July 18 LENINGRAD. "City of Museums and Palaces." Visits will be made to the Hermitage Art Museum with its priceless paintings of Rubens, Velasquez, and Titian; the Museum of the Revolution, formerly the Winter Palace; the Museum of the History of Religion and Atheism.
- July 19 MOSCOW. Leave Leningrad by evening train. Arrive Moscow 10:00 a.m.
- July 20 MOSCOW. Capital of the U.S.S.R. The group will see the new subway with its many differently designed stations; the reconstructed banks of the Moscow river, connecting with the new Volga-Moscow canal; the foundation of the palace of the Soviets, the Park of Culture and Rest; the workers' court; factories; clubs and other institutions, showing the new life being built under the Soviet system.
- July 21 MOSCOW. Leave 12:45 p.m.
- July 22 ROSTOV. Arrive 3:10 p.m.
- July 23 ROSTOV-ON-DON. Center of the Black Earth district. Opportunity will be given to visit an agricultural machinery factory, with its nursery, restaurant, club, and working-men's housing. If time permits, a collective farm will be visited.
- July 24 ROSTOV-ON-DON. Leave 10:34 p.m.
- July 25 MINERALNYE-VODY. Arrive 7:49 a.m. KISLOVODSK. Arrive 10:27 a.m.
- July 26 KISLOVODSK. Famous mineral spring resort of the Caucasus. Visits will be made to the famous Narzan carbonated water spring; sanatoriums and parks, from whence Elbrus, Europe's highest mountain peak, can be seen.
- Aug. 1 KISLOVODSK. Leave 9:43 p.m.
- Aug. 2 ORDZHONIKIDZE. Arrive at 9:43 a.m.
- Aug. 3 ORDZHONIKIDZE. Capital of the Ingushi and Ossetian Autonomous regions. Opportunity is presented here to study the problems of various nationalities.
- Aug. 4 ORDZHONIKIDZE. Leave by motor bus via Alagir on the Ossetian Military Highway, spending the night at the Tsei Glacier.
- Aug. 5 TSEI. Leave by motor bus from Tsei to the Ossetian village of the Tib.
- Aug. 6 SHOVI. By horseback or cart via the Mamisson Pass, 9,300 feet, to the health resort Shovi.
- Aug. 7 SHOVI. Newly built sanatorium for different Caucasian nationalities, situated in the heart of the mountains. The group will stay at the sanatorium or at the nearby Proletarian Tourist base. Visits will be made to mineral springs, and, if time allows, to Gebi, center of Racha culture.
- Aug. 8 SHOVI. Leave by auto bus for Kutais. Luncheon in an Imeretian village.
- Aug. 9 KUTAIS. Capital of Imeretia. One of the most ancient towns in the Caucasus. Visit old Georgian monasteries and legendary palace of Tamara. Colorful market. Leave in evening for Batum.
- Aug. 10 BATUM. Visit tea plantations, orange and bamboo groves, tropical gardens.
- Aug. 11 BLACK SEA. En route along Soviet Riviera with short stop at SUKHUM, home of a colony of Negroes, descendants of escaped African slaves. Arrive Sochi in evening.
- Aug. 12 SOCHI. Newest and most popular of the Soviet summer resorts. Visits will be made to the Botanical gardens, and the Red Army Sanatorium, one of the finest examples of modern architecture in Europe.
- Aug. 13 SOCHI. Leave 8:48 p.m.
- Aug. 14 KHARKOV. Arrive 9:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15 KHARKOV. Great industrial city. Visits will be made to one of its largest factories, such as the tractor plant; its Palace of State Industries, the largest office building in Europe; and the new Palace of Pioneers.
- Aug. 16 KHARKOV. Leave at 6:16 p.m.
- Aug. 17 KIEV. Arrive 8:46 a.m.
- Aug. 18 KIEV. Thousand-year-old capital of the Ukrainian republic. Visits will be made to the former Kiev-Pecherskaya Monastery, now a historical museum; a Jewish Court; and to the Academy of Science.
- Aug. 19 KIEV. Leave 11:55 a.m.
- Aug. 20 SHEPETOVKA. Arrive 5:23 p.m.
- Aug. 21 Arrive at Warsaw 8:15 a.m. Leave at 9:14 p.m. for Berlin.
- Aug. 22 Arrive Berlin 10:57 a.m. Continue by train to Paris.
- Aug. 23 Arrive Paris 6:43 a.m. Free day.
- Aug. 24 PARIS. Visit International Exposition of Arts and Crafts.
- Aug. 25 PARIS. Optional excursion to Saint Cloud and Versailles.
- Aug. 26 PARIS. Free day.
- Aug. 27 Leave Paris by boat train to Cherbourg. Sail on S.S. Aquitania.
- Aug. 28 Arrive New York.

The itinerary and program for the tour have been arranged by EDUTRAVEL as a result of the most careful consideration. So near as possible, the schedule outlined will be followed. But because the program deals with living, dynamic, and constantly changing social groups, it may become necessary for some parts of the program to be omitted and others to be substituted. Such changes when they occur will always be in the best interests of the tour. Similarly, all rates and schedules are subject to change. All arrangements in the U.S.S.R are made through "Intourist," the only Soviet State Travel Company.

RATE: \$499

SIXTY DAYS FROM NEW YORK TO NEW YORK

INCLUDED IN THE RATE:

- 1—Membership in the Tour and services of the Tour Director.
- 2—Round trip steamship fare in Third Class (rate as of February, 1937).
- 3—Rail fare in Third Class for England, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Germany and France. Transportation in local connecting steamers in Third Class.
- 4—Rail transportation in the Soviet Union Third Class with sleeping accommodations for night journeys.
- 5—Accommodations in good hotels with three meals daily in Denmark, Sweden, Finland. In England, hotel accommodations with breakfasts and dinners.
- 6—Special (Third) Class Intourist service for hotels, meals, transportation and sightseeing in the Soviet Union. Supplementary observations and interviews arranged by Tour Director.
- 7—Transfers to and from railroad stations, piers and hotels.
- 8—Tips and taxes where applicable.
- 9—Special meetings and discussions as scheduled in the cities visited.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE RATE:

- 1—United States Passport (\$10); U. S. Revenue tax (\$5) on steamship ticket.
- 2—Visas for England, Poland, Germany and France (total \$2.80).
- 3—Tips on steamers, personal items, such as laundry, beverages on ship or shore.
- 4—Meals en route after leaving Kiev for Paris, and maintenance in Paris.

Members desiring tourist class trans-Atlantic transportation may obtain same by paying the difference between the third and tourist class steamship rates. Tourist class steamship transportation entitles the passenger to second class railroad accommodations throughout Europe (except in England, where there is no second class rail).

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP

will be open to all those having a genuine interest in a study of today's treatment of National Minorities. It is not the desire of Mr. Hughes or of EDUTRAVEL to restrict tour membership to any one race. It is believed that an inter-racial group will find such a projected study of more value than a restricted membership group.

LEADERSHIP

Langston Hughes, outstanding among the younger Negro authors, has won lavish critical acclaim for his poetry and short stories. His novel, "Not Without Laughter," has been published in England, Russia, France and China. His first play, "Mulatto," had a long and successful run on Broadway. His extensive travels in America and abroad have given him wide cultural interests. In connection with motion picture work and the translation of his writings, he has spent considerable time in Russia. No more fortunate choice for leadership in studying the problems of national minorities could possibly be made.

In addition to special EDUTRAVEL services in Europe, Mr. Hughes will be assisted in the Soviet Union by a Russian interpreter-guide who will accompany the party during the Russian portion of the tour.

Early application for membership in this tour is advisable since enrollment is limited to a small number of persons. Steamship accommodations will be reserved in the order of the receipt of applications. Send your application now.

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