

**Dr. Robertson's flights for the 2019 Danube Summer Institute are as follows:**

| Airline    | Flight Number                      | Departing date        | Departing City (Airport)       | Arriving City (Airport) | Departing Time  | Arriving Time         | Arriving Date         |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Air France | AF 639                             | Friday July 5, 2019   | Houston (IAH)                  | Paris, France (CDG)     | 3:45 PM (15:45) | 8:15 AM (Europe time) | Saturday July 6, 2019 |
| Air France | AF 1734                            | Saturday July 6, 2019 | Paris, France (CDG)            | Berlin, Germany (Tegel) | 9:20 AM         | 11:05 AM              | Saturday July 6, 2019 |
| Air France | AF 5037<br>(Operated by Czech Air) | Monday August 5, 2019 | Prague, Czech Republic (Havel) | Paris, France (CDG)     | 7:10 AM         | 9:00 AM               | Monday August 5, 2019 |
| Air France | AF 636                             | Monday August 5, 2019 | Paris, France (CDG)            | Houston (IAH)           | 10:10 AM        | 1:45 PM (13:45)       | Monday August 5, 2019 |

***Some helpful tips and reminders about the trip over on July 5 – July 6:***

- Remember, you lose a day traveling to Europe. You gain 7 hours travelling from Houston to Paris. So, you will arrive on the 6th of July in Europe if you depart on July 5. My flight brings me and anyone traveling with me to Paris at 8:15AM (Paris time) on July 6. Returning on Monday, August 5 from Prague, we do not lose a day – we leave and arrive the same day (August 5).
- We must pass through passport control in Paris. Passport control is required whenever you first land in Europe's Schengen area -- the geographical area containing those countries which are part of the EU and have open borders with other EU countries. As France is the first country we enter upon arriving in Europe and the EU's Schengen area, we pass through passport control in Paris, and no passport control – typically -- in our final European destination, as we have already entered the EU and been through passport control in the original country). We also must pass through security before arriving at our connecting flight to fly from Paris to Berlin as we move to another terminal for our connecting flight to Berlin, Germany.
- We connect in Paris to an Air France flight (1734) on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July at 9:20 AM (Europe Central time).
- We arrive in Berlin, Germany (Tegel) at 11:05AM (Europe Central time).
- A charter bus will transport us from Tegel Airport in Berlin to our hotel in western Berlin: Hotel Golden Tulip, Berlin, Landgrafstraße 4, 10787 Berlin, <http://www.goldentulipberlin.de> , Tel.: + 49 302 64770
- You are free to take any flight you wish to Europe. You may travel early and meet the group in Berlin. There will be no way to meet the group in Paris—it is far too rushed and hectic to logistically coordinate this, though in fact, on your own, you may fly through Paris for a flight to Berlin and then meet the group in Berlin. You may stay later after the program ends on August 5, as well. The only obligation you have is to get to Berlin by July 6 or 7 so you can join the group and the program from the start of the activities organized in Berlin.
- In order to travel with the chartered bus to the Golden Tulip Hotel in Berlin, it is imperative you arrive before my flight into Berlin (before 11:05AM local time on July 6).*** The chartered bus can only wait a short time for the group and is scheduled to pick up the group according to the time my flight arrives in Berlin. If for any reason you arrive more than a few minutes (for instance, more than 10-15 minutes) after I arrive at 11:05, the bus will have to leave for the hotel. This means you have two options should you miss the bus: (1) take public transportation (subway) to area near hotel and walk the four or five city blocks with your luggage, which requires a ticket (about 2€); or, take a taxi from the airport to the hotel. This costs about \$30 (25€). Either option requires you get Euro currency from the ATM in the airport upon arrival. ***I will go over these options in detail during the prep sessions, as well as with any student individually who knows ahead of time of such a need.***
- The good news is most US flights flying from US to Berlin via some other location arrive in Berlin before my flight arrives. So, arriving early is the norm with students who fly on their own.