The United Nations at 75
History & Future of the UN

Excursion to New York City
1st-8th April 2020

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Tentative agenda

2020 marks 75 years of the United Nations as the world organization. The overarching topic of this field-trip is the role the United Nations have played in its 75 years of work, but also the challenges it will face in the next years. The original goals of the UN are guaranteeing international peace & security, de-colonisation, protection of human rights and generally fostering cooperation between nations in order to solve economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian international problems. We will re-visit these aims in our meetings in New York, e.g. by getting briefed at various states’ missions to the UN, but also talking to NGOs and employees of the UN itself. Has the UN been successful, have the targets been achieved? Today, the UN is very much involved in accomplishing the SDGs: in 2020 the 2030 Agenda has ten years to go – what is the state of affairs, what has worked, which hurdles remain?

DRAFT AGENDA

1st April, Wednesday

Arrival evening optional joint dinner

2nd April, Thursday

9 am Welcome and introduction to the programme (place tbc)

11 am German House
   Welcome at the German House
   Briefing by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN
   German House

2 pm UN and Decolonization

4.00 pm Briefing by the US Mission to the United Nations

3rd April, Friday

10 am DPI Tour United Nations

11.30 am Trusteeship Council and C 24

2 pm UN and Media

3 pm WFUNA
4th April, Saturday
12 pm optional visit to Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty – perspectives on immigration
Meet at Battery Park

5th April, Sunday
Free time

6th April, Monday
10.30 The UN role for peace and security – past and present
1.30pm Briefing at the Syrian Mission to the UN
3:30 pm Briefing by the European Union Delegation to the United Nations

7th April, Tuesday
10 am UN role in Human Rights
2 pm prospects of a reform of the UN
6 pm joint farewell Dinner

Please note that this tentative programme is a draft and under development. Meetings can be changed based on current events and due to availability of speakers.
**Organizational notes:**

DGVN NRW e.V. is not a tour operator. While we will be happy to provide recommendations the organization of accommodation and transportation as well as any immigration requirements remains the sole responsibility of the traveller.

Participants’ arrival shall be no later than 1 April, suggested earliest departure is 8 April. Earlier arrivals as well as later departures solely depend on the traveller.

The excursion is open to the public while priority will be given to members of DGVN residing in the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. The general organizational fee for the excursion is €175,- per person. DGVN members are subject to a reduced fee of €125,- for those from the DGVN NRW further reduced to €75,-.

The preferred deadline for registration is 7 January 2020. Registrations will be collected on a first come first serve basis, with preference given to DGVN members. Please do not make any travel arrangements before your participation is confirmed.

All questions regarding organizational issues may be directed to the organizers listed on the cover.