

GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE

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SLOVAKIA - CZECH REPUBLIC - GERMANY - THE NETHERLANDS - BELGIUM



25 DAYS FROM

\$5,999

per person twin-share



Welcome to our most comprehensive ever tour of Europe. Experience the best of Europe's charming towns and imposing palaces, soaring mountains and placid lakes, ancient cities and modern technology. You'll experience the diverse cultures, the varied landscapes, the wine and the food, the arts and architecture. Visiting eleven countries over 25 days, including several nights in Paris to explore the City of Light, and three nights based in Zurich to discover the charming towns and mountainous scenery of Switzerland, this extensive tour package delivers a European experience beyond your expectations.

Image: Venice

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb the **Eiffel Tower**, cruise on the **River Seine**, and visit the **Latin Quarter**
- Travel through the **villages and vineyards of the Bourgogne Region**
- Transit Switzerland's gorgeous mountains and lakes en route to **Geneva**
- Admire the medieval architecture, and scenic lakes of **Lucerne and Lugano**
- In Italy, visit **Milan's Duomo Square** and **Pisa's Leaning Tower**
- Visit **Vatican City** and the imposing **Roman Coliseum**
- Visit the the **Ponte Vecchio**, and the **Duomo in Florence**
- Take a ride in a vaporetto on **Venice's Grand Canal**
- Explore the **Romeo and Juliet's Verona**
- Stroll through the grounds of **Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace**
- Discover the surprising charms of **Budapest, the Queen of the Danube**
- Cruise along the **River Rhine**
- Take in the canals, windmills, and liberal delights of the **Netherlands**

Day 1: Arrive in Paris

Take an international flight to Paris.

Day 2: Paris (B)

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel. In the evening, we provide transfer to the Montmartre district. Named for a large hill in Paris's 18th Arrondissement, and the site of beginning of the revolutionary uprising of the Paris Commune in 1871, this neighbourhood is known for its painters, artists, and cabarets. Picasso, Modigliani, Matisse, and Degas had studios there, as did the composer Eric Satie. Sit down to dinner and enjoy a magical night of Indian, Chinese, French or American cuisine. We will ascend **Montmartre (the hill) by funicular cable car** to admire the spectacular view of Paris.

Day 3: Paris (B)

A scenic guided tour to discover the history, main boulevards and breathtaking monuments of Paris, ending near the **Eiffel Tower**. You will have the opportunity to **climb up to the second level of this remarkable metal monument** (admission is included). **Take a boat cruise along the River Seine**, which divides the north of Paris from the south, then enjoy a free afternoon. At sunset, transfer to the **Quartier Latin**, a very picturesque area of the historic centre, where you can enjoy dinner selected from a wide variety of international cuisine (at your own expense). Return to hotel. *Note: Sometimes queues to climb the Eiffel Tower are long. For organisational reasons, if deemed appropriate, the climb can be made at a different time or on another day.*

Day 4: Paris (B)

Travel to the centre of Paris, to the area of the **Louvre Museum**, for free time at leisure. If you wish, we can accompany you to Benlux, one of the best-known perfumeries in Paris. An optional **excursion to Eurodisney** (at your own expense).

Day 5: Paris Noyers Beaune Lyon (B)

Travel to the **Bourgogne region** in the centre of France, famous for its wines. Stop in **Noyers**, a small medieval town that is amongst the prettiest places in France. After this we will visit **Beaune** in the centre of the Bourgogne region with its memorable streets full of flowers, its hospice, and fascinating wine museum. Later, travel to **Lyon, the capital of Roman Gaul on the banks of the Rhône**. Its historic centre has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy free time at leisure.

Day 6: Lyon Geneva Zurich (B)

We travel to Switzerland. On arrival in Geneva, visit the **Palais des Nations** (the United Nations headquarters in Europe) and then to the beautiful **Jardin Anglais** (English Garden) with its flower clock, and admire the **Jet d'Eau**, the highest-reaching fountain in Europe. After lunch, we will continue through Switzerland passing the beautiful **Leman and Neuchatel Lakes**. *Note: Depending on the number of travellers from Geneva to Zürich, this trip might be done by train.*

Day 7: Zurich Rapperswil Zurich (B)

Take a guided stroll in Zurich, the most populous city of Switzerland, and the financial and cultural capital of the country. Then, **take a boat trip on Lake Zurich** (2 hrs). The boat makes brief stops, allowing passengers to admire villages on the way, such as **Rapperswil**, a small and highly picturesque village overlooked by a medieval castle. We return to **Zurich by train**, and will see the efficiency and punctuality of the Swiss Railway. Enjoy an evening in Zurich's historic city centre, next to the lake, where you can dine at your preferred restaurant.

Day 8: Zurich Grindelwald Lucerne Zurich (B, L)

Enjoy breathtaking scenery in the region of Interlaken. In Grindelwald, enjoy a coffee before taking the **cable car up to Grindelwald**. Walk along the path (30 mins) and take the 'footbridge over the empty' among fantastic scenery, with glaciers all around. Lunch is included (vegetarian option available). Continue to **Lucerne**, one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Enjoy free time before returning to the hotel in Zurich.

Day 9: Zurich Burglen Lugano Morcote Milan (B)

Travel to **Burglen, the tiny village** where William Tell was born, and see a 16th century chapel with paintings illustrating his life. Continue to **Lugano, the cosmopolitan capital of Italian Switzerland**, with its beautiful lake. Enjoy free time at leisure time to stroll and have lunch. Afterwards, following the shores of the lake, we reach the enchanting little town of **Morcote**, with its houses made of stone and covered with flowers. On arrival in Milan, visit the impressive **Duomo Square**. There will be time to dine at the **Porta Venecia** where an outstanding variety of restaurants can be found to delight your palate. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 10: Milan Pisa Rome (B)

Spend time in Milan and see the **great cathedral and the galleries** in the city centre. Then, continue towards Pisa. On a little tourist train we will travel to the **Piazza Dei Miracoli** (Square of Miracles), to admire one of the most alluring and beautiful art complexes in Italy, including the well-known **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. Then, continue to Rome, arriving late afternoon.

Day 11: Rome Vatican City (B)

Take a scenic tour as an introduction to **Rome: The Eternal City**. Enter the tiny city-state of The Vatican. Vatican City is the world centre of Catholicism. You will be able to visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, and later, the **Roman Coliseum**. This impressive structure dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time to learn about ancient society during the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide transport to the **Via Cavour area** for dinner, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and other international food. Dine and return to the hotel.

Day 12: Rome Florence (B)

Leave Rome this morning, heading north. Upon arrival in Florence, head straight to **Piazzale Michelangelo**, an impressive site with a panoramic view of the city. In the evening you'll enjoy a tour with a local expert, and walk through the historic centre, taking in places such as the **Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Piazza della Signoria**. This city is truly an outdoor museum – enjoy free time at leisure to explore. In the evening, you can dine at your preferred restaurant; you can find restaurants offering a wide range of international cuisine.

Day 13: Florence Venice (B)

Today we cross the **Apennine Mountains** en route to Venice. Board a Vaporetto to cruise the canals in the historic centre. With a local guide, we will visit the marvellous **Saint Mark's Cathedral** and enter the marvellous **Basilica** (entry included). Afterwards, we shall visit the **Murano glass factory city**. It is marvellous to see the technique with which this ancient glass is made. Enjoy free time at leisure. At the end of the afternoon, you will have the chance to eat dinner in the **Mestre area**, where you can choose whichever type of restaurant you prefer.



Images: 1. Piazza Dei Miracoli, 2. Prague, 3. Eiffel Tower & River Seine, 4. Cable Car to Grindelwald, 5. Florence, 6. Montmartre, 7. St. Peter's Basilica

Day 14: Venice Verona Salzburg (B)

Depart from Venice, travelling to **Verona**, **Romeo and Juliet's city** – the city of lovers!. We will provide a shuttle from parking to the historic city centre. Then, continue your journey through the mountains to Austria. In **Salzburg**, your guide will accompany you to the most beautiful streets of the this city, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Note: If the tour group is small, the journey from Verona to Salzburg may be partially by train.

Day 15: Salzburg Vienna (B)

Leave Salzburg, and reach Vienna at around noon. Directly, head to the **Schönbrunn Palace** where visitors can stroll around and enjoy the beautiful gardens. After time for lunch, take a scenic tour around this impressive city with a local expert, experiencing the majestic avenues, palaces, and vibrant city centre. In the evening, go to **City Hall Square** to enjoy the lighting and the nightlife in the neighbouring streets, and where you will have time to dine in line with your preferences.

Day 16: Vienna Budapest (B)

Depart for Hungary, arriving in **Budapest** around lunchtime. Discover the 'Queen of the Danube' on a scenic tour of her highlights. This city is divided by the Danube River, with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the other. There will be time at the end of the day in the lively area of **Vaci Utca**, where there are lots of little restaurants with food from different countries.

Day 17: Budapest (B)

In the morning, take a **boat tour along the Danube River**; the views of the city and parliament are very impressive. Enjoy free time at leisure after the boat tour. In the evening, there will be time to enjoy dinner in the city, where travellers can select their preferred restaurant.

Day 18: Budapest Bratislava Prague (B)

Leave Budapest for **Bratislava**, the capital of **Slovakia** and a city alongside the **Danube River**, with an attractive historic city centre. See the city and have lunch, then continue to the **Czech Republic**. On arrival in Prague, transfer to the **Old Town Square**. This central location is full of energy and touristic activities. It's a marvellous place to become acquainted with Prague, and to find a place for dinner before returning to the hotel.



Day 19: Prague (B)

Start a Prague city tour: visit and walk through **Prague Castle** (admission included). Subsequently, we shall take a **magnificent boat tour along Moldava River**. Enjoy free time at leisure to explore Prague before returning to the hotel.

Day 20: Prague Lauf Würzburg Frankfurt (B)

We leave for Germany. In the region of Bavaria, see **Lauf An Der Pegnitz**, a picturesque little village which stands out for its busy market square and castle. Later, carry on to **Würzburg**, with time for lunch and to see this Bavarian city, a former bishopric centre and now a very busy university city, on the banks of the River Main. Travel to **Frankfurt**. Explore the historic city centre and choose your favourite restaurant for dinner, before returning to the hotel.

Day 21: Frankfurt Rhine Cologne Amsterdam (B)

Today we enjoy a **short cruise on the Rhine**, between the villages of Rudesheim and St. Goar; undoubtedly the river's most picturesque sector. Then, travel to **Cologne**, a city which stands out for its immense, gothic **Cologne Cathedral**. Then, on to Holland, arriving in Amsterdam.

Day 22: Amsterdam Zaanse Schans Volendam Marken Amsterdam (B)

Today we explore **Amsterdam**, starting with **Zaanse Schans** with its mills, canals, and distinctive houses. Then it's on to **Volendam**, a picturesque fishing village. From Volendam, take a **short boat trip to Marken**, an island that is connected to the mainland by a fixed dike. Tour the **Amsterdam** to see its narrow canals, the Dam Platz, official buildings and parks, and also to see the technique of diamond cutting. Transfer to the red light district, with its liberal atmosphere and restaurants from all corners of the world.

Day 23: Amsterdam Brussels Bruges Paris (B)

Leave for Brussels. Visit the **Grand Place** and stop to photograph the **Atomium**. Later, we arrive in **Bruges**, the marvellous Flemish city known as the 'little northern Venice'. After lunch, continue to France, arriving in Paris at the end of the day.

Day 24: Depart Paris (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport.

Day 25: Arrive home

DEPARTURES

2018	21-Sep 28-Sep	19 Oct 26 Oct	09 Nov 23 Nov	
2019	22 Feb 08 Mar 19 Apr 26 Apr* 03 May 24 May	07 Jun 14 Jun 28 Jun** 05 Jul** 19 Jul 26 Jul	09 Aug 16 Aug 23 Aug* 06 Sep 20 Sep 27 Sep**	04 Oct* 18 Oct 25 Oct 08 Nov 22 Nov

*Shoulder Season Surcharge: \$300

**Peak Season Surcharge: \$500

Single supplement: \$1699

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- Other cities: fr \$300

INCLUSIONS

- + Full service Chinese carrier fares & taxes
- + 22 nights 3 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + Daily breakfast and 1 lunch
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Optional programs
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Emirates, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific fr \$500

EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr \$250
- Hotel w/breakfast : contact us for a quotation

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Paris	Courtyard Marriot Paris St Denis
Lyon	Campanile Centre Lyon Berges Du Rhone
Zurich	Hotel Ibis Zurich Messe Airport
Milan	Il Milano Lorenteggio
Rome	Cristoforo Colombo
Florence	Conference Florencia
Venice	Albatros Hotel
Salzburg	Ibis Salzburg Nord
Vienna	Senator Vienna
Budapest	Danubius Arena
Prague	Panorana Hotel Prague
Frankfurt	Ibis Frankfurt City Messe
Amsterdam	Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

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- ① Paris
- ② Noyers
- ③ Beaune
- ④ Lyon
- ⑤ Geneva
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- ⑦ Rapperswil
- ⑧ Grindelwald
- ⑨ Lucerne
- ⑩ Burghlen
- ⑪ Lugano
- ⑫ Morcote
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Images: 8. Hungarian Parliament in Budapest, 9. Frankfurt, 10. Amsterdam

A range of exciting optional programs are available for purchase through the MY TRIP app. Please be sure to check the latest information including availability and the cost of optional programs prior to your arrival in Europe.

Paris, Moulin Rouge Show (2 hrs, min. 15 pax)



Paris, Louvre Museum (1.5 hrs, min. 15 pax)



Disneyland Paris (full day, min. 8 pax)



Rome, Baroque Rome (2.5 hrs, min. 15 pax)



Rome, Vatican Museums (3 hrs, min. 20 pax)



Florence Tuscan Dinner (3 hrs)



Venice Gondola Ride (35 mins, min. 10 pax)



Valses in Vienne (1.5 hrs, min. 15 pax)



Dinner at Magyar Budapest (2 hrs, min. 15 pax)



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