

GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE

FRANCE - SWITZERLAND - ITALY - VATICAN CITY - AUSTRIA - HUNGARY -
SLOVAKIA - CZECH REPUBLIC - GERMANY - THE NETHERLANDS - BELGIUM



25 DAYS FROM

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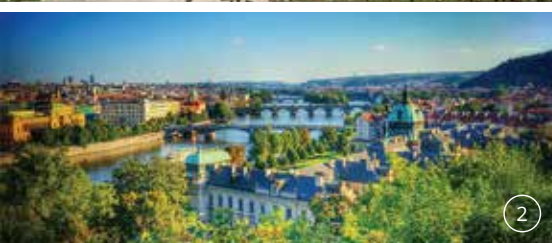
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Welcome to our most comprehensive ever tour of Europe. Experience the best of Europe's charming towns and imposing palaces, soaring mountains and placid lakes, ancient cities and modern technology. You'll experience the diverse cultures, the varied 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 **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.



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

Day 14: Venice **Innsbruck** **Kitzbuhel (B, D)**

Depart from Venice, travelling to Austria! Upon arrival to Innsbruck we will enjoy the historic centre and have lunch. Then, continue your journey to beautiful scenic road between the mountains to Kitzbuhel – where we will be visiting the picturesque little village, a famous ski resort and enjoy the snow for a large part of the year. Free time for the rest of your day. Dinner included (vegetarian option is available).

Note: In case of few travellers on the trip, the journey from Venice to Innsbruck may be done by a train.

Day 15: Kitzbuhel **Salzburg** **Vienna (B)**

Travel to Salzburg. On arrival, explore the most beautiful streets of the historic centre of this city declared a World Heritage site. We then go on our way between lakes and mountains, it is a very beautiful scenic stage in the Alps. We then stop at **St. Wolfgang**, a famous place of pilgrimage in Austria and continue the journey to **Traunkirchen** along with the very beautiful **Traunsee Lake**, where we include a cruise on the lake to see four castles and disembarking in **Gmunden**. Continuation to Vienna.

Day 16: Vienna **Budapest (B)**

You will have free time in the morning. At noon, we will start our scenic tour around Vienna with a local expert. Here, we experience its majestic avenues, its palaces and the vibrant city centre. Directly afterwards, we head to the **Schönbrunn Palace** where visitors can stroll around and enjoy its beautiful gardens. In the evening we go to the **City Hall Square** to enjoy the lighting and the nightlife in the neighbouring streets.

Day 17: Vienna **Budapest (B)**

Travel to Budapest. Arrival to Budapest around lunch time. Discover the “Queen of the Danube” on a scenic highlight tour. This city is divided by the Danube, with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan “Pest” on the opposite bank. After time for lunch, we will include **a boat tour along the Danube River**; the views of the city and parliament are impressive. Leisure time after the tour. 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 (Indian, Chinese, Hungarian and Italian).

Day 18: Budapest **Bratislava** **Prague (B)**

Travel to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. See the city and have lunch, then continue to the **Czech Republic**. On arrival in Prague in the late afternoon, 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.



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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** **Wurzburg** **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 **Wurzburg**, 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

2019	16 Aug	06 Sep*	27 Sep	18 Oct	08 Nov
	23-Aug*	20 Sep*	04 Oct	25 Oct	22 Nov
2020	06 Mar	15 May	03 Jul**	21 Aug	09 Oct
	03 Apr*	22 May	10 Jul**	28 Aug	16 Oct
	10 Apr*	29 May	17 Jul**	04 Sep	23 Oct
	17 Apr	05 Jun	24 Jul*	11 Sep	30 Oct
	24 Apr	12 Jun	31 Jul	18 Sep	06 Oct
	01 May	19 Jun**	07 Aug	25 Sep	13 Nov
	08 May	26 Jun**	14 Aug	02 Oct	04 Dec

* Shoulder Season Surcharge: \$500

** Peak Season Surcharge: \$1000

Single supplement: \$1699

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

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

INCLUSIONS

- + Full service Chinese carrier airfares & 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
Kitzbuhel	Kaiserhotel Neuwirt
Vienna	Senator Vienna
Budapest	Danubius Arena
Prague	Panorana Hotel Prague
Frankfurt	Ibis Frankfurt City Messe
Amsterdam	Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

Europe programs please refer to next page

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- ① Paris
- ② Noyers
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Images: 6. Hungarian Parliament in Budapest, 7. Frankfurt, 8. 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)

