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25 Day Europe Discovery in Depth

France - Italy - Luxembourg - Germany - Czech Republic - Slovakia - Hungary - Vatican City - Austria - Switzerland - Netherlands - Belgium

Prices in AUD per person

Departure Date	Twin Share Room	Single Supplement	Airfare is subject to the seat availability; High season surcharge may apply during peak season.
Every Tuesday (Guaranteed)	\$4699	\$2000	

Tour Highlights



Unique trip in Europe, a trip to thirty cities in east and west Europe, the real European Parade

- Six Italian cities - Rome, Venice, Florence, Milan, Pisa, Verona
- Vatican - the Holy Land, the world's first cathedral
- Monaco ~ Casino Monte Carlo
- France ~ champagne capital city of Hans, Cote d'Azur, resort Saint-Nice, Cinemas International Cannes
- Windmill beautiful diamond Netherlands ~ free to open
- Amsterdam, the International Court of Justice in The Hague
- EU fortress Belgium ~ Manneken Pis Brussels
- Europe Xeon Germany ~ Financial Center Frankfurt, Rhine Scenic Area Benth in Belem, ancient Roman ruins Trier, the Black Forest
- Eastern Europe Treasure Czech Republic ~ Golden City of Prague, Gussten Castle, the Golden Trail, Astronomical Clock, Charles Bridge
- Eastern Empire Austria - the capital of music Vienna, Xianle floating Salzburg
- World Garden Switzerland ~ Picturesque Lucerne, Titlis Snowy Mountains, Rhine Falls
- Spa Country Hungary - Danube Pearl Budapest
- Slovakia ~ castle town Bratislava



Versailles Palace

Tour Fare Inclusions



- Return Economy Class International Air Ticket & Airport tax
- 3-4 star hotel (based on the principle of sharing one room for two adults)
- Air-conditioned tour bus
- European style breakfast
- English speaking tour guide

Tour Fare Exclusions



- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Admission Fees(Optional)
- Visa fee
- Interstate Surcharge(depend on flight availability)
- Driver & tour guide tipping: € 7 per person per day(for both adult and children)
- Travel insurance, personal consumption
- Additional costs due to forced nature

1 & 2 AUSTRALIA - PARIS

Depart from Australia to Paris. Next day upon arrival in Paris, you will be transfer to hotel and free at leisure.

3 PARIS - VERSAILLES - PARIS

Paris is your oyster over the next two days as you enjoy guided tours around one of the world's most celebrated cities. Your Parisian adventures

get off to a spectacular start with a drive along the famous ChampsÉlysées to the Place de la Concorde, which played such a key part in the French Revolution. You'll also get to see the iconic Arc de Triomphe here too, the imposing monument that sits near the western end of the avenue and commemorates the fallen of the revolution and Napoleonic wars. You'll take in another significant historical building

next as you head to L'Hôtel National des Invalides, where Napoleon's tomb is located, followed by a stop at the most legendary of all Paris's icons: the Eiffel Tower.

You can either take time to explore the neighbourhood and have some lunch or scale the Eiffel Tower. Choice is yours. Finally, you'll travel on the coach out through the Parisian suburbs to the splendid Palace of Versailles, the vast regal château that was the residence of the royal family until the start of the revolution in 1789. Today the palace is another popular Parisian attraction. In the evening, you can enjoy one of our optional Paris evening shows. (B)

(if you interested in visit the splendid Paris or Seine Cruise after dinner, our tour guide would be pleased to arrange it for you)

4 PARIS

The second day of your Parisian experience begins with a visit to the Louvre, one of the world's greatest art museums. Here you'll set your eyes upon some of history's most famous masterpieces, including the Venus de Milo, Winged Victory of Samothrace (also called Nike of Samothrace), and Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Opt for a guided gallery tour, which will enhance your experience and allow you to browse through hundreds of works in just a few hours. You can then take a leisurely cruise along the river Seine, a great sightseeing option that offers splendid views of iconic Parisian landmarks, including Notre-Dame Cathedral and Pont Alexandre III.

After an exhilarating morning of walking the gallery corridors, replenish your energy levels with lunch in the museum before heading to the area surrounding the Palais Garnier, Paris's opera house. Afterwards, you have an option of having a French 4 course Dinner and Show experience or spend time shopping at the legendary department stores Galeries Lafayette. For some members of the group it will be time to say goodbye to new-found friends, while others will opt to stay another night in this French city of delights before picking up the Green Line tour the next day. (B)

5 PARIS - LUCERNE

After boarding the luxury coach in Paris, sit back and enjoy a scenic journey across classic French countryside en route to mountainous Switzerland. You'll pass through Basel, which is located at the point where the Swiss, French and German borders meet, before arriving at the picturesque lakeside city of Lucerne, nestled at the foot of the snowcapped Swiss Alps. Here you'll get to see Lucerne's famous landmarks, including Chapel Bridge, the Water Tower, and some wonderfully preserved Baroque and Gothic architecture, followed by some free time

to shop or take pictures. (B)

6 LUCERNE - MILAN - VENICE

Head south from Lucerne through spectacular Switzerland and into northern Italy, where your first stop will be Milan, fashion capital of the world. Your orientation tour will introduce you to the city's iconic sights, including the vast Gothic cathedral (Duomo). You'll also see the planet's oldest shopping mall, the 19th century Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, where you can wander among the boutique shops and take lunch in one of the refined cafes. After enjoying the many delights of Milan, you'll head to another vintage Italian city: Venice. (B)

7 VENICE - ROME

Spend the morning in the company of a knowledgeable local guide as you explore Venice, the most magical cities. Begin with a waterbus ride to San Marco Island, a memorable crossing of the lagoon that gives you a real taste of the city's charm as you approach the dreamy spires and distinctive waterside buildings. On the island you'll be led around some of Venice's best-known locations, beginning in the Piazza with the Basilica di San Marco, a stunning piece of Byzantine architecture. You'll also see the legendary Bridge of Sighs, which appears on many a postcard or picture of Venice and connects the old prison to the interrogation rooms in the Doge's Palace.

Afterwards you'll have a chance to see some traditional Venetian craftwork at close quarters with a demonstration by Murano glassblowers; their exquisite creations make excellent souvenirs. The ultimate Venice activity is to ride through the warren of waterways on a gondola, and for most people this optional excursion is a must. Step aboard, relax and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Transfer to Rome in the afternoon. (B)

8 ROME - VATICAN CITY - AREZZO

Your day in Rome starts with a visit to the smallest country in the world, The Vatican City, which lies at the heart of the Italian capital. Here you'll marvel at St Peter's Basilica, home to Pope Francis and arguably the most significant site in Christianity. The exquisitely beautiful Basilica has been present here for almost 1,700 years and contains a bewildering collection of paintings, frescoes and design crafted by some of humanity's most famous artists, which you can explore. Alternatively, you can choose to add on the optional Sistine Chapel tour to view Michelangelo's famous painted ceiling.

Next you'll see the famous Trevi Fountain, the lavish Baroque showpiece where people flock to throw coins into the water – an action which is said to ensure that you'll return to the city again one day. After lunch, take a step even further back in time as you visit Italy's unrivalled Roman relics. An optional guided tour of the Coliseum, built in AD 72, is highly recommended. History comes to life as you imagine yourself witnessing gladiatorial combat inside the spectacular amphitheatre, or alternatively you can walk at your leisure around the outside to admire the facade of this ancient wonder.

After the Coliseum, get up close to the nearby Arch of Constantine, which dates back to the fourth century AD, then spend some further free time enjoying Rome, sampling the rich and creamy delights of 'gelato' Italian ice cream. Next, you can visit the magnificent Basilique Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri near Piazza della Repubblica before transferring to Arezzo in the late evening. (B)

9 AREZZO - FLORENCE - PISA - GENOA

Your voyage of cultural discovery continues as you get to know Florence, the birthplace of the Italian

Renaissance and home to some fabulous architecture and fine art. Begin the day by taking in a wonderful panoramic overview of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, which boasts glorious vistas over the red roofs, Arno river and ancient city walls out towards the surrounding countryside. Next you can see a demonstration of the traditional craft of leather working at close quarters in a local workshop, and you'll also have the opportunity to purchase some of the high-quality leather items for which the city is famous. From here you'll enjoy a guided walk around Florence's many highlights, including the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno, the Piazza del Duomo and Campanile Tower.

You'll pass the Uffizi Gallery, which contains one of the most notable art collections in Florence. You'll have free time to see the city further, to shop or to watch the world go by from a street-side cafe, before travelling on to your next destination, Pisa. Here you are free to wander, but be sure to have your camera ready to get a shot of the iconic Leaning Tower, the famous bell tower in the 'Square of Miracles', which also contains the centuries-old Cathedral and Baptistery. (B)

10 GENOA - MONTE CARLO - NICE - CANNES - AVIGNON

A breath-taking drive along one of Europe's

Leaning Tower of Pisa



most famous stretches of Mediterranean coastline awaits as you say arrivederci to Italy and head for Monaco. This small principality, enclaved in France is chic and beautiful, home to the famous Formula 1 Grand Prix.

A walking sightseeing tour here takes you to the grand Prince's Palace, where you'll have some free time to soak up the refined atmosphere, before continuing on to view the 1920s Courthouse, the cliffside Oceanographic Museum, and the Cathedral, where Grace Kelly is buried. We then travel a little further to visit the famous Fragonard Perfume Factory. Here you'll be taken on a fascinating guided tour around this working factory. Next it's Nice, where you'll stop for lunch to sample some excellent local cuisine and warm-hearted hospitality.

Your journey continues to Cannes, where many a movie star has enjoyed the sweet smell of success. Be sure to take the opportunity to snap some photos of the Palais des Festival, home to the city's annual international film festival, before transferring to the hotel. (B)

11 AVIGNON - PARIS

Take a well-earned rest today as you sit back and enjoy great views of the changing rural charms of the French countryside on the journey north to Paris, where the Green Line tour finishes. For some guests it will be time to say a fond farewell to new friends upon arrival back in the capital, while others may choose to extend their European adventure with another night in the capital and then continue on with the Red Line tour the following day. (B)

12 PARIS - REIMS - LUXEMBOURG

The Red Line tour leaves from Paris for a delightful scenic journey through the rolling countryside of the Champagne region, famous the world over for the sparkling white wine produced here. Enjoy seeing the historic attractions of provincial capital Reims, including the city's cathedral – a key national heritage site, where coronations of French kings took place from the 11th century onwards. History and tradition are equally evident in your next location: Luxembourg, the world's only remaining Grand Duchy. After arriving in refined Luxembourg City, you'll be introduced on foot to the main places of interest, including the Place de Constitution and Pont Adolphe, before having time for further exploration on your own. (B)

13 LUXEMBOURG - TRIER - KOBLENZ - RUDESHEIM- FRANKFURT

Today we leave Luxembourg behind and head across another European border into Germany. The first stop is historic Trier, Germany's oldest city and the birthplace of Karl Marx. You'll have the chance to see from the outside the house where the influential philosopher was born, which now functions as the Karl Marx Haus museum. Your walking tour then takes you into the centre of Trier; here you can look around the city's impressive cathedral, where the celebrated Holy Robe – said to be the tunic of Christ – is preserved and occasionally displayed. Trier is also known as 'The Second Rome' (Constantine served as an administrator here for 10 years), and significant legacies of the once-great empire remain today. The highlight is undoubtedly Porta Nigra, the best-preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps, which you'll get to see and photograph.

After an exciting morning in Trier, you'll drive on to Koblenz, famous as the location of the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers. Here you have the option of indulging in a relaxing lunch alongside the water, then afterwards you can also choose to add on a scenic Rhine boat cruise for some memorable city vistas. Back on dry land you'll drive through the wine-making town of Rüdesheim. Then it's on to Frankfurt am Main, where you'll discover the delights of Römerberg, a charming plaza with a distinctive medieval town hall as its centrepiece. (B)

14 FRANKFURT - PRAGUE

After boarding the luxury coach in Frankfurt, sit back and enjoy a scenic ride through some classic German countryside en route to the Czech Republic. Prague, one of Europe's most ornate cities, is your first destination. You will arrive in the evening, ready to discover this charming capital city with its fairytale architecture, the following morning. (B)

15 PRAGUE - BRATISLAVA

Your Prague adventure begins with a spectacular walk along the Royal Route, following the traditional coronation path of the kings and queens of old Bohemia. You'll start from the top of Castle Hill in the Hradcany district, famous for its views over the red-roofed old city, and then tour Prague Castle. The castle has been the historic seat of Bohemia

royalty since the 9th century, as well as home to the nation's presidents in recent times. Your exploration then heads off around the imposing gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica and along Golden Lane, an ancient thoroughfare lined with some wonderful traditional buildings. Later you will stroll across the iconic Charles Bridge, which arches gracefully over the Vltava, and on through the winding alleys to the Old Town Square, where you can see the City Hall and one of Prague's most well-known sights, the Astronomical Clock.

After lunch in the square, you'll make the scenic transfer from Prague to the hotel in or near the Slovakian capital, Bratislava. (B)

16 BRATISLAVA - BUDAPEST

Wednesday sees you arrive in Hungary, the fourth country of the tour. Its capital, Budapest, is known as the Pearl of the Danube, and is essentially two different cities joined together: Buda on the west of the river, Pest on the east, each with its own distinct characteristics.

One of the best ways of seeing this unique location is by taking a river cruise, which many people choose to do. After a morning of activity, you'll relax over lunch at Buda Palace, and then have a chance to look at the exhibitions in the Budapest History Museum and Hungarian National Gallery, or do a spot of souvenir shopping.

Next you'll explore both sides of the city on a cultural and historic tour. Highlights on the Buda side of the Danube include the towered terrace of Fisherman's Bastion, the medieval Matthias Church and a walk up to the summit of Gellért Hill for panoramic views. While over in Pest the sights include the expansive Heroes' Square and Hungary's dramatic riverside Parliament Building. In the evening, you can choose to round off an eventful day with an optional dinner in the heart of Budapest, where you can sample traditional dishes such as goose liver, goulash, duck leg and local wine, accompanied by Hungarian folkdance and music. (B)

17 BUDAPEST - VIENNA

Today starts with a short journey to another of Europe's grand capitals, Vienna, where you'll get to explore the Austrian city's resplendent palaces, striking churches and prestigious art museums. Your Vienna adventure begins at one of the city's most popular attractions, Schönbrunn Palace, the Rococo style summer residence of the Habsburg dynasty, rulers of Europe and the Church for many decades.

After lunch in this refined setting, you will take a driving tour past many grand, famous buildings, including the City Hall, the Austrian Parliament, Hofburg Palace and Heroes' Square.

In the afternoon, you'll have some shopping time, before adding the Wiener Staatsoper (opera house) to your checklist of key Vienna buildings. Later, opt for dinner in the heart of the city or visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, before taking a stroll in Stadtpark, which is known for its range of sculptures, including the famous gilded bronze statue of Johann Strauss II.

In the evening, we recommend the option of



attending a Viennese waltz concert, which will allow you the unforgettable experience of hearing the music of Mozart and Strauss in the place where it was composed. (B)

18 VIENNA – SALZBURG – MUNICH

From Vienna it's on to another Austrian gem, Salzburg. The city's beautiful historic centre, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, is characterized by numerous baroque buildings, and is one of the most picturesque places in Europe. Salzburg is also famous for its musical heritage, being both the birthplace of Mozart, and also connected with hit musical The Sound of Music. You'll get the chance to see from the outside the house where Mozart was born, explore the city further at your leisure and also have lunch in Salzburg, before heading across the German border to Munich in the afternoon. (B)

19 MUNICH – MT TITLIS – LUCERNE – ZURICH

You'll leave the big cities behind on Saturday morning and head for one of the world's most famous mountain ranges – the Swiss Alps. The first destination is Engelberg, the stunning Swiss resort. From here you can opt to board a cable car that takes you to the summit of the impressive Mount Titlis. To reach to the top of the permanently snow-covered Mt. Titlis is by a combination of gondolas over 3 stages. You'll ascend the last stage by the world's first revolving gondola the TitlisRotair, that delivers spectacular views of the valleys, glaciers, lakes and forests below, and 360° vistas of the surrounding mountains. At the summit the sun terrace is the perfect place to pause and appreciate the breathtaking panoramas. There's a 150-metre ice cavern through the core of a glacier to explore at the top. Other highlights

include walking across Europe's highest suspension bridge for more phenomenal views from Mt. Titlis.

You'll come down from the hills to the lakeside for your next stop. Lucerne is a picturesque city of bridges and towers located in what many people believe to be the 'true' Switzerland – picture-postcard Mountains, lakes, cowbells, Alpine villages and meadows full of edelweiss flowers. Here you will have time to wander through the charming streets, and see the famous Lion Monument, which Mark Twain once described as

'the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world'. This is a great place to get souvenirs like Swiss watches and fine chocolates, before travelling to the overnight stop of Zurich.(B)

(If weather and traffic permitting, we might take a photo stop in one of the smallest country in Europe – Lichtenstein)

20 ZURICH – RHEIN FALLS – TITISEE – FRANKFURT

Today's tour begins in Zurich, a city with a reputation as a leading global financial centre. There is chance for a picture stop at the impressive Lake Zurich, before moving on to Rhine Falls, Europe's biggest waterfall. Next you'll cross back into Germany and the



Black Forest, the ancient fir-covered mountain range, which is famous for its creepy folklore and mythical tales. Here you will see the beautiful lake Titisee, where you can stop at one of the many lakeside cafés to enjoy some of the region's best Black Forest cherry gateaux. Cuckoo clocks are made in Titisee, making this the ideal place to pick up a few souvenirs from the local shops, and you'll also get to see a demonstration of how these magical mechanisms work.

Finally, you'll head back to Frankfurt, where for some members of the group it will be time to say goodbye to new-found friends, while others will opt to stay another night in this major German city before picking up the Red Line tour the next day. (B)

21 FRANKFURT – BONN – COLOGNE – AMSTERDAM

The morning begins with a leisurely drive northwest from Frankfurt to Bonn, the capital of the former West Germany until reunification. The national government is now run from Berlin, but Bonn retains a rich history that is well worth exploring. Discover the city's secrets on an orientation stroll through its streets, walking past highlights such as the Rococo-fronted town hall and Ludwig Van Beethoven Haus, a museum celebrating the life of the much-loved composer. Then it's on to Cologne, where you'll head inside the city's glorious Gothic Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Cologne further, to do a spot of local shopping or to simply relax with a suitably refreshing German brew. After lunch the day is rounded off with a drive into the Netherlands. (B)

22 AMSTERDAM – Zaanse Schans – Amsterdam

A day of delights begins with a leisurely trip through the Dutch countryside, where you'll get to sample at close quarters some of the things that the Netherlands is traditionally famous for: clogs, cheese and windmills. Call in at the hugely popular model town of Zaanse Schans. Next, you'll head from the quiet countryside to the cosmopolitan city as your journey takes you back to Amsterdam. After visiting a well-known diamond factory, where you'll see the unique cutting techniques that have been practised here since the 16th century, you can take an optional hour-long pre-dinner canal cruise, which is a great way to discover more about this unique European city. After disembarking you'll

walk to one of the city's grandest areas, Dam Square, where the Royal Palace is located and the Queen's birthday celebrations take place. You'll have photo opportunities here, free time for shopping or further sightseeing, and then round the day off with dinner. (B)

(From mid-March to mid-May we will also visit Keukenhof Garden, more informations please see: www.keukenhof.com)

23 AMSTERDAM – BRUSSELS – PARIS

After leaving Amsterdam in the morning you'll head south across the border into Brussels, the Belgian capital and political centre of the European Union. On the way, the tour stops to see the distinctive Atomium monument, a cell-shaped structure of stainless steel spheres and tubes built for the 1958 World's Fair. In the centre of Brussels itself an orientation tour will call in at the exquisite Grand Place, as well as seeing the famous impish MannekenPis Statue. After some free time, during which you can try some mouth-watering Belgian delights. Then from Brussels it's south again across the French border and on to the bright lights of Paris. (B)

24 & 25 PARIS – AUSTRALIA

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for your homeward flight. (B)

Remarks

- Sequence of the itinerary might be adjusted, please refer to the final confirmation.
- The itineraries are subject to minor change upon local arrangement
- If the weather condition, war, general strikes and other unforeseen circumstances interrupt the journey, our company reserve the right to rearrange the journey without refunding the tour fee.

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