

A Taste of Europe

10 Day Tour from London to Paris

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Vacation overview

On this vacation, get a “Taste of Europe” and sample some of Western Europe’s best-loved areas, including England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and France. You’ll visit the main cities—London, Amsterdam, Lucerne, and Paris—and you’ll also behold fascinating scenery and cruise scenic waterways. Experience the wonder of a cruise on the Rhine—with its scenic countryside, historical castles, and charming villages. See the Lorelei rock and hear its legend of a distraught maiden who sat on the rock combing her long golden hair and luring passing navigators to their death. In Amsterdam, hear about its 165 canals with a total length of 100 kms (62 miles). As such an integral part of the city, you’ll enjoy a canal cruise to appreciate Amsterdam from the waterways. Breakfast is included daily, and most days, you’ll have the opportunity to venture out and try local cuisine. Sample a pint of bitter in a local British pub, savor French wines in the Parisian cafés, and taste the local beer in Germany.





Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in London, England

Check into your hotel. In the afternoon, you may want to start exploring the lively British capital. Uniformed hosts are available to help you make the most of your stay.

Day 2 London

A full day to savor our rich program of optional activities: take a panoramic tour of London's landmarks, visit the Tower of London, or choose an excursion to Windsor Castle. Tonight, maybe a leisurely cruise on the Thames River? (B)

Day 3 London–Amsterdam Area, Holland

Leave London in the early morning and head through the lush English countryside to the Channel port, where you board your FERRY for the Continent. Here, your Tour Director and coach wait to take you to the Amsterdam area. (B)

Day 4 Amsterdam

Today, enjoy a CANAL CRUISE to see the town from water level, then watch the cutting and polishing of precious stones at a DIAMOND CENTER in Amsterdam. Later, sightseeing with a Local Guide points out the city highlights. (B,D)

Day 5 Amsterdam Area–Rhineland, Germany

Another morning in Amsterdam to do as you please, or to discover the beautiful Dutch countryside on an optional excursion. Later, travel southwards into the lovely landscape of the Rhine, where you will spend one night. (B,D)

Day 6 Rhineland–Rhine Cruise–Lucerne Area, Switzerland

Start the day with an included RHINE CRUISE to see some legendary sights, including the Lorelei rock. Rejoin the coach for a comfortable drive southwards to the Swiss border at Basel. The scenery becomes more and more fascinating as you approach the Lucerne area for two overnights. (B,D)

Day 7 Lucerne Area

One of Switzerland's finest cities, Lucerne is nestled amid its snowcapped Alps, surrounded by its lake, and embellished by the clear mountain waters of the Reuss River. Your visit takes in the impressive city walls, CHAPEL BRIDGE, ornate patrician houses lining cobblestone streets, and the LION MONUMENT—a masterful stone sculpture in honor of the heroic Swiss Guard of Louis XVI. A grand selection of optional activities completes the day: a cable-car ride to the 10,000-foot summit of Mount Titlis; a cruise on the fjord-like lake; and, of course, time to shop for that very Swiss watch. (B)

Day 8 Lucerne Area–Paris, France

Enjoy vistas of green pastures and attractive chalets with rustic timbering and luxuriant flowers. Then, into France on the fast highway, past some of its most famous vineyards, to Paris. Arrive in time to enjoy the optional cabaret show. (B)

Day 9 Paris

One full day to explore the city that's known throughout the world for its fashions, art and museums, delicious food, and joie de vivre. Included sightseeing with a local expert shows off many of the best-known Parisian sights: La Sorbonne, Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Madeleine, the

Eiffel Tower, the Pyramid near the Louvre, the Invalides, and Champs Elysées. Optional excursions are also available. Celebrate the success of your tour with an optional French farewell dinner. (B)

Day 10 Paris

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Vacation Highlights

Individual headsets

Inside visits and special features:

Shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

Sightseeing:

Rhine cruise; visit Lucerne

Scenic Highlights:

Rhineland

Guides:

Host service in London. Local Guides for city sightseeing in Amsterdam and Paris. Professional Tour Director while touring

NOTES:

- April 2 Departure – Easter Week
- December 24 Departure – New Year in Paris including New Year's Eve Reveillon

Hotels

LONDON DoubleTree by Hilton London – Chelsea (F) or Novotel London West (F)

AMSTERDAM AREA NH Airport (F) at Schiphol or Grand (F) at Amstelveen

RHINELAND Dorint Köln Junkersdorf (ST) or Ramada (F) at Bruehl or Mercure Köln Airport (ST)

LUCERNE AREA Postillon (ST) or Ibis Styles (ST) or Luzernerhof (ST)

PARIS Kyriad Cachan Arcueil (ST)

Meals

Buffet breakfasts; 3 dinners

Optional Excursions

The following list of optional excursions are **examples only** for this vacation. These optional excursions might or might not be available. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, optional excursions are a wonderful way to enrich your vacation even further. Plus, they give you flexibility. We include the must-see sites and experiences, and we also understand that people take interest in different activities and may want to craft a more personal vacation by hand-picking optional excursions that appeal to them.

Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, days of operation, group interests, and general feasibility for your vacation. The approximate value listed gives you a good, general idea of what you can expect to pay but may vary once you are on your vacation. Some information provided might be in a foreign currency; you can use our online [currency converter](#) for exchange rate information.

CITY: London



A Taste of London A unique chance to combine a traditional London pub experience with a relaxed, night-time river cruise, viewing some of the capital's most beautiful illuminated sights. Enjoy a three-course dinner with several local menu choices, including fish and chips and steak and ale pie at an historic London pub in the City of London. Following dinner you will enjoy scenic views from the comfort of your private cruiser. Highlights include Tower Bridge, St. Paul's and the Houses of Parliament, with commentary from your guide as you cruise along the River Thames.

Approximate value: £68 GBP per person



Afternoon Excursion to Windsor Castle Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. One of the official residences of Queen Elizabeth II the castle is still used regularly for ceremonial and state occasions. Visit the magnificent State Apartments furnished with priceless works of art by Holbein, Rembrandt, Rubens and Van Dyck. See wonderful St. George's Chapel the burial place of ten monarchs including Henry VIII and Charles I.

Approximate value: £49 GBP per person



Morning City Sightseeing Morning Sightseeing with a Local Guide includes all the famous landmarks: the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the River Thames, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. Highlights are a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and the ceremonial pageantry of the Changing of the Guard, if held.

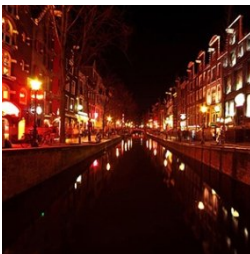
Approximate value: £35 GBP per person



Tower of London and Crown Jewels The Tower of London is one of the most famous historic buildings in the world. Built by William the Conqueror in 1066-1067, it has been guarded by Yeoman Warders (popularly known as the Beefeaters) since the 14th century. It has been a fortress, a royal palace, a prison, a place of execution, and an armory. It is most famously known as the home to the priceless Crown Jewels, including the solid gold crown used at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the Imperial State Crown and Sovereigns Sceptre, the incredible Cullinan diamonds, and the Koh-i-Noor.

Approximate value: £49 GBP per person

CITY: Amsterdam



Amsterdam at Night An evening excursion with a local guide will show you the lights of Amsterdam. After a short orientation drive to see parts of the city you will disembark from the coach and proceed on foot through one of the oldest and most beautiful parts of the city - the "Red Light" district - which no doubt you have heard many things about. Walk through its long winding narrow, cobbled streets with its charming 14th century architecture. One cannot but help to admire the old buildings that lean at odd angles and the tree-enshrouded canals. The local guide will introduce you to this fascinating area and during the walk you will stop at one the "brown cafes" for a drink before rejoining the coach to return back to the hotel. Note that this excursion is not suitable for children under 15 years old.

Approximate value: €25 EUR per person



Keukenhof Spring has arrived! This excursion takes place only approximately 3 months a year and on the route from Amsterdam to Keukenhof Park the carpets of colour of the flowers on either side of the road are a breathtaking sight. Preparation of the gardens takes place several months in advance when thousands of tulip, dafodil and hyacinth bulbs are planted in order to ensure a full bloom when the park opens. In the park there are numerous large glasshouses and pavillions with various floral exhibitions, theme gardens and a working windmill. You will have about 2 hours to wander around the gardens on your own - perhaps even buy some flower bulbs to take home.

Approximate value: €33 EUR per person



Volendam & Zaanse Schans On this half day tour ancient times will come to life! After departing from Amsterdam a stop will be made first in the old fishing town of Volendam, where you will have a bit of time to stroll through the centre seeing the typical Dutch architecture. Then continue on the drive to the idyllic and picturesque village of Zaanse Schans. This is more an open-air museum created to show visitors what life was like in the "Zaanstreek" in the 17th and 18th centuries. This was one of the first industrial areas of the world with its windmills engaged in the production of linseed oil, paint, mustard and woodworking etc. There are plenty of typical Dutch things to see and photograph including working windmills, clog and cheese making demonstrations, typical houses and shops selling Dutch produce. At the end of this fascinating visit drive back to Amsterdam.

Approximate value: €20 EUR per person

CITY: Lucerne



Dinner & Swiss Folklore Contrary to belief, not all Swiss can yodel or blow the alp horn, but those you will see are real experts. At the Stadtkeller Restaurant, located in the old town of Lucerne, they will entertain you with merry melodies on the accordion and traditional dances whilst you enjoy a delicious meal and sample the Swiss Cheese Fondue.

Approximate value: €60 EUR per person



Engelberg Only Spend a few hours in this panoramic village very famous winter sport center of Central Switzerland at the foot of Mount Titlis. In Engelberg which is also a charming village you can take a walk or you can shop in the bazaars and enjoy traditional Swiss cuisine in a typical restaurant

Approximate value: €35 EUR per person



Mount Titlis Drive to Alpine Engelberg - very famous sport center of Central Switzerland - to take the Titlis-Rotair, the world's first revolving cable car, up to 10,000 feet where eternal snow resists even the summer sun. A panoramic view all the way up with 360 degree vistas of glaciers and icefalls. On top of Mount Titlis there is a Restaurant with a nice terrace and a solarium from which you can also enjoy an enchanting view.

Approximate value: €78 EUR per person



Scenic Lake Cruise An hour's guided cruise on the most beautiful lake in Switzerland gives you an introduction to this lovely city from a completely different aspect. With its many bays, it offers superb panoramas of the surrounding landscape. The cruise is operated on a comfortable private covered boat and a commentary will be given by one of the crew staff who will explain the history of all the enchanting villages and you will learn some interesting stories of the

Swiss History.

Approximate value: €25 EUR per person



The Titlis Ice Flyer An extension to the Mount Titlis excursion, the Ice Flyer is a chair lift, specially equipped to protect from wind, snow and rain. The 2,460 foot journey lasts six minutes and you can enjoy an absolutely unique and unforgettable ride.

Approximate value: €8 EUR per person

CITY: Paris



Cabaret Show A trip to Paris is not complete without a visit to one of the famous Parisian Cabaret to enjoy an enchanting night. Whilst you see a colourful costume and decor show of music and dances, you will be served a glass of champagne to fully enjoy your evening. This excursion is not operated as a private charter which means you may join others on the same tour which may require pickign up and dropping off at several hotels.

Approximate value: €75 EUR per person



Farewell Dinner & Orientation Tonight you will have the opportunity to taste some delicious specialities of the French cuisine. In a Parisian restaurant with a fascinating atmosphere you will enjoy a four-course dinner with an aperitif and wine. Some music will enliven the evening. An orientation drive of Paris will also be part of this special night

Approximate value: €60 EUR per person



Versailles-Sun King's Palace Historic Versailles is the beautiful, restored palace of Louis XIV, the Sun King. After the guided tour of the palace where you will have the opportunity to admire the magnificent internal decorations, furniture and huge shining chandeliers, you can stroll in the magnificent terraced gardens with their fountains and statues. The Palace of Versailles is open every day except Mondays.

Approximate value: €60 EUR per person

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- Charges not included in the land vacation price: airfare to and from the start of your vacation; airline baggage fees including checked and/or excess baggage fees; Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; applicable cruise taxes, fees, fares and port charges; passports; visas and vaccinations; transfers; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in the itinerary; porterage at airports or train stations; Travel Protection premiums; and all other items of a personal nature.