

## Wonders of Europe

### 12 Day Tour from London to London

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### Vacation overview

From London to Paris via Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy, discover many of Europe's highlights on this memorable vacation. Do you enjoy seeing historical sites? Do you enjoy architectural wonders? Do you enjoy tasting new cuisine? If so, this tour is for you. For history buffs, you'll delight in seeing many of Europe's historical sites. In Rome, visit the Roman Forum, dating back to the 7th century BC, and the Colosseum, completed in the 1st century AD. In Lucerne, see the Chapel Bridge, built in 1333 as part of the city's fortifications and now the oldest preserved wooden bridge in Europe. Or how about the medieval houses and Golden Roof in Innsbruck, built around 1500 for Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I? Or if you are more interested in art and architecture, you'll enjoy the experiences and treasures offered on this tour. Visit Florence, known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world and often referred to as the art capital of Italy. A highlight of Florence is the magnificent east door of the Baptistry of St. John, with the gilded bronze doors depicting scenes from the Old Testament. The doors got their nickname—Gates of Paradise—from Michelangelo, who said the 12 bronze reliefs were "so fine that they would grace the entrance of paradise." Of course, no traveler to Europe should miss the distinct architecture of Paris, and on this tour, you'll have plenty of time to explore Paris' famous architectural sites. From London and Paris to Venice and the French Riviera, this enriching tour offers something for everyone—historical sites, amazing architecture, culinary opportunities, and more.

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## Itinerary

### Day 1 London, England–Brussels, Belgium

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 luxury coach meet you, and you're off across Belgium to Brussels. (B)

### Day 2 Brussels–Luxembourg–Lucerne Area, Switzerland

Extraordinary vistas on the drive south today! Take a break in Luxembourg, capital of the world's only sovereign Grand Duchy, then drive through the wine-growing farmland of Alsace before crossing the border into Switzerland. Finally, approach the Swiss Alps before arriving in the Lucerne area. (B)

### Day 3 Lucerne Area–Liechtenstein–Innsbruck Area, Austria

This morning, take advantage of the Lucerne visit and maybe join the optional excursion to the top of one of the famous mountains. Later, head for Vaduz in the tiny but very wealthy Principality of Liechtenstein. To the east are the picture-perfect villages of Austria's Vorarlberg and, once you're through the Arlberg Tunnel, the scenic splendor of the Inn Valley. Overnight in the Innsbruck area, with time for a walk in the city center and to see the GOLDEN ROOF. (B,D)

### Day 4 Innsbruck Area–Venice Area, Italy

Enjoy vistas of the Tyrolean Alps and the foothills of the Dolomites while crossing Brenner Pass into Italy. Reach Venice by private MOTORBOAT to view the BRIDGE OF SIGHS and DOGES' PALACE plus ST. MARK'S SQUARE before the visit to a GLASSBLOWING WORKSHOP. Don't miss out on the optional gondola serenade, gliding through century-old canals. (B,D)

### Day 5 Venice Area–Assisi–Rome

An interesting drive southward, cutting across the Po plain, then through the gentle Umbrian hills to Assisi, where St. Francis was born in 1182. Visit the world-famous BASILICA with its beautiful frescoes by Giotto, then head for Rome. (B)

### Day 6 Rome

Today's sightseeing of the "Eternal City" with a Local Guide features ST. PETER'S SQUARE, and includes an inside visit of the COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM. (B)

### Day 7 Rome–Florence–Montecatini

Say "Arrivederci, Roma" this morning as you drive northwards through lovely Tuscan countryside to reach Florence in the afternoon. On the included walking tour with a Local Guide, discover the landmarks of this Renaissance city, like Piazza Signoria with the Loggia dei Lanzi, Palazzo Vecchio, and the breathtaking cathedral on Piazza del Duomo. Overnight in the spa town of Montecatini. (B)

### Day 8 Montecatini–Pisa–Èze, France–French Riviera

Stop in Pisa to see the Leaning Tower and the SQUARE OF MIRACLES. Bypassing the great port of Genoa, head northwest, getting glimpses of the Italian and French Rivièras. Visit one of the famous PERFUME WORKSHOPS in Èze before reaching your overnight destination on the lovely French Riviera. (B)

### Day 9 French Riviera–Aix-En-Provence–Lyon Area

Leave the French Riviera this morning and head inland, crossing sun-drenched Provence. Stop

in Aix-en-Provence, then travel into the vineyards of the Rhône Valley. Overnight in the Lyon area. (B,D)

**Day 10 Lyon Area–Beaune–Paris**

Vistas of famous vineyards on the way to Beaune, famous for wines such as Chambertin and Nuits-Saint-Georges. Its Hôtel-Dieu is one of the oldest hospitals in Europe. Head for the final excitement of Paris, the most sparkling city in the world. Time to enjoy an optional cabaret show. (B)

**Day 11 Paris**

One full day to explore the city that's known throughout the world for its fashion, 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 to the Palace and Gardens of Versailles and, to celebrate the success of your tour, a French farewell dinner might be just the ticket. (B)

**Day 12 Paris–London, England**

Relax and let the countryside whiz by on the road north to the coast, where you board your Channel ferry. Through Kent, return to London for an evening arrival, where your holiday ends. (B)

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**Vacation Highlights**

Individual headsets

**Inside visits and special features:**

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

**Sightseeing:**

Visits to Luxembourg, Lucerne, Vaduz, Innsbruck's Golden Roof, Venice, Assisi, Pisa, a perfume factory in Èze, Aix-en-Provence, Beaune

**Scenic Highlights:**

Swiss Alps, Inn Valley, Europa Bridge, Italian and French Rivas, Burgundy Wine Country

**Guides:**

Local Guides for city sightseeing in Rome, Florence, Paris. Professional Tour Director while touring

**NOTES:**

- December 20 Departure – Christmas lunch in Rome
- December 21 Departure – New Year in Paris including "Reveillon" dinner

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**Hotels**

BRUSSELS Golden Tulip Brussels Airport (F) or Park Inn (ST)

LUCERNE AREA Drei Könige (ST) or Ibis Kriens (ST)

INNSBRUCK AREA Ramada Tivoli (ST)

VENICE AREA Poppi (ST) at Mira or Mercure (F) at Marghera

ROME Fleming (ST)  
MONTECATINI Settentrionale Esplanade (F)  
FRENCH RIVIERA Park Inn (ST) at Nice or Campanile Nice Airport (ST) or Ibis Styles Nice Vieux Port (ST)  
LYON AREA Lyon Ouest (ST) or Metropole (F) or Parkest (ST)  
PARIS Kyriad (ST) at Bercy or Kyriad Porte d' Ivry (ST)

## Meals

Buffet breakfasts; 3 dinners

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# 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: Brussels



**Evening City Sightseeing** A guided evening sightseeing tour lasting approx. 3 hrs. first by coach to see the Congress Column and tomb of unknown soldier, the Parliament, Royal Park and theatre, Arch of Cinquantenaire, the EU buildings, the Academy Palace, the Royal Palace and Royal Square, St. Michael's Cathedral and Palace of Justice. Then on foot to see statue of "Mannekin Pis" where a stop will be made at a typical Brussels taverne for an included drink of either Belgian beer or soft drink. Finally the beautiful Grand Place with its town hall and guild houses. At the end of the sightseeing tour you will have free time before returning back to the hotel by coach. coach.coach.

Approximate value: €28 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



**Mount Stanserhorn** Unforgettable is a ride with the world's first Cabrio® - a double-decker cable car with an open top. The journey is a combination of an old-time funicular, which has romantic 100-year-old carriages (1893) and the modern cable car. Once on the summit you will have an enchanting view of 100 kilometers of the Alpine chain and a view of 10 Swiss lakes. There is a sun terrace with a fabulous panorama and a relaxation area. Get captured by the friendliness and Swissness of your hosts at Mount Stanserhorn, they're looking forward to welcome you.

Approximate value: €58 EUR per person

**Pilatus** A thrilling trip up to one of the most famous Swiss mountains. Mount Pilatus is 2,132 m. (7,000 ft) high and enjoys a superb panorama over central Switzerland. According to legend, the body of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, lay in the mountain lake, hence the name of the mountain.

Approximate value: €55 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

**CITY: Venice**



**Gondola Serenade** One of the highlights of a trip to Europe and something not to be missed during your visit to Venice is a gondola serenade. The gondola ride either takes place in the morning or the afternoon and lasts approximately 30 minutes when during this time you can relax whilst cruising not only on the Grand Canal but also down many small canals to see Venice from the water. During the gondola ride a local musician will serenade you with the traditional romantic music of Italy.

Approximate value: €40 EUR per person

## CITY: Rome



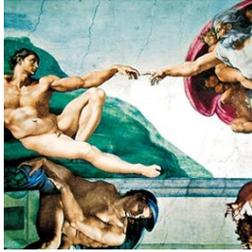
**Roman Fine Treasures** Departing from the hotel around 16.00 hrs you will be taken by coach to Lungotevere Marzio where you will disembark to start the walking sightseeing tour with a local guide to see some of the many treasures of Rome. First Piazza Navona, where there will be an inside visit of the Church of St. Louis of the French, which was designed and built between 1518 and 1589 and is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, to St. Denis the Areopagite and king of France, St. Louis IX. The church's most famous item is the cycle of paintings in the Contarelli Chapel painted by Caravaggio, which represent the life of St. Matthew. Then a visit to one of the best-preserved Roman buildings, the Pantheon, which was built as a temple to all the gods of Ancient Rome and almost 2,000 years after it was built its dome is still the world's largest unreinforced concrete dome. Return slowly back to the starting point where you will be given some free time for dinner before being taken back to the hotel by coach.

Approximate value: €30 EUR per person



**Treasures of Rome by Night & Dinner** An early evening tour will show you other aspects of Rome, perhaps not seen on the included sightseeing tour. Either before or after dinner you will have an orientation drive to probably include Castel Sant' Angelo, Palace of Justice, Mausoleum of Augustus, Aurelian walls, Villa Borghese, Via Veneto, Piazza Barberini and Via Nazionale. Dinner will be taken at one of the local restaurants and you can sample a delicious 3 course menu with dessert including local wine and mineral water plus coffee or tea. During the evening there will be music to add to the romantic Roman atmosphere.

Approximate value: €58 EUR per person



**Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel** On this fascinating excursion with a local guide you can stroll through the Vatican Museum and marvel at Michaelangelo's famous creation in the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museum houses over 2000 rooms and 9 miles of the most extensive collections of art in the world. The Museums are brilliantly decorated and brim over with treasures and history and the local guide will share with you the stories and secrets contained within the Museum's walls. In the Sistine Chapel you can marvel at Michaelangelo's masterpiece, which is perhaps the greatest example of art anywhere and certainly the largest contiguous body by one painter. There are also some lesser masterpieces in the Sistine Chapel which are also worth seeing.

Approximate value: €58 EUR per person

### **CITY: Montecatini**



**Tuscan Dinner** Enjoy a lovely evening out in the Tuscan countryside in a restaurant which is situated on the land of an ancient farm. The farm was completely renewed and the production of the wine and olive oil are open to visitors with traditional Tuscan hospitality. During the winter season the old wine cellar becomes a warm and welcoming dining room. In spring and autumn, weather permitting, one can dine outside and enjoy the warmth of the first or last sunbeams whilst in the summer the ancient surrounding trees offer a cool shelter and the outside lamps create a magical setting. You can sample a good selection of local Tuscan dishes together with a tasting of locally produced wines plus mineral water, coffee and Italian liquer.

Approximate value: €50 EUR per person

### **CITY: French Riviera**



**Monte Carlo by Night** A beautiful drive along the French Riviera will lead you to the Principality of Monaco where you will see the Cathedral and the Royal Palace of the Grimaldi Family. You can walk in the narrow streets of Monaco and see some charming corners of this Principality. Then proceed to the Casino of Montecarlo where you can absorb the jet set atmosphere. The Casino was used in several James Bond movies due to its glamorous and elegant Belle Epoque building. Whilst you have the opportunity to try your luck at the slot machines, you will have a drink at the Restaurant "Le Cafe de Paris" inside the Casino itself.

Approximate value: €40 EUR per person



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Approximate value: €60 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 picking up and dropping off at several hotels.

Approximate value: €75 EUR per person

**Farewell Dinner &** opportunity to taste cuisine. In a atmosphere you and wine. Some drive of Paris will



**Orientation** Tonight you will have the some delicious specialities of the French Parisian restaurant with a fascinating will enjoy a four-course dinner with an aperitif music will enliven the evening. An orientation also be part of this special night

Approximate value: €60 EUR per person



**The Louvre & Its Masterpieces** Once a royal palace and now a museum housing one of the most famous art collections in the world, the Louvre is yours on a guided tour. The Louvre Museum is open every day except Tuesdays and bank holidays. The Louvre is one of the most famous museums in the world with 8.8 millions visitors every year and it is an unique experience to admire the Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece "Mona Lisa"

Approximate value: €45 EUR per person



**Versailles Sun King's Palace (Sat-Sun-Tue)** 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.

Approximate value: €65 EUR per person



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Approximate value: €60 EUR per person

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