

# AN ART LOVER'S TASTE OF EUROPE

**15 DAYS** | Departing 26 September 2021

A cultural journey, visiting some of the best art galleries and museums in Europe while enjoying the sights and tastes of a selection of Europe's most loved cities.



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# An Art Lover's Taste of Europe Itinerary

## DAY 1: ARRIVAL ROME

Welcome to Rome! On arrival complimentary transfers are provided to your hotel, departing the airport at 09.30, 12.30 and 15.30hrs. Later, meet your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant. (DW)

**Hotel: Kolbe, Rome – 3 nights**

## DAY 2: ROME SIGHTSEEING

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, with Insight's special VIP entry to avoid crowds and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel where Popes are elected to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to wonder at another of his works and stand beneath the dome which was completed after his death. During a walking exploration of Rome, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain, visit the Pantheon and enjoy free time in Piazza Navona. (B)

## DAY 3: GALLERIA BORGHESE AND FREE TIME

A highlight for art lovers today, a visit to the Galleria Borghese, which houses a substantial part of the Borghese collection of paintings, sculptures and antiquities, begun by Cardinal Scipione Borghese, the nephew of Pope Paul V who reigned from 1605 to 1621. The rest of the day is yours to explore before joining for dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B, DW)

## DAY 4: ORVIETO AND ON TO RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Travel into the heart of Italy to the hilltop town of Orvieto, located on a rock pedestal overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Here, take in the flavours of the region, learn about the ingredients and Italian food culture when you join a local chef for a fascinating cooking demonstration, followed by lunch and a glass of Orvieto Classico wine, a magical culinary experience. Continue through the idyllic landscapes of Umbria and Tuscany to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. (B, LW)

**Hotel: Hotel Albani Firenze – 2 nights**

## DAY 5: RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

With a Local Expert, visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous art museums in Europe. Admire works by Michelangelo, Botticelli and Raphael amongst other masterpieces. Then embark on a sightseeing trip to see the multi coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry, adorned by Ghiberti's "Gate of Paradise". This evening is yours to enjoy the ambience of this timeless city. (B)

## DAY 6: FLORENCE TO MILAN

We travel to Lucca and indulge in a wine and oil tasting with light lunch before heading to the fashion capital Milan. This evening, we are treated to a dinner of local flavours. (B, DW)

**Hotel: NH Milano Touring – 3 nights**

## DAY 7 & 8: EXPLORE MILAN

With our Local Expert we visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. An outstanding work of architecture and perhaps more famous for its connection to Leonardo da Vinci's fresco of "The Last Supper" which is preserved inside its refectory\* (dining hall). The Church is one of the Renaissance Arts most important

testimonies and has therefore been included as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, visit the La Scala Opera House, regarded as one of the leading opera and ballet theatres in the world. The balance of your stay in Milan is yours to discover. Perhaps take an excursion into the Lake District? (B)

\*Tickets to *The Last Supper* entirely subject to availability.

### DAY 9: MILAN TO LUCERNE

Farewell Italy and travel into the mountains of Switzerland. We experience one of the greatest scenic highlights Europe has to offer! We climb to the top of Mt Stanserhorn by old-timer railway and the worlds only Cabrio cable car. At the peak, there's time to enjoy glorious views of the central Alpine chain, explore the hiking trails or just relax and enjoy the panoramic terrace before descending and continuing to lakeside Lucerne. (B, DW)

**Hotel: Radisson Blu, Lucerne – 1 night**

### DAY 10: LUCERNE TO PARIS

Travelling into the Burgundy wine region of France, we stop in the walled town of Beaune. After an orientation with your Travel Director continue on to the French capital, Paris. This evening we'll enjoy a typical French Style dinner. (B, DW)

**Hotel: Le Meridien Etoile, Paris – 3 nights**

### DAY 11: THE BEST OF PARIS

This morning on your orientation of Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, the facades of the Louvre, the obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and enjoy a drive along the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe. We visit Paris's first digital art Museum, Ateiler des Lumieres. With state-of-the-art visuals and audio, artists works become an immersive and panoramic show. Then there is time free to explore Paris at your leisure. This evening we visit the renowned Louvre Museum at night, offering a totally different perspective. Formerly a royal palace, the Louvre has embraced the history of France for eight centuries and features works admired across the globe, including the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and the Venus de Milo. (B)

### DAY 12: MUSEE D'ORSAY

Join your Local Expert to visit the Musee d'Orsay. The former Gare d'Orsay of Beaux-Arts architecture is now one of the largest museums in Europe and home to the largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces in the world. Be enthralled by the works of Monet, Manet, Degas, Cezanne, Van Gogh, amongst others. This afternoon, perhaps join an optional experience to Monet's garden in Giverny to see the inspiration for some of his most famous works before heading back to Paris. (B)

### DAY 13: PARIS TO AMSTERDAM

Travel into Belgium today and make a stop in the canal city of Ghent. Its centre is known for medieval architecture such as the 12th century Gravensteen Castle and Graslei, a row of beautiful facades reflected in the River Lys. Relax at a café terrace, shop for Belgian chocolate or simply take in the atmosphere. Continue on to the Dutch capital of Amsterdam, a vibrant metropolis and still a living museum of the 17th Century. (B)

### DAY 14: ARTISTIC AMSTERDAM

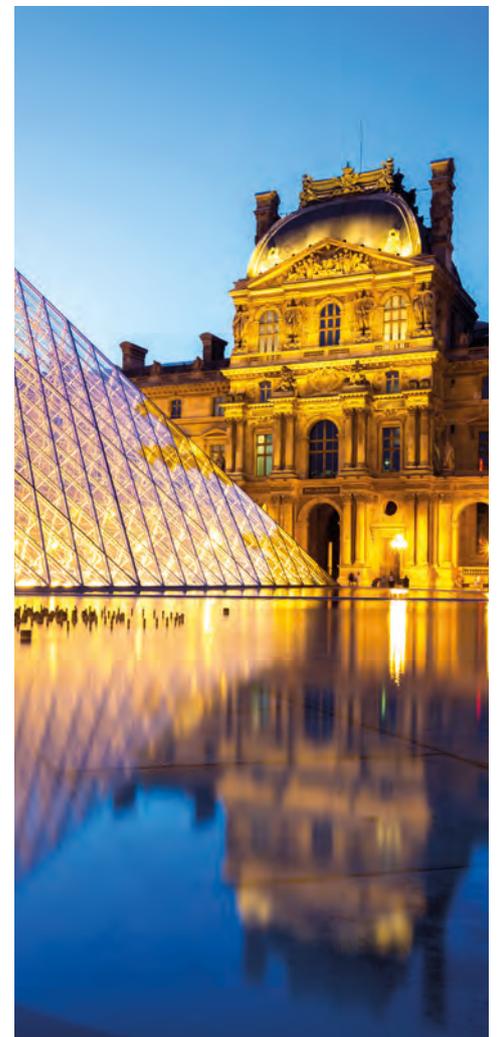
Admire world famous masterpieces in the Rijksmuseum. Among the collection are works by Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Johannes Vermeer. Then onto the Van Gogh Museum, home to the largest collection of Van Gogh paintings and drawings in the world. This evening enjoy dinner while cruising through the canals and celebrate our time on this extraordinary journey. (B, DW)

### DAY 15: FAREWELL AMSTERDAM

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Complimentary transfers to the airport depart at 08.00 and 10.00am. (B)

### MEAL KEY:

(B) = Breakfast, (LW) = Lunch with wine, (DW) = Dinner with Wine



## INSIGHT EXPERIENCES & TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- Explore Galleria Borghese
- See the works of Michelangelo, Botticelli and Raphael in the Uffizi Gallery
- Ascend Mt Stanserhorn by old-timer railway and the worlds only Cabrio cable car for breathtaking views
- Visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie
- Visit Paris's first digital art Museum, Atelier des Lumieres
- Explore the Louvre Museum at night
- Experience the largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces in the world at Musee D'Orsay
- Admire famous masterpieces at the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam

### INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

14 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch with wine (LW), 6 dinners with wine (DW)

### ADDITIONAL 5 STAR SERVICES

- 14 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodation as indicated
- Escorted by a professional Travel Director
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seater coach with extended leg room, on-board washroom, and panoramic windows
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on Day 1 and Day 15
- A dedicated Wellbeing Director throughout ensuring enhanced Hygiene Protocols and distancing.

**TRIP PRICE**  
**\$4,565**  
 per person twin share

**\$1,633 per person**  
 single supplement

Prepaid Gratuities option:  
 For your Travel Director and  
 Driver \$198 per person



### BOOKING CONDITIONS:

**Tips, Taxes & Portorage:** Insight hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage. All tips are included for services on trip provided by dining-room waiters, chambermaids and porters at hotels.

**What's Not Included:** Airfares, airport taxes and charges imposed by third parties, passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, tips and gratuities to the Travel Director, coach drivers and local city guides, excess baggage, Optional Experiences and travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see your Travel Agent for further details.

**Deposit:** A deposit of USD\$200 per person is required within 5 days of booking.

**Final Payment:** Required to your travel agent no later than 70 days prior to departure.

**Price:** The advertised price is in USD dollars. No surcharges in regards to cost or currency fluctuations will be made once deposit is received. This guarantee excludes fuel surcharges and does not apply to any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies.

**Discounts:** Frequent Traveller & 2nd trip Discount apply only. No other discounts are available on this trip. Refer to our current Europe & Britain brochure for conditions of these. **Cancellation Fees:**

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No of days prior to trip commencement	Cancellation fee as % of total trip price
More than 70 days	loss of deposit
Between 69 & 30 days	38.5%
Between 29 & 08 days	55%
07 days or less	100%

**Amendments:** A fee of USD\$50 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed. **Refunds:** No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any trips, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

#### Itinerary Changes & Trip Cancellation:

Insight Vacations reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any trip departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trips require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Insight Vacations reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

**Hotels:** The hotels listed in the itinerary are confirmed, although subject to change for reasons beyond our control.

**Rooming Arrangements:** Please note that single accommodation is usually limited. Occupying a single room either by choice or circumstance is

subject to the applicable supplement.

**Trip Membership:** Any person aged 5 years or more is eligible, though if under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The Travel Director may, at his or her discretion, require any person to withdraw from any trip if he or she deems the person's acts or conduct offensive or a nuisance to other passengers, and we shall have no further liability.

**Portage:** For one suitcase on trip is included in the trip price and at arrival or departure from each trip hotel. Due to limited coach capacity this single bag should have a weight not exceeding 30kg (66lbs) and dimensions not exceeding 77.5cm (30.5in) x 56cm (22in) x 32cm (12.5in). Charges will be levied in the event these limits are exceeded and our promise to transport you as indicated may be invalidated. Note: Airlines may restrict check-in baggage to 20kgs per person.

**Documentation:** Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure and documentation will be received by your travel agent.

**Holidays & Changes:** During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made by Insight Vacations to minimise inconvenience to our passengers. If, however you feel your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations please check with the respective national tourist office before selecting a specific departure. Similarly, holidays, closing days and other circumstances may necessitate a change of the day of the week for scheduled highlight dinners, sightseeing or other activities. Due to the unreliability of domestic air scheduling, religious festivals, and other unforeseen circumstances, the itineraries, hotels or order of sightseeing may change at short notice.

• Pre or post trip accommodation is subject to availability. If not available, an alternative may be offered.

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