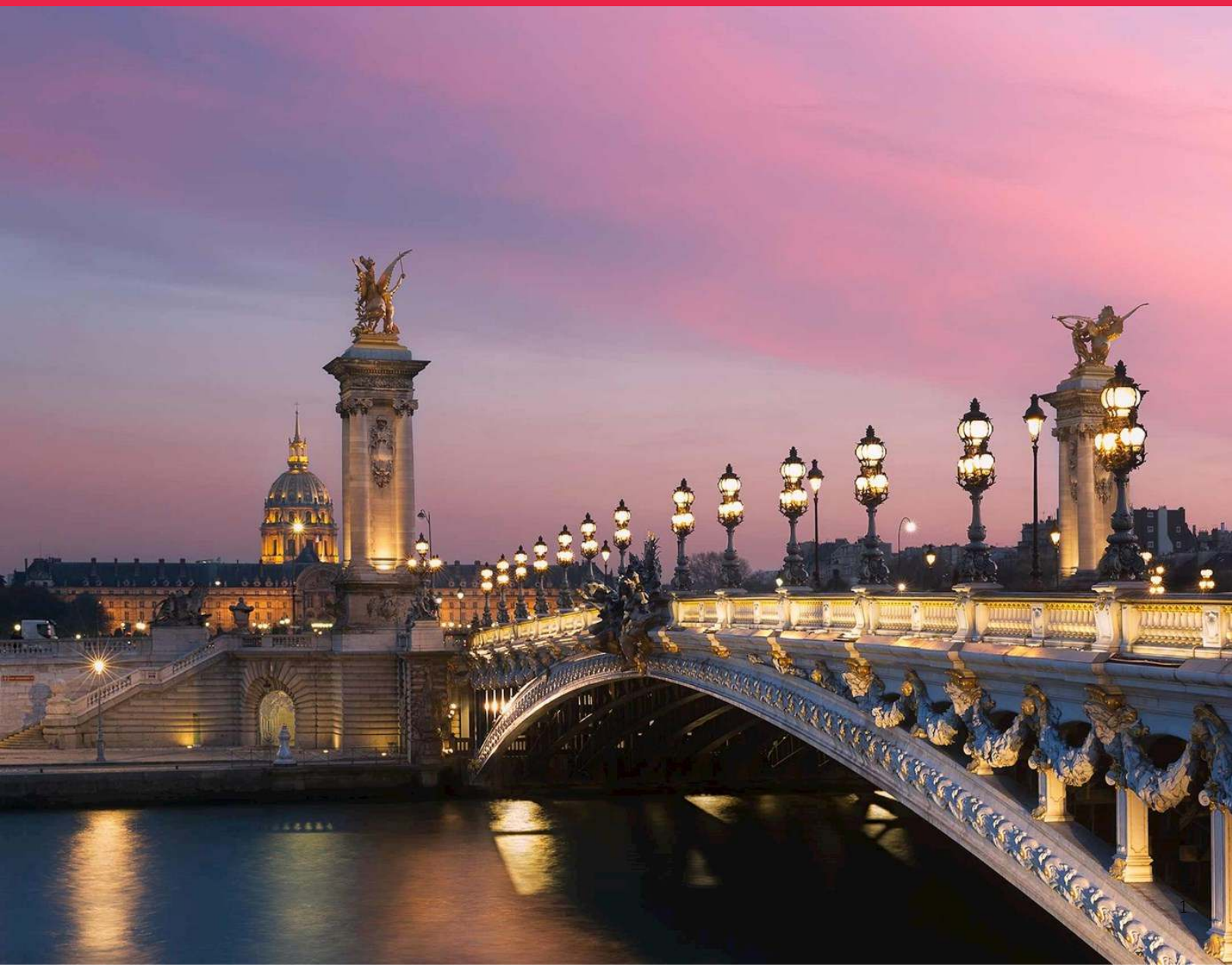
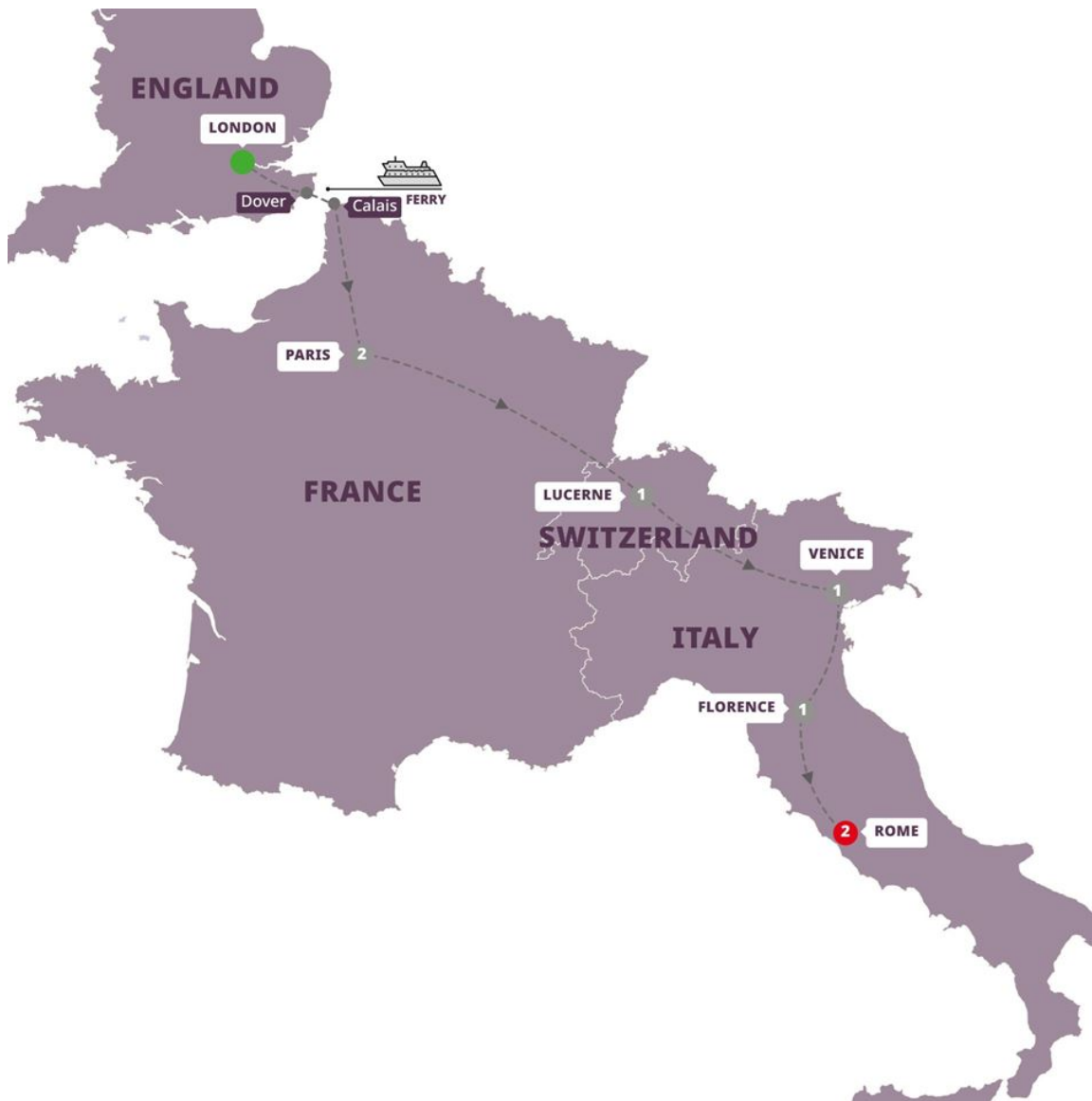


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# Your itinerary



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|  Start Location |  Visited Location |
|  Plane          |  End Location     |
|  Cruise         |  Train            |
|  Over night     |  Ferry            |

## Day 1 | Cross the English Channel to Paris



Cheerio London and hello to the sparkling White Cliffs of Dover, England's last hurrah before we cross the English Channel bound for Calais. We pass the tragic World War I battlefields of the Somme before arriving in Paris where we will enjoy a Welcome Reception with dinner to meet our fellow travellers and Travel Director. This evening, the 'City of Lights' provides an enchanting backdrop for an orientation drive that will showcase several of the sights which await us tomorrow.

**Meals:** Welcome Reception

**Hotel:** Novotel Centre Bercy

## Day 2 | Explore the Sights of Paris



Embark on a scenic sojourn, with your Local Specialist, along the grand Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe, honouring those who fought for France. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, you'll have some leisure time to explore the treasures of Paris. Perhaps enjoy breath-taking views from the highest rooftop terrace in Paris or relax at a cosy French café and enjoy a glass of wine while watching the world go by.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Novotel Centre Bercy

### Optional Experiences:

**Montparnasse and Seine Cruise** - Today we'll take the fastest elevator in Europe to the Panoramic Observation Deck of Montparnasse Tower for unbeatable views of all of the city's iconic monuments, including the Eiffel Tower. The highest rooftop terrace in Paris offers a breath-taking 360-degree view, with all of Paris at your feet! Then, we'll enjoy a relaxing cruise on the River Seine, discovering the wonders of Paris as we go.

*Adult: 43.00 EUR*

**Moulin Rouge Cabaret and Dinner** - It's world famous for a reason, and this is your chance to see the real-life inspiration behind the award-winning movie. This Parisian institution features 60 dancers and entertainers with over 1,000 costumes to create a dazzling spectacle. You'll enjoy wine, dinner and Champagne during this unforgettable soirée at the original Parisian Cabaret!

*Adult: 165.00 EUR*

### Day 3 | Onwards to Explore Lucerne



We wind our way through the sprawling vineyards of Auxerrois and Burgundy, journeying south past the 15<sup>th</sup>-century fortress of Châteauneuf and rolling green farmlands into Switzerland bound for Lucerne. Cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge with its 17<sup>th</sup>-century paintings and view the mortally wounded lion hewn from rock, paying tribute to the hundreds of brave Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Grand Europe

### Day 4 | Journey to the Floating City of Venice



The contrast of scenery today is nothing short of remarkable. Traversing the Alps, we travel through the St. Gotthard tunnel and the border at Chiasso into Italy. Catch a glimpse of northern Italy's beautiful lakes, whose scenic retreats have attracted the aristocracy for centuries, before arriving later in Venice.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Novotel Mestre Castellana

### Day 5 | On to Florence



Take to the water and board a private motor launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. View the Bridge of Sighs and ornate Doge's Palace, then embark on your unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER<sup>®</sup> Experience where you'll witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing at one of the oldest workshops in Venice. Watch how talented master craftsmen shape the molten glass into the delicate works of art you've come to admire from afar and perhaps be inspired to buy your own souvenir to remind you of this special experience. Later, there's time to explore the hidden calle and campi of Venice to fit in some shopping or soak up the sights and sounds of the Queen of the Adriatic before crossing the Apennine Mountains bound for Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Villa Neroli

### Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following three optional experiences depending on availability:

**Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks** - This afternoon, discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You'll enjoy a delicious meal, with a selection of drinks, on the fisherman's island of Burano, famous for its multi-

coloured houses - a photographer's paradise.

**Adult: 72.00 EUR**

### **Dinner, Wine and Music in the Tuscan Hills -**

This evening we'll take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

**Adult: 65.00 EUR**

**Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli** - Through the Chianti hills, we'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, we'll enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

**Adult: 68.00 EUR**

## **Day 6 | Journey to Rome**



The magnificent Renaissance dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistery stand imposingly in the centre of Florence and are among the sights we will view during our guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Delve into the city's rich cultural, artistic and architectural heritage, then learn about the quality and workmanship of one of this city's historic industries at a demonstration of Florentine leathercraft. Marvel at the impressive palazzi and art in the Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of the city. Rome is our final stop today.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Villa Pamphili/TH Roma Hotel Carpegna Palace

### **Optional Experiences:**

You will be offered one of the following three optional experiences depending on availability:

**Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia** - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist.

**Adult: 49.00 EUR**

*\*This optional is subject to availability and involves reservations and entrance prepayments. If you decide to cancel this optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.*

**Bargello Museum Visit** - Join us today for a visit to the Bargello museum, housed in one of the oldest and most intriguing buildings of Florence. As you'll learn from your Local Specialist, there was rarely a dull moment in this former barracks and prison! Learn how the Bargello has witnessed crucial episodes of history including fires, sieges and political executions. This fascinating building is now home to the National Museum and boasts awe-inspiring works by Donatello, Brunelleschi and Michelangelo to name but a few.

**Adult: 42.00 EUR**

**Discover Palazzo Vecchio** - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici popes. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello.

**Adult: 42.00 EUR**

**Piazzas and Fountains** - Discover the most charming areas in the city with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City.

*Adult: 37.00 EUR*

**Roman Evening with Dinner** - Spend a light-hearted evening with us in Rome. Relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine with drinks and music. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a drive and provide a glimpse into how Romans enjoy their city.

*Adult: 62.00 EUR*

## Day 7 | Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Visit the Vatican for a memorable encounter with the centre of Christianity. A Local Specialist will take you on a tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the home of Michelangelo's Pietà, crafted from the most perfect block of Carrara marble. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, before travelling to Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum where brave gladiators and slaves fought to the death to the thunderous applause of thousands of spectators. This evening, at our Farewell Dinner, we Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience and celebrate the Italian zest for life, food and good company.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Be My Guest

**Hotel:** Villa Pamphili/TH Roma Hotel Carpegna Palace

### Optional Experiences:

**Inside The Vatican & Colosseum** - We skip the lines at the Vatican Museums for a tour with our Local Specialist that shows not just remarkable works of art collected and commissioned over the history of the Papacy, but also Michelangelo's amazing ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Later, we hear fascinating tales of gladiatorial combat and more on our visit to the Colosseum, again with a time-saving entrance.

*Adult: 89.00 EUR*

## Day 8 | Farewell Rome



Our adventure together has come to an end. We say a fond farewell to Rome and our travel companions at the end of our journey. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

**Meals:** Breakfast