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#### 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 by ferry bound for Calais. We pass the tragic World War I battlefields of the Somme before arriving in Paris where we will enjoy dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director. This evening, the 'City of Light' provides an enchanting backdrop for an orientation drive that will showcase several of the sights which await us tomorrow.

#### Meals: Dinner

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 breathtaking 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. Then, we'll enjoy a relaxing cruise on the River Seine, discovering the wonders of Paris as we go. Adult: 49.00 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: 205.00 EUR

#### Day 3 | Onwards to Explore Lucerne



Wind your 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, you'll 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 this afternoon in Venice.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

*Mount Stanserhorn -* 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 world's 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 at the panoramic terrace before descending. Adult: 84.00 CHF

**Gondolas & the Grand Canal -** Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways. Adult: 88.00 EUR

#### 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® Experience where you'll witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing at one of the oldest workshops in Venice. Watch how talented artisans 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:**

**Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli -** Through the Chianti hills, you'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, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines. Adult: 74.00 EUR

#### Dinner in the Tuscan Hills -

This evening, 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: 74.00 EUR

#### Day 6 | Journey to Rome



2025 marks a Jubilee Year, a momentous Roman Catholic event celebrated every 25 years, turning Rome into a centre of celebration between December 24, 2024, and December 31, 2025. As festivities unfold, itineraries may be adjusted to ensure you make the most of your time as you visit the Eternal City.

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 you 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 your final stop today.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Midas Palace

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

You will be offered one of the following two 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: 59.00 EUR

#### \*The Accademia is not available on Mondays due to weekly closure day.

*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: 46.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

*Piazzas and Fountains -* Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic centre, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City. Adult: 46.00 EUR

**Roman Evening with Dinner -** Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while. Adult: 73.00 EUR

#### Day 7 | Uncover Ancient Rome



Enjoy a sightseeing tour that takes you past ancient sites to view the Colosseum and see the Roman Form. This evening, connect with locals during a Be My Guest experience at the unique Isola Tiberina, and celebrate the Italian zest for life, food and good company.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Midas Palace

Day 8 | Farewell Rome



Our adventure together has come to an end. Say a fond farewell to Rome and your travel companions at the end of your journey.

Meals: Breakfast