



*Tour Information*



*The specialists in designing  
individualised European  
travel experiences.*

## **Luxury Holidays for Honeymooners and Romantics**

**From our Romantic Europe Tour you  
select your preferred destinations -  
romantic experiences - excursions -  
length of holiday and dates**

**We design and fully organize your  
dream honeymoon or romantic holiday  
of a lifetime in Europe**



*Romantic Europe*





## Romantic Europe

13 TO  
33 DAYS

AMSTERDAM OR LONDON | BRUGES | PARIS | HEIDELBERG | LUCERNE  
LAKE COMO | FLORENCE | TUSCANY | SORRENTO | ROME | VENICE  
AUSTRIAN ALPS | MUNICH | SALZBURG | VIENNA | PRAGUE | BERLIN

## Highlights

**Add extra days, sightseeing or excursions. As an independent traveller you can travel in either direction, take a detour or a break to do 'your own thing' for a while, like hiring a car in Tuscany to explore the hills and villages to create a truly individualised and unique itinerary.**



### Amsterdam

Get the feel for dream-like Amsterdam on an evening walk along the old cobbled streets with the bridge lights reflecting in the canals, or during a candle-lit canal cruise.

Shower your beloved with blooms at the floating flower market or diamonds at one of the world famous diamond factories.

Enjoy the picture-perfect Dutch countryside in millions of tulips and daffodils in bloom or the little fishing villages with their windmills and unique wooden houses on stilts.

### London

Sip champagne on a memorable panoramic 'flight' on the world's highest observation wheel, the 'London Eye'.

Browse the stalls of Petticoat Lane and Portobello Road market for art and quirky collectables.

Delight in the picturesque English countryside and visit the villages of the Cotswolds with their medieval bridges and charming traditional English houses and gardens.





## Bruges

This medieval town is the Venice of the North.

Watch the swans floating by your window from your canal boat hotel.

Indulge in the best Belgian chocolate or visit the famous lace makers of Bruges.

Ride a bicycle along the canals and the tunneled alleyways of the town or take a leisurely canal boat cruise.

See the sun come up over Bruges from a hot air balloon.



## Paris

Sail past the illuminated sights and under the bridges of Paris in a bateau while enjoying your champagne.

Watch the sun set over Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Search for antiques at an open air flea-market or stroll along the Left Bank with its bohemian cafés.

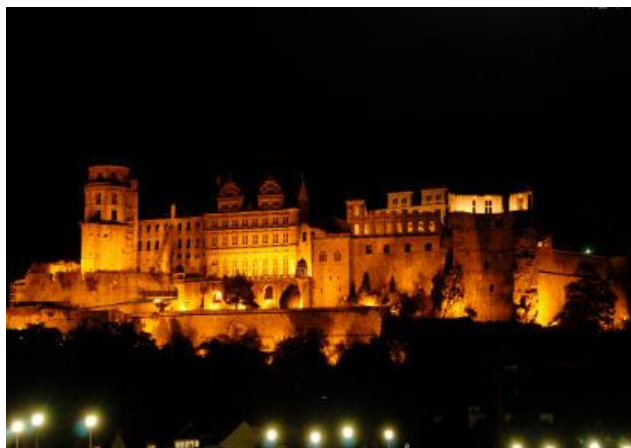
Have dinner in a sultry private dining room or enjoy some mellow music at a Paris jazz club decorated in bordello-burgundy velvet and silk.

## Heidelberg Germany's Romantic centre.

Stroll through this 12<sup>th</sup> century small town with its world famous castle, picturesque setting and Mediterranean climate and vegetation.

Float up the Neckar River, past the Heidelberg castle, through several lochs, passing monasteries, hill-top castles, vineyards and small villages on this ultimate romantic day river cruise.

Enjoy a drink in the club car of your train as you travel along the Rhine River to your next destination in Switzerland.



## Lucerne

Take the vintage paddlewheel steamer across Lake Lucerne and the historic cogwheel train up to Mount Rigi.

Marvel at some of the most magnificent views in the European Alps on top of Mount Pilatus.

The spectacular return trip to delightful Lucerne by cable car with take your breath away.



## Lake Como

Lake of Lovers, said to be the most romantic lake in the world. Spend the day criss-crossing the lake by boat, visiting its tiny waterside villages, in particular Bellagio, the pearl of the lake.

Touch and feel the gossamer silk creations of the traditional silk weavers of Como. Dine at a lake front restaurant - Ride the funicular railway up 2000 feet for a dramatic view over Lake Como.

Watch the sun set over the Alps from the centre of the lake during a private boat trip.





## Florence and Tuscany

Choose a little golden memento on the 14th-century Ponte Vecchio Bridge over the river Arno or spoil yourself with a gorgeous Italian handbag or shoes from the leather goods market.

Hike along some picturesque Tuscan country paths. Enjoy the panoramic views over Florence from the Etruscan city of Fiesole. Sample some regional foods at little local eateries.

Stroll through the vineyards and olive groves of Chianti. Enjoy a Tuscan lunch in the hills of Siena. Roam in the maze of cobbled streets and small squares and walk between San Gimignano's 14 towers.

In Verona visit Juliet's house and experience the magic of an authentic Italian opera in the 2000 year old Roman Arena.



## Sorrento

Watch the buzzing Italian night life on Tasso Square during a dinner on your little 'Romeo and Juliet' balcony.

Get carried away by the breathtaking scenery of the Amalfi Drive, one of the most spectacular coastal roads in Europe. Enjoy the serene beauty of the Isle of Capri as your rowing boat glides into the magic world of the Blue Grotto.

Walk the pretty narrow streets of Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and endless steps carved out of the rock. Listen to a concert on the cliffs and under the stars in the beautiful gardens of Villa Runfola.

## Rome

Start your day with a double-espresso hit at Casanova's favorite café.

In the evening join the lovers on the Spanish Steps, the perfect spot to watch the sun set.

Sip a blood-orange spremuta in a piazza café. Hire a vintage Vespa and live out your 'Roman Holiday' fantasy.

Purchase a rose for your loved one at night from the flower sellers at the Trevi Fountain.



## Venice

Stroll along the tiny cobble-stoned alleyways, canals, bridges and piazzas of this historic city.

Ride the Vaporetto up the Grand Canal and visit the glass blowing and lace making artisans.

Cherish the views from your waterfront hotel across the lagoon towards St Mark's square.

Be serenaded during your gondola ride on the canals of Venice.

Take to the canals in a hire boat and putter along the tranquil backwaters passing palazzo after palazzo - Moor up for a prosecco at a tiny waterside café.

Do as George Clooney does and have one or two of Venice' famous Bellinis at the Gritti Palace.



## Austrian Alps

Pamper yourself in the Spa Resort of Bad Hofgastein, surrounded by glacier-covered mountain peaks of 3500m height.

Walk through blooming Alpine meadows and in the 'Valley of Water' with clear streams and rivers, mysterious dark lakes and thunderous waterfalls.

Experience Austrian hospitality in a rustic alpine inn.

## Munich

Climb or take a horse-drawn carriage up to the fairytale castle Neuschwanstein.

Visit the world-famous woodcarvers in Oberammergau and admire the richly painted Bavarian houses.

Enjoy fine dining by candle-light in the award winning restaurant Koenigshof.







## Salzburg

City of Mozart. Admire the fortress, bridges and stunning mountain ranges during a relaxing river cruise.

Visit the Wedding Church from the 'Sound of Music' movie and enjoy the boat ride on picturesque Lake Wolfgang in the Salzburg Lake District.

Listen to the 'clip-clop' of the horses hooves as your carriage takes you on a tour of the historic heart of the city.

## Vienna

Lose yourself in the hedge maze of Schoenbrunn Palace before visiting the Carriage Museum, filled with gilded Cinderella coaches.

Sip wine in a 17th century tavern, tucked away in a cobbled courtyard in the Esterházy palace.

Slip into the romance and red velvet of the 19th century at Café Sacher where a pianist, chandeliers and gilt-framed oil paintings create a grand setting while you crack the icing on a rich Sachertorte chocolate cake.

Take a dreamy tram ride through historic Vienna or a cruise on the Danube.



## Prague

Break open a bottle of Bohemian sparkling wine in the scented rose gardens of Petrin Hill overlooking the Spires of Prague.

Feed the swans along the embankment of the Vltava River. Let the glowing lanterns of the Stavovske Divadlo theatre mesmerize you.

Polish the statue of St. John of Nepomuk and make a wish. Glide past the illuminated Prague Castle and Charles Bridge on your romantic dinner cruise.

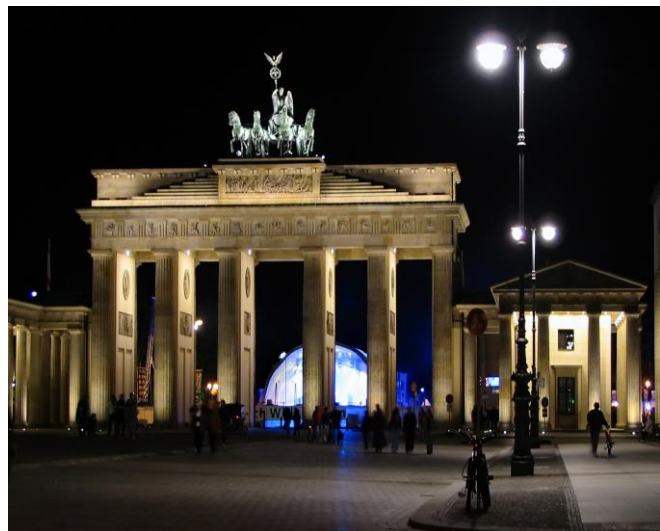


## Berlin

Time-travel back to the time of Frederick the Great when you are greeted by staff and performers wearing period costumes for your dinner and concert in the Charlottenburg Palace, the setting and ambience a reminder of how things may have been in days of long ago.

Discover that Berlin has more bridges than Venice during your magic cruise on the River Spree.

**Enhance your romantic holiday in Europe by upgrading to a stay in a historic palace, honeymoon suite with private terrace overlooking the rooftops of Rome, a boathouse on a canal in Bruges, a self-contained apartment in the Latin Quarter in Paris or a room with balcony overlooking Hyde Park.**





*Romantic Europe*

*Prices & Inclusions*

## Accommodation

- 32 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star hotels, some in historical buildings, canal boat barge hotel or apartment.

## Travel

- Eurostar train tickets with reserved standard class seats between London and Bruges.
- 1st class train tickets between destinations in continental Europe. Seat reservations where required and available.
- Airport transfer to hotel with pre-paid Underground railway ticket on arrival in London.
- Touring coach ticket and seat reservation between South-Austria and Venice.
- Transport from train station to hotel on arrival in Bad Hofgastein and back to train station on departure.
- Transport with shared shuttle bus from hotel to airport on departure.

## Meals

- 30 breakfasts.
- 5-course dinner in Bruges.
- Small box of Belgian chocolates.
- 2-course dinner in Lucerne featuring Swiss cuisine.
- Dinner with spectacular views over Venice. (If staying in the hotel on the Lido)
- Two 4-course meals featuring the best of Austrian cooking in the Austrian Alps.
- Rustic Austrian meal in wine tavern in Vienna.
- 2-course meal offering a selection of Czech specialties in Prague.
- Night Dinner cruise in Prague on river Vltava
- Sparkling wine and strawberries in Berlin
- 3-course candle-light dinner with wine in Berlin.





## Sightseeing and Excursions

- Excursion to the tulip fields in Holland or to the fishing villages and windmills.
- Candle-light canal cruise in Amsterdam with wine and cheese.
- Sight-seeing with a double-decker hop-on/hop-off bus in London.
- 'Changing of the Guards' at Buckingham Palace walking tour.
- 'Rock 'n Roll' or 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour in London.
- Cruise on the Thames in London.
- 'Flight' on the 'London Eye' with glass of champagne.
- Boat trip through the canals of the historic centre of Bruges.
- Visit to chocolate or diamond museum or entry to Belgian beer brewery in Bruges.
- Use of bicycles in Bruges to explore the inner city with or the countryside further afield.
- Sightseeing tour in Paris.
- Priority tickets (no queuing) to top of the Eiffel Tower.
- Tickets for Mount Pilatus lift in Lucerne.
- Full day excursion into the Tuscan countryside with visit to Siena, San Gimignano and Pisa, including lunch and wine tasting.
- 3-day pass for transport in Rome.
- Admission into the Colosseum (priority entry ticket), Roman Forum and the Galleria Borghese.
- 2-day Venice canal boat pass. (If you opted to stay on the Lido)
- Canal boat excursion to Murano and visit to glass blowing artisans.
- Guided walking sightseeing tour in Venice.
- Lift ticket to the 'Schlossalm' mountain in Austrian Alps. Or admission ticket to the Thermal Spa complex.
- Use of bicycles in Austrian Alps.
- All day excursion to King Ludwig's fairytale castle Neuschwanstein and Oberammergau.
- In Salzburg 'Sound of Music tour' or 'Austrian Lakes and Mountain tour'.
- Cruise on the Salzach River in Salzburg.
- Admission to Salzburg fortress and funicular train.
- Admission to Mozart's birthplace and Christian Catacombs in Salzburg.
- Transport and admission to Hellbrunn Palace and the Archbishop's Trick Fountains.
- 3-day pass for all transport in Vienna.
- Admission to Palace Schoenbrunn in Vienna
- Sightseeing tour in Prague
- Sightseeing bus tour and river cruise in Berlin

Not all inclusions will be available at all times and the tour price will be reduced accordingly. Inclusions can be opted out of and the tour price reduced, unless they are part of a package arrangement with a hotel.

**Not included:** Flights to and within Europe; some city tourist taxes; train ticket from Naples to Sorrento and return.

## Optional sightseeing and excursions, not included in tour price

- Excursion into the Cotswold villages from London
- Tower of London admission tickets and Yeoman Warder 'Beefeater' tour
- Hot air ballooning in Bruges
- Admission tickets to the Louvre, Versailles and other attractions in Paris
- Champagne tasting cruise in Paris
- Horse-drawn carriage ride in Paris
- Dinner and show at the Moulin Rouge
- Night cruise with dinner on the Champs-Elysees
- Perfume workshop in Paris
- Excursions to the castles of the Loire valley
- Excursion to Verona from Florence
- Wine tasting tour into Chianti from Florence
- Discovering Tuscany by Vespa, bike or horse.
- Explore Rome by Vespa
- Excursion to Assisi & the Umbrian hills
- Wine tasting tour in the Frascati region
- Gondola ride with or without serenade in Venice
- Danube river day excursion in Vienna
- Dinner & concert in Charlottenburg palace in Berlin
- Transfers to and from airport to hotel
- Upgrades to superior accommodation.

## Tour prices

All tour prices are published on our [website](#)

For any other tailor made tour itineraries prices are by application. Surcharges apply if travelling during Easter and Christmas holidays, New Years Eve, Venice Carneval, Salzburg Festival, Bastille Day and arrival of the Tour de France in Paris. If travelling from London to Paris on Friday/Saturday/Sunday an extra charge may apply. The prices and tour information are correct at the time of the website going live and the brochure being published, but are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.





## *Travel in Style*

## *Comfort & Luxury*

### Travelling

Travel in style in Europe's luxurious superfast trains and arrive relaxed and in next to no time at your holiday destinations. Comfortable, fast and stress free. Enjoy the spacious seats, plenty of leg room, ability to move around and the magnificent views from the comfort of your reserved first class seat, the dinning car or a standard seat in the famous Eurostar. Travel by coach between Venice and Austria. No early morning starts and no late afternoon arrivals at the next destination.



### Accommodation

Your luxurious hotels will not just be a comfortable place to stay at but will be a feature in itself and enhance your European experience – the hotel with views to the Alps, a lakeside hotel, a renovated 17<sup>th</sup> Century building right in the heart of the cities, close to all the historic sites and within 'strolling' distance of restaurants and cafes. Step out of the front door of your hotel and be surrounded by the sounds, sights, music and ambience of the town. Your hotel will also be a place to retreat to - be that in a peaceful inner courtyard, a lakeside terrace, a garden, or rooftop terrace.

### Food

Taste the regional specialties. Your tour dinners feature the best of local produce and flavours. We will also provide you with ample information prior to your departure on local markets, restaurants, wine taverns or little 'hole in the wall' eateries that you might like to check out.

### Atmosphere and sights

You will have ample time to explore and become familiar with each place as you are not spending a lot of travelling time getting from one destination to the next and staying 2 nights minimum everywhere. All of us have our own preferred way of how and what to see in a city and how much time to spend where. We have therefore given you sightseeing options to choose from that will fit your personal preferences.

### Hassle free travelling

We take care to plan and organize your holiday in every detail and to your personal liking. Just pack your bags, get on the plane and enjoy a stress-free and well paced holiday. Our programs are a well-balanced mix of magnificent architecture but also markets, river or lake cruises, walks in the countryside, themed excursions or strolls along rivers and little cobble-stoned alleyways.





## Independent travelling

You are travelling as independent travellers, with your own tickets, reservations, detailed itinerary, directions, timetables, admission tickets, maps etc. Every day will be quite clearly laid out in your itinerary, with train departure and arrival times, seat reservation details, destination information, directions and maps where sightseeing tours will leave from or how to get to or from the train station to your hotel, usually in easy walking distance. The various sightseeing tours at your destinations will be pre-booked and we will provide you with detailed information regarding the time and content of the tour, and departure points.

## Communication

Travelling in Europe, in particular Western Europe, you will find that you won't have any communication problems as good English is widely spoken. Sharing of local knowledge and insights into the culture and history of the country you are visiting, usually provided by a tour leader, will be available during your sightseeing tours by local expert guides.

## Increased flexibility and choices

Having your own tickets gives you more flexibility. For example in Venice if you want to see the glass blower artisans on of Murano and your travelling partner prefers to take the canal boat to the Lido you can do that - it's your choice. If you happen to fall ill and prefer to stay for another day you can catch the train the next day as your train ticket will be valid for up to two months. (Obviously you would have to pay for the extra day in the hotel and another train seat reservation). The usual departure time for the train is around 10 am, giving you plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast.

## The choice is yours

We ensure that our tours are planned and organized with attention to every detail and we feel confident that you will find that everything works smoothly. You will have the advantage of the substantial savings of the 'self-guided' tour price and you can choose to use these savings to splash out on some exciting optional travel experiences, like extra excursions, pamper treatments or indulging in some regional delicacies.





## Tailor Made

## About Us

Many years of travelling, living in various countries in Europe and intensive research of travel destinations have inspired us to create the tours in our program. Our personal experience has taught us that rushing from one place to the next is not the best way to experience a different culture. To enjoy every moment and have a truly memorable holiday one needs to travel at a leisurely pace.

We know that a holiday has to be well structured and balanced – not just a string of major European cities with their magnificent architecture. And we also know that tastes and preferences in regards to travel experiences vary greatly – while one traveller might want to spend an entire day in Paris at the Louvre another traveller would rather spend the day at EuroDisney. Our concept of self-guided, individualised tours can accommodate both with ease.

### **And this is what makes our tours unique.**

We realize that not everyone wants to experience Europe with 40 other travellers in a bus on the exact same itinerary. Or – at the other end of the spectrum – not everyone wants to hire a car and make their own way, driving on the highways and into the cities of Europe.

That's why we have chosen the comfort and flexibility of train travel for you.

Travelling in Europe's super fast trains nevertheless gives you the feeling of 'slow travel', as you have more time at each destination and never rush from place to place. We have designed the itineraries so that most mornings you will leave at about 10am and on average your travel time between destinations ranges from 2 ½ hours to 4 hours and 20 minutes, depending on your tour.

We are continually researching and visiting the destinations on the tours to ensure that all the services you receive are of the absolute highest standard.

As a registered travel agency and member of the Australian Travel Compensation Fund you can have the peace of mind that your money is secure and you will not find yourself stranded and without tickets or valid reservations. The Travel Compensation Fund has an ongoing financial monitoring system in place that helps prevent the failure of a participating travel agency. In the case of a financial collapse of the participating travel agency however, eligible travellers are provided with compensation through the TCF if the traveller has suffered a financial loss.

**Our Travel Compensation Fund Number is: 10067**

<http://www.tcf.org.au/index.as>

**Our Travel Agent Number is: 3402878**

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