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Tailor Made Travelling has teamed up with multi-award winning Viking River Cruises, the world's leading river cruise company, to offer you 'Tour & Cruise' holidays in Europe.

Choose any of our tours, or part of a tour, then add a luxury cruise on the Rhine, Danube, Elbe or the Rhône and Saône.

In this brochure we showcase 5 possible itineraries. But don't feel limited to these sample itineraries - many more options and combinations can be designed to create your very own personalized holiday.



Rhine-Danube river cruise & 'Italy Loop' tour

River Cruise: Amsterdam | Cologne | Nürnberg | Melk | Vienna | Budapest
Land tour: Vienna | Venice | Lake Como | Cinque Terre | Florence | Rome

Cruise for 15 magical days along the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers and see Holland's windmill-studded tulip fields, Germany's fairy-tale castles and the vineyards of Austria's Wachau Valley. Then visit spell-binding Venice and Lake Como. Be enchanted by the picturesque fishing villages of Cinque Terre, classic Florence, Tuscany and Rome.

'Highlights of Europe' tour & Saône-Rhône river cruise

Land tour: London | Paris | Nice | Provence | Cinque Terre | Venice | Rome
River Cruise: Chalon | Beaune | Lyon | Vienne | Tournon | Viviers | Arles | Avignon

Start your holiday with a visit to two of Europe's most magnificent cities - London and Paris. Then sail along France's scenic Saône and Rhône Rivers. During your cruise, explore the region of Burgundy and the lavender fields of Provence. Continue on land to delightful Cinque Terre, discover the magic of Venice with its canals and hidden alleyways. Visit the Colosseum and Vatican in Rome and celebrate the conclusion of your holiday in an atmospheric trattoria.

Rhine river cruise & 'Romantic Europe' tour

River Cruise: Amsterdam | Cologne | Koblenz | Heidelberg | Strasbourg | Basel
Land tour: Lucerne | Como | Venice | Florence | Tuscany | Sorrento | Rome

See the charming castles as you sail down the Rhine. Tour the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, admire Cologne with its awe-inspiring Cathedral and experience the lush landscape of the Black Forest region. Cross Lake Lucerne on a historic steam paddle boat and take in the breathtaking vistas of the Swiss Alps from the comfort of a Panorama train. Enjoy the ambience and historic sights of Venice, Florence and Rome and be enchanted by the beauty of the Amalfi coast.

'Christmas markets' tour & Danube river cruise

Land tour: Prague | Berlin | Dresden | Nürnberg | Munich
River Cruise: Passau | Linz | Salzburg | Melk | Vienna | Bratislava | Budapest

Stroll among the stalls of the Prague Christmas Market, enjoy the Christmas Lights Tour in Berlin, and browse for traditional handicrafts at the Christmas markets in Dresden and Nürnberg. Visit King Ludwig's fairytale castle. Then cruise along the famous Danube River to Passau with its ancient fortress and the 900 year old abbey at Melk. Sail through the spectacular Wachau Valley and tour the 'waltz capital' Vienna, beautiful Bratislava and imperial Budapest.

'Grand European Loop' tour & Elbe river cruise

Land tour: Rome | Florence | Venice | Austrian Alps | Salzburg | Vienna
River Cruise: Prague | Dresden | Meissen | Wittenberg | Potsdam | Berlin

Highlights of your tour will be the visit to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, your excursion into Tuscany and the magic Venice. Experience life in a traditional Austrian mountain village and enjoy the grandeur of Salzburg and the palaces of Vienna. Discover the natural beauty of the dramatic landscape on a 10-day Elbe River cruise. Witness the opulence of Saxon monarchs as you stroll through their palaces and gardens.



Rhine Danube Cruise

& Italian Loop Tour

RIVER CRUISE: AMSTERDAM | COLOGNE | NÜRNBERG | MELK | VIENNA | BUDAPEST
LAND TOUR: VIENNA | VENICE | LAKE COMO | CINQUE TERRE | FLORANCE | ROME

Itinerary

Start of Rhine-Danube River Cruise

Amsterdam Day 1 Arrive in Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, and transfer to your ship. After boarding, the rest of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring the city on your own.

Kinderdijk Day 2 In the morning sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you tour this fascinating network of windmills and other ingenious flood management technologies.

Cologne Day 3 The morning tour of Cologne includes a visit to the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then spend the rest of the day exploring Cologne on your own.

Koblenz & Middle Rhine Day 4 Cruise past hilltop castles along the Rhine, stopping in Koblenz to visit Marksburg, the only Rhine castle never destroyed. After your tour continue cruising; this stunning stretch of the Rhine is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You pass the Lorelei Rock, which marks the river's narrowest point.

Miltenberg Day 5 The morning is spent sailing along the beautiful Main River. After lunch, stop in Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered houses, including the oldest inn in Germany. You have a walking tour and some free time to explore.

Würzburg Day 6 After breakfast, tour Würzburg's Bishops' Residenz, one of Germany's largest and most ornate baroque palaces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy scenic afternoon cruising—or instead of touring Würzburg, take an optional full-day excursion along Germany's "Romantic Road" to Rothenburg, which features a turreted city wall and lovely Gothic and baroque architecture.

Bamberg Day 7 Sail through the morning; after lunch, visit Bamberg, with its medieval city center. Your walking tour includes a visit to the magnificent 11th century cathedral, and the very picturesque city hall built on a tiny island in the middle of a river. Take some free time to enjoy Bamberg and perhaps try some of the town's distinctive smoke-flavored beer before reboarding.

Nürnberg Day 8 Visit the ruins of the Zeppelin Field, used in the 1930s as Nazi parade grounds, and see the Palace of Justice, site of the famous Nürnberg Trials. Spend some free time exploring Nürnberg's Old Town area, or join an optional World War II history tour including the Documentation Centre Museum.

Regensburg Day 9 Tour this wonderfully preserved medieval city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site including structures dating back to Roman times. Discover many 13th and 14th century patrician houses and see the splendid St. Peter's Cathedral. Visit the Alte Wurstküche (Old Sausage Kitchen), Germany's oldest restaurant.

Passau Day 10 During the morning walking tour see Passau's narrow streets and pass the Veste Oberhaus, a 13th-Century fortress that served for centuries as a bishop's stronghold. Then, listen to a concert on Europe's largest pipe organ in St. Stephan's Cathedral. (Passau organ concert not available after November 1).

Melk & Dürnstein Day 11 After breakfast, visit the abbey at Melk, a 900-year-old Benedictine monastery featuring Austria's finest Italian baroque architecture. Rejoin your ship; cruise through the spectacular Wachau Valley in the afternoon. You can see Kuenringer Castle, or sample local vintages from this famous wine region.



Vienna Day 12 Ride along Vienna's Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. You will also see Vienna's world-famous Opera House, St. Stephan's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. The rest of the day is yours to further explore Vienna's many cafés and museums. After dinner, enjoy an optional classical concert.

Bratislava Day 13 Arrive early and embark on a walking tour of Slovakia's charming capital to see attractions like the medieval fortifications at Michael's Tower, baroque Jesuit Church and Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral. You also pass by several baroque palaces from the Habsburg Dynasty before you return to your ship for an afternoon of scenic cruising.

Budapest Day 14 The Danube River divides this Hungarian capital city into "Buda" and "Pest." Explore both parts, starting with Pest's National Opera House and historic Heroes' Square. In Buda, stroll Fishermen's Hill to Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church. Return to your ship for a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner.

Budapest Day 15 After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the train station for your journey to Vienna.

Start of 'Italy Loop' Land Tour



Vienna Day 15 You will have all afternoon to enjoy the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, for which there was just not enough time during your first visit to Vienna.

Venice Day 16 Arriving in Venice will make you feel that you have just stepped into a movie set. Spend the afternoon in awe just walking around in Venice and its tiny cobble-stoned alleyways, canals, bridges and piazzas.

Venice Day 17 Take a walking tour to familiarize yourself with delightful Venice. In the afternoon enjoy a canal boat trip to Murano and visit glass blowing and lace making workshops. Celebrate your arrival in Venice with a dinner in a renowned restaurant with spectacular views across the lagoon to St. Marks.

Lake Como Day 18 You will feel overwhelmed by the beauty of Lake Como and its surroundings. Take the funicular railway up to Brunate (2000 feet) for an even more spectacular view. Como has a rich history in the art of silk weaving. Visit the many silk shops and silk factory outlets. Dine at a lake-front restaurant, and watch the sun set over the lake.

Lake Como Day 19 Spend the day criss-crossing the lake by boat and visiting its tiny waterside villages, in particular 'Bellagio', the pearl of the lake.

Cinque Terre Day 20 and 21 Walk the scenic Via Dell' Amore that connects the villages of Cinque Terre and take in the dramatic views of the coastline and fishing villages. Take the boat to Porto Venere. The picturesque harbor is lined with brightly coloured houses. The narrow medieval streets lead up the hill to a castle and the 6th Century church made of black marble.



Florence Day 22 In the afternoon you will arrive in the midst of artistic splendour in Florence. Choose one of 2 options to familiarize yourself with this magnificent city either by means of a hop-on/hop-off bus or by joining a small group guided bicycle tour.

Florence Day 23 Choose either a day excursion to Pisa and see the leaning tower or see the great masters in the Uffizi Gallery with priority admission tickets.

Rome Day 24 and 25 . Explore the city and some of Rome's best known ancient sites, the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Capitoline Hill, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona in the afternoon with a 'hop-on/hop-off bus'; or with a guided 3-hour 'Classic Rome' tour. You have priority admission tickets to the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Villa Borghese.

Rome Day 26 You will be taken directly from your hotel to your departure terminal at the Rome airport.



Inclusions River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Deluxe river-view stateroom

All on-board meals: 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners

Complimentary beverages - wine, beer & soft drinks with on-board lunch and dinner

13 included guided tours as per itinerary

Port charges & shipboard gratuities

Inclusions Land Tour (excluding river cruise)

Accommodation

11 nights in first class, 4 star hotels, some in historical buildings

Travel

1st class train tickets between destinations. Seat reservations where required
Touring coach ticket and seat reservation between South-Austria and Venice
Shared shuttle transport from hotel to airport on departure

Meals

11 breakfasts
Dinner in Venice with spectacular views across the lagoon towards St. Marks

Sightseeing and Excursions

Priority admission tickets to Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna
2-day Venice canal boat pass
Sightseeing tour in Venice with professional local guide
Canal boat excursion to Murano and visit to glass blowing artisans
Sightseeing tour in Florence
Priority admission ticket to Uffizi gallery in Florence or excursion to Pisa
Sightseeing with a double-decker 'hop-on-hop-off' bus in Rome. (Or choose the '3 hour Classic Rome Tour' instead of the 'Hop-on-hop-off' bus)
3-day transport pass in Rome
Admission into the Colosseum (priority entry ticket), Roman Forum and the Galleria Borghese

Prices River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Amsterdam to Budapest 15 days / 14 nights

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Prices Land Tour (excluding river cruise)

12 days/11 nights

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Not included

Some city tourist taxes, flights to Europe and within Europe, travel insurance.



European Highlights Tour & Saône Rhône River Cruise

LAND TOUR: LONDON | PARIS | NICE | PROVENCE | CINQUE TERRE | ROME
RIVER CRUISE: CHALON | BEAUNE | LYON | VIENNE | TOURNON | VIVIERS | ARLES | AVIGNON

Itinerary

Start 'Highlights of Europe' Land Tour

London Day 1 After your long flight your first experience of England will be the London Underground, 'The Tube'. The 'Piccadilly Line' will whisk you from your arrival terminal directly to your hotel in the heart of the city.

London Day 2 Explore the city and its many famous sites in a red double-decker 'hop-on/hop-off' bus. Watch the 'Changing of the Guard' at Buckingham Palace during a guided walking tour. See the Tower, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. Stroll through Hyde Park, Soho, Notting Hill, Piccadilly Circus or along the Thames. In the afternoon choose from either the 'Rock 'n Roll' or 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour. Relax in the evening and view some of London's attractions, the London Eye and Big Ben, from the comfort of a river cruise boat.

Paris Day 3

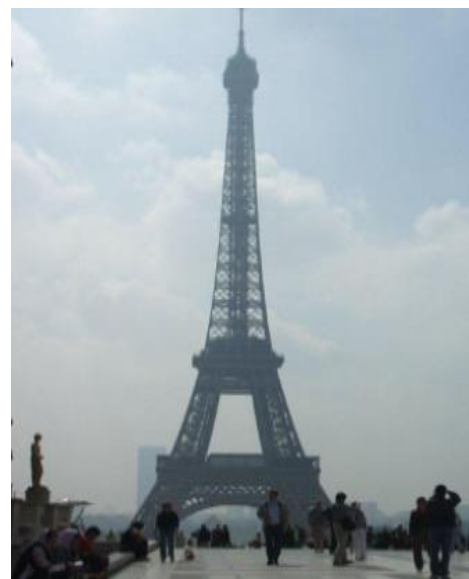
Your reserved seat in the high-speed Eurostar takes you in only 2 ½ hours to Paris. Start your city familiarization with the 'Paris Grand Tour'. See the Champs-Élysée, Louvre, Notre-Dame, Eiffel Tower, Palais Royal and many other attractions.

Paris Day 4

View the city in all its glory from the viewing platform of the iconic Eiffel Tower. Then spend some time to explore the many treasures of Paris: Montmartre, Sacre Coeur or the open-air fresh food, collectibles and arts markets, and take the 'Grand Boulevard Tour'.

Paris Day 5

The day is yours to spend at your leisure. Visit the vibrant open air markets, spend the day at Versailles or knock yourself out at EuroDisney.



Start Saône-Rhône River Cruise

Chalon-sur-Saône Day 6 After checking into your cabin, take free time to explore this quaint town—or join the “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented.

Beaune & Burgundy Wine Tour Day 7 Take a scenic drive along France’s Burgundy wine route through Pommard, Volnay and Meursault. Arrive in Beaune, wine capital of Burgundy, for a guided tour of beautiful Hôtel Dieu. Enjoy a wine-tasting at one of Beaune’s famous cellars. Take an optional excursion to the picturesque Burgundy towns of Tournus and Mâcon.

Lyon Day 8 Take an afternoon tour of Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a drive to the top of Fourvière Hill for amazing views of the city. Visit the Basilica of Notre Dame and drive through town past the magnificent St. Jean Cathedral and the Palace of Justice. Then take a walking tour through the cobbled streets of *Vieux Lyon* (Old Town), with free time to shop for souvenirs or sample some of the fine French cuisine for which Lyon is world-famous.



Lyon & Vienne Day 9 Depart just before lunchtime. In the afternoon take a walking tour of Vienne, a beautiful town with an ancient Roman past. Visit the Temple of Augustus & Livia, the Roman amphitheatre and the Gothic Cathedral of St. Maurice.

Tournon & Viviers Day 10 Visit the Musée de Tain l’Hermitage located in the oldest house in the region. Lunch aboard and cruise through the afternoon; arrive after dinner in Viviers, a quaint town in a mountainous setting. Join your Program Director for an evening stroll through the Old Town with its medieval and Renaissance buildings.

Arles Day 11 Meet your guide for a walking tour of Arles with its diverse architectural highlights. Experience the city’s vibrant colours and the striking quality of light that has inspired artists. Arles is also the site of some impressive Roman ruins, including Les Arènes, an arena that seats 20,000 and is still in use, as well as Romanesque monuments such as the Church of Saint-Trôphime completed in the 15th Century.



Avignon Day 12 In the morning set out on a guided walk of Avignon, nicknamed “City of Popes” because it was home to seven popes from 1309 to 1377. Stroll through the historic centre, stop at the picturesque Pont d’Avignon and walk the Place de l’Horloge. Continue to the renowned Palace of the Popes for a guided tour through this rambling maze of Gothic architecture which served as papal residence, fortress, church and palace. You can join the optional tour to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, visiting the vineyards and tasting the famous wine.

Avignon Day 13 After breakfast, disembark and proceed by train to Nice.

Continuation 'Highlights of Europe' Land Tour

Nice Day 13 Stroll along the Promenade de Anglais and enjoy the azure blue sea of the Bay of Angels. Or visit nearby Monaco/Monte Carlo and see the palace, luxurious Monte Carlo casino, mega yachts, chic boutiques and the Formula One Grand Prix circuit. In the evening enjoy a 3-course Provencale dinner.

Nice - Provence excursion Day 14 The full-day coach trip into Provence will be one of the many highlights of your holiday. In Cannes walk the famous Croisette Boulevard at the Film Festival Palace. Then be driven through the charming countryside of Provence to Grasse, for a guided tour of a perfumery. View the Alps, valleys and spectacular coastline from the amazing perched medieval village of Gourdon. Photo stop by a provençal jewel: Tournettes-sur-Loup. End the tour in the second most visited village in France: St Paul de Vence, with ancient cobblestone lanes, fortified walls and the homes of impressionist painters.



Cinque Terre Day 15 and 16 After a breathtaking train ride along the Côte d'Azur arrive in Cinque Terre. Walk the scenic Via Dell'Amore and paths that connect the 5 villages of Cinque Terre and take in the dramatic views of the coastline and fishing villages.

Venice Day 17 Stepping out from the Venice Santa Lucia train station will make you feel that you have arrived on a movie set. Nothing can prepare you for that first moment when you see Venice and the Canale Grande spread out before you. Spend the day in awe just walking around and losing yourself in Venice and its tiny cobble-stoned alleyways, canals, bridges and piazzas. Dine in a lagoon front restaurant with spectacular views over to Venice.

Venice Day 18 Choose one of 3 walking tours to see St. Mark's Basilica and the hidden gems of Venice. In the afternoon enjoy a canal cruise to the island of Murano and a visit to a glass blowing factory.

Add an optional stop for a day or two in Florence with an excursion into Tuscany before continuing on to Rome.



Rome Day 19 The 'Grand Finale' of your tour – arrival in Rome. You will be staying right in the heart of the city, close to the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Choose to either explore the city and some of Rome's best known ancient sites, the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Capitoline Hill, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and Piazza Navona in the afternoon with a 'hop-on/hop-off' bus or a 3 hour 'Classic Rome Tour' led by a professional English-speaking local guide (in English).

Rome Day 20 You have priority admission tickets to the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Villa Borghese.

Rome Day 21 Make use of your included transport pass to see as much as you can during the last day of your holiday; travel all over the city and savour every moment. You will then be driven from your hotel to the Rome airport departure terminal.

Inclusions River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Deluxe river-view stateroom
All on-board meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
Complimentary beverages - wine, beer & soft drinks with on-board lunch and dinner
6 included guided tours as per itinerary
Port charges & shipboard gratuities

Inclusions Land Tour (excluding river cruise)

Accommodation

14 nights in first class, 4 star hotels, some in historical buildings

Travel

Eurostar train tickets with reserved standard class seats between London and Paris
1st class train tickets between destinations in continental Europe except for Nice to Monaco (20 minutes) where only 2nd class is available. Seat reservations where required
Airport transfer to hotel with pre-paid Underground railway ticket on arrival
Shared shuttle transport to Rome airport from hotel on departure

Meals

14 breakfasts
3-course Provençale meal in Nice
Dinner in Venice with spectacular views across the lagoon to St. Marks (If you have chosen to stay in the hotel on the Lido)

Sightseeing and Excursions

Sightseeing with a double-decker 'hop-on-hop-off' bus in London, Paris and Rome. (In Rome you can choose the '3 hour Classic Rome tour' instead)
'Changing of the Guard' at Buckingham Palace tour.
'Rock 'n Roll' or 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour in London
Cruise on the Thames in London
Priority tickets (no queuing) for the Eiffel Tower
Tour of the lavender fields and villages in Provence
2-day Venice canal boat pass.
Sight-seeing with professional local guide in Venice
Canal boat excursion to Murano and visit to glass blowing artisans
'Roma pass' - free transport for 3 days
Admission into the Colosseum (priority entry ticket), Roman Forum and the Galleria Borghese.

Prices River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Chalon-sur Saône to Avignon 8 days / 7 nights

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Rhine River Cruise

& Romantic Europe Tour

RIVER CRUISE: AMSTERDAM | COLOGNE | KOBLENZ | HEIDELBERG | STRASBOURG | BASEL
LAND TOUR: LUCERNE | COMO | VENICE | FLORENCE | TUSCANY | SORRENTO | ROME

Itinerary

Start Rhine River Cruise

Amsterdam Day 1 After checking in to your cabin, you are free to explore the city on your own.

Kinderdijk Day 2 In the morning sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you tour this fascinating network of windmills and other ingenious flood management technologies.

Cologne Day 3 The morning tour of Cologne includes a visit to the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the rest of the day exploring Cologne on your own.

Koblenz & Rudesheim Day 4 Proceed along the Rhine, disembarking to tour 700-year-old Marksburg Castle and its museum. Lunch aboard as you enjoy this scenic passage, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where castles overlook the river from their hilltop locations.

Heidelberg & Speyer Day 5 Cruise through the morning enjoying brunch and the passing scenery. Arrive in Mannheim and disembark for a journey to Heidelberg to visit the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle.

Re-join your ship in Speyer and take some time to look around. You dock in full view of the imposing romanesque cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in the 11th Century on the site of a former basilica, the design influenced Romanesque architecture for centuries to come, and is the final resting place of eight German monarchs.

Strasbourg Day 6 Disembark in Kehl for a guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. Explore this Alsatian city's fabulous churches and medieval covered bridges,



Breisach Day 7 Arrive during breakfast in Breisach, gateway to the Black Forest. Take a scenic excursion through the area's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Once there, visit a local workshop and see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration.

Basel Day 8 After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the train station for the continuation of your tour to Lucerne.

Start 'Romantic Europe' Land Tour

Lucerne Day 8 After arrival in Lucerne walk across the famous Kapellbrücke (Chapel bridge) and into the old historic centre. In the evening enjoy a traditional Swiss dinner in the restaurant of your hotel.

Lucerne Day 9 Take the cable car up to Mount Pilatus. The views from that height will take your breath away. Enjoy a hike on the top of the mountain and walk down or take the cable car.

Lucerne – Como Day 10 You will be heart-broken to leave beautiful Lucerne but a spectacular train journey across the Alps is in store for you.



A total change of scenery awaits you at Lake Como. Your hotel is located right on the shore of this famous lake. Spend the afternoon walking around the lake shore or explore the old inner city and its silk weaving workshops. Or take the funicular railway up to Brunate which at 2000 feet elevation provides you with spectacular views over the lake. In the evening watch the sun set over the lake as you dine on the terrace of a lakeside restaurant.

Lake Como Day 11 Spend the day criss-crossing the lake by boat and visiting its tiny waterside villages, in particular Bellagio, the pearl of the lake. The boats leave from a pier in front of your hotel.

Lake Como - Venice Day 12 You will arrive in the early afternoon at the Santa Lucia train station in the centre of Venice. Nothing can prepare you for that first moment when you see Venice and the Canale Grande



Venice Day 13 After breakfast join a walking tour to see San Marco Square, Santa Maria Formosa, the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Basilica. Learn the history of the buildings you pass and enter the backstreets to see little-visited parts of Venice. Then stroll around the tiny cobblestoned alleyways, canals, bridges and piazzas.

In the afternoon take the vaporetto to Murano and Burano islands to visit glass blowing factories and lace making artisans.

Venice – Florence Day 14 A couple of hours train journey through the delightful Tuscan countryside takes you to the midst of artistic splendour in Florence.

In the afternoon explore this splendid city on a small group guided bicycle tour. Duck and weave through the

narrow streets of Florence. Or see all of the major sites including the Ponte Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery, Piazza della Signoria and Piazza della Repubblica by hop-on/hop-off bus.

Florence – Tuscany excursion Day 15 Your all day excursion into Tuscany will take you on a scenic route through Monteriggioni and your first stop is Gothic Siena, followed by Chianti for a stroll in the vineyards and olive groves before indulging in a traditional Tuscan lunch amongst the Sieneese hills. A wine-tasting class will be held during lunch including free samples of wine and olive oil.

After lunch you will visit San Gimignano where you can roam the maze of cobbled streets and small squares and walk between San Gimignano's famous 14 towers. Your final stop is Pisa, with its famous tower as well as the Campo dei Miracoli, considered by many to be the most beautiful square in the world, and the Duomo.

Florence – Sorrento Day 16 After checking in to your hotel take the bus towards Positano to explore the Amalfi coast. The Amalfi Drive is one of the most spectacular coastal roads in Europe and passes through some absolutely stunning scenery. Starting from Sorrento, it winds its way along the cliff edge offering breathtaking views. Visit the little town of Positano on foot to appreciate its pretty narrow streets, pastel-coloured houses and endless steps carved out of the rock.



Sorrento - excursion to Pompeii Day 17 A thrilling archaeological journey unfolds as you walk through the ancient ruins which were buried in ashes after Mount Vesuvius erupted almost 2000 years ago. You'll discover the everyday life of Rome's Imperial age at this UNESCO World Heritage Site, and imagine the panic felt by the people in those last few minutes before the city was so disastrously buried.

In the afternoon take the ferry to the beautiful Isle of Capri and let yourself be rowed by one of the local Napoli oarsmen into the magic and famed Blue Grotto.

Sorrento – Rome Day 18 In Rome you will be staying right in the heart of the city, close to the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Your hotel is located close to the colourful 'Monti' quarter, which has a vibrant nightlife and many artisan shops. Celebrate your arrival in Rome with a traditional Roman meal at one of the local trattorias.



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Rome Day 20 You will be taken directly from your hotel to your departure terminal at the Rome airport.

Inclusions River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Deluxe river-view stateroom

All on-board meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners

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Accommodation

12 nights in first class, 4-star hotels, some in historic buildings

Travel

1st class train tickets between destinations in continental Europe. Seat reservations where required
Shared shuttle transport to airport from hotel on departure

Meals

12 breakfasts
2-course dinner in Lucerne featuring Swiss cuisine
Dinner in Venice with spectacular views over Venice

Sightseeing and Excursions

Tickets for Mount Pilatus cable car in Lucerne
Sightseeing tour with local English speaking guides in Florence
Full day excursion into the Tuscan countryside to visit Siena, San Gimignano and Pisa, including lunch and wine tasting
3-day pass for all transport in Rome
Admission into the Colosseum (priority entry ticket), Roman Forum and the Galleria Borghese
2-day Venice canal boat pass
Canal boat excursion to Murano and visit to glass blowing artisans

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Not included

Some city tourist taxes, flights to Europe and within Europe, travel insurance, train ticket from Naples to Sorrento and return. (Private train)



White Christmas

Markets Tour & Danube River Cruise

LAND TOUR: PRAGUE | BERLIN | DRESDEN | NÜRNBERG | MUNICH
RIVER CRUISE: PASSAU | LINZ | MELK | VIENNA | BRATISLAVA | BUDAPEST

Itinerary

Start Christmas Markets Land Tour

Prague Day 1 & 2 You will be driven from the airport to your hotel right in the centre of the city. Take the afternoon to familiarize yourself with this UNESCO listed inner city and its amazing architecture, winding streets and famous sights.

A local guide will take you on a leisurely walking tour of the historical buildings of 'Old Prague'. Stroll around the spectacular Prague Christmas Market where you will find local handicrafts, like Bohemian crystal and lace, and listen to choirs singing Christmas carols on the stage in the Old Town Square while you enjoy the food and hot Christmas punch.

Berlin Day 3 & 4 At the Charlottenburg Castle Christmas Market the castle and its park are immersed in a special romantic light and the stalls present arts and ancient handicrafts. In the festively decorated cabins and exclusive glass pagodas you can enjoy delicious Christmas treats.

The 'Gendarmenmarkt' Christmas Market takes place in one of the most beautiful squares of the city. There is plenty of entertainment provided by jugglers, acrobats, fire artists, dance groups, choirs, classical, jazz and gospel ensembles and famous international artists.

Take a nostalgic carriage ride through 'old Berlin' past the Christmas Market at the Opera House and Palais. Children will enjoy the crib with live animals, the 200 wooden stalls and an antique wooden horse carousel.



Dresden Day 5 & 6 Familiarize yourself with this city with a 'Hop-on/Hop-off' bus tour and visit the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle.

The 'Striezelmarkt', Germany's oldest Christmas market has its origins in the early 15th Century. Admire Dresden's Christmas pyramids, printed textile products, gingerbread, filigree lace products and blown glass tree decorations. The focal points of the Dresden Christmas Market is the world's tallest Christmas pyramid and the world's biggest nut cracker.

Nürnberg Day 7 A pleasant walking tour through the Old Town offers insights and information about the history of this ancient town, the castle, fortifications, wells and art treasures. Nürnberg has Germany's most famous Christmas market.

Münich Day 8 & 9 Start your visit to München with a guided tour of several of München's Christmas markets. Your guide will lead you through the Old Town to visit München's most enchanting market stalls, steeped in history and festively decorated with fairy lights and Christmas decorations. See the nativity scene at Old City Hall and the Christmas Village in the Royal Palace courtyard and the Medieval Market near Odeonsplatz.

From München take an excursion to King Ludwig's dream castles, fairytale-like Neuschwanstein.

Start Danube River Cruise

Passau Day 10 After boarding your ship use your free time to explore delightful Passau or join the other travellers for a "welcome walk" to stretch your legs and start getting oriented.



Passau Day 11 Take a walking tour of elegant Passau, called the Dreiflüssestadt (City on Three Rivers). You will see the impressive Veste Oberhaus, a 13th Century fortress that served as the bishops' stronghold for several centuries.

Linz & Salzburg Day 12 This day's activity is an excursion to the city of Salzburg, location for the film, *The Sound of Music*. Ride through the scenic Austrian countryside to Salzburg's Old Town area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and take a walking tour featuring the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the Hohensalzburg Fortress just above the city centre. Use your free time to explore Salzburg's narrow cobbled streets and colourful buildings and get lunch in one of the charming cafés.



Melk & Dürnstein Day 13 In the morning visit the 900-year-old abbey at Melk, a Benedictine monastery that was originally one of Leopold II's castles. See its spectacular wall and ceiling frescoes, note the library's comprehensive collection of medieval manuscripts, and admire the graceful spiral staircase. After lunch aboard, the ship stops at the picturesque Wachau Valley town of Dürnstein, where you can explore on your own, sample some local vintages from this famous wine-producing region, or join an optional walking tour of the town's highlights. Dine aboard as you depart.

Vienna Day 14 Enjoy the tour of the Austrian capital of Vienna. Ride along the *Ringstrasse*, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephan's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to your ship for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore—as always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or you may take an optional tour to Schönbrunn Palace, the Versailles of Vienna, graced by a number of formal gardens, classical statuary, the world's oldest zoo and the "Roman ruin" erected in 1778. After dinner, relax or enjoy an optional classical concert.

Bratislava Day 15 Arrive in Bratislava in the morning and embark on a walking tour of Slovakia's charming capital—the only national capital that borders two other countries, Austria and Hungary—with a long and fascinating history. See attractions like the medieval Town Hall complex and fortifications at Michael's Tower, baroque Jesuit Church and Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, and pass by several Habsburg-era baroque palaces before returning to your ship for lunch and departure. Enjoy relaxing Danube cruising; sail into Budapest late in the evening.



Budapest Day 16 Visit the highlights of both the older "Buda" and more the cosmopolitan "Pest" sides of the city, starting with Pest's National Opera House and historic Heroes' Square. In Buda, walk along Fishermen's Hill to Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church. Enjoy lunch aboard with the rest of the day to explore on your own—you may wish to visit the Art Deco Gellért Spa or one of the many other lavish facilities in this "City of Healing Waters." Return to your ship for a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner.

Budapest Day 17 After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.

Inclusions River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Deluxe river-view stateroom

All on-board meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners

Complimentary beverages - wine, beer & soft drinks with on-board lunch and dinner

6 included guided tours as per itinerary

Port charges & shipboard gratuities

Inclusions Land Tour (excluding river cruise)

Accommodation

9 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star centrally located hotels

Travel

First class train rides between destinations with seat reservations where required including from Munich to Passau

Transport by chauffeured car from the airport to hotel in Prague on arrival

Transport to Budapest airport on departure. (or at extra cost to Vienna airport)

Meals

9 breakfasts

3-course Czech dinner

Sparkling wine and strawberries on arrival in Berlin

3-course candle-lit dinner with wine in Berlin

Sightseeing, activities and excursions

Christmas markets in Prague, Berlin, Dresden, Nürnberg and München,

Walking sightseeing tour in Prague

Christmas Lights tour in Berlin (weekends only)

Guided tour of the Government district, Parliament house and visit to the glass dome in Berlin (Saturdays only)

Hop-on/hop-off bus tour in Dresden

Admission to the the Zwinger Palace and Pillnitz Castle in Dresden

Excursion to King Ludwig's fairy-tale castle

Neuschwanstein

Prices River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Passau to Budapest 8 days / 7 nights

Prices for the cruise component vary and depend on the choice of cabin, optional excursions or extensions. At times discounts or special offers are available.

[Click here](#) for further cruise information, departure dates, itinerary and price details.

Prices Land Tour (excluding river cruise)

Prague to Nürnberg 10 days / 9 nights

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Grand European Tour

& Elbe River Cruise

LAND TOUR: ROME | FLORENCE | VENICE | AUSTRIAN ALPS | SALZBURG | VIENNA
RIVER CRUISE: PRAGUE | DRESDEN | MEISSEN | WITTENBERG | POTSDAM | BERLIN

Itinerary

Start of 'Grand European Loop' Land Tour

Rome Day 1 & 2 You will be driven from your arrival terminal directly to your hotel in Rome, right in the heart of the city, close to the Trevi fountain and the Spanish Steps. See the city and some of Rome's best known ancient sights, the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Capitoline Hill, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona in the afternoon with a 'hop-on/hop-off bus' or on our second day with a guided 2-hour 'Classic Rome' tour. You have priority admission tickets to the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Villa Borghese.

Florence Day 3 In just a few hours of train journey through the delightful Tuscan countryside you will arrive in the midst of artistic splendour in Florence. Familiarize yourself with this splendid city by either a hop-on/hop-off bus or by joining a small group guided bicycle tour.

Florence Day 4 Choose either a day excursion to Pisa to see the leaning tower or see the great masters in the Uffizi Gallery with priority admission tickets.

Venice Day 5 Your first view of Venice will make you feel that you have arrived on a movie set. Nothing can prepare you for that first moment when you see Venice and the Canale Grande spread out before you. Spend the day in awe just walking around and losing yourself in Venice and its tiny cobble-stoned alleyways, canals, bridges and piazzas. Dine in a lagoon front restaurant with spectacular views over to Venice.

Venice Day 6 Choose one of 3 walking tours: The 'Hidden Venice Walking tour', the 'Venice walking tour with St. Mark's Basilica' or in the evening the 'Venice Ghost walking tour'. In the afternoon enjoy a canal cruise and a visit to a glass blowing factory.



Austrian Alps/Bad Hofgastein Day 7 & 8 After spending 6 days in three of Italy's most exciting cities it is a good time to take a break and enjoy some of Europe's most awe-inspiring scenery and landscape in the Austrian Alps. Pamper yourself in the Spa Resort of Bad Hofgastein; enjoy walking or mountain biking through alpine meadows and hills. Take the cable car to the summit of one of the mountains and gasp at the views to glacier-covered mountain peaks of up to 3500m height.



Salzburg Day 9 Take the cogwheel train to the fortress overlooking Salzburg, visit Mozart's birthplace and St. Peter's cemetery with its catacombs of the early Christians. Enjoy a relaxing river cruise while admiring the fortress, churches, bridges and the view of the stunning mountain ranges in the Salzburg Province.

Salzburg Day 10 Visit Hellbrunn Palace and the Archbishop's trick fountains. In the afternoon you have the choice of one of two tours: The 'Sound of Music Tour' during which you can sing your heart out while enjoying the breathtaking landscapes and locations where the famous musical was filmed; or the 'Austrian Lakes and Mountain Tour', touring the landmarks of the beautiful Lake District and an enjoyable boat ride on lake Wolfgang.

Vienna Day 11 You will be enchanted by Vienna's spectacular architecture, cosy coffeehouses, atmospheric wine taverns and musical tradition. In the evening you can take a 'dreamy ride on the Viennese tramway' to one of the oldest traditional Pubs and enjoy an Austrian meal and music in a building dating back to the 12th Century.

Vienna Day 12 You have a 3-day pass for all local transport, including the historic trams, in and around Vienna. Spend the day visiting the Imperial Palace and the magnificent baroque Schoenbrunn Palace.

Start Elbe River Cruise

Prague Day 13 After checking-in to your hotel explore this dynamic city—or join the “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented.



Prague & Melnik Day 14 Tour Prague, “City of a Hundred Spires.” Take a guided walk through Old Town; then ride to Hradcany to tour inside Prague Castle. After some free time transfer to Melnik to board your ship and enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner.

Litomerice Day 15 Spend the morning cruising leisurely through the scenic area of Porta Bohemia on the Elbe. Arrive just after lunch in Litomerice, one of the prettiest towns in the Czech Republic. See St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Jesuit Church, historic Market Square and many residential buildings from the baroque, Renaissance and Gothic periods. The tour ends with a tasting of beers from this Bohemian region. Dine aboard; the ship remains docked overnight so feel free to take an evening stroll.

Saxon Switzerland Day 16 Cruise through the magnificent, soaring rock formations of the Saxon Switzerland region, then dock at the spa town of Bad Schandau. From there you make our way to the famous rock tower known as the Bastei (bastion), formed by water a million years ago, to enjoy stunning panoramic views of the Elbe. Return aboard for dinner and evening cruising.

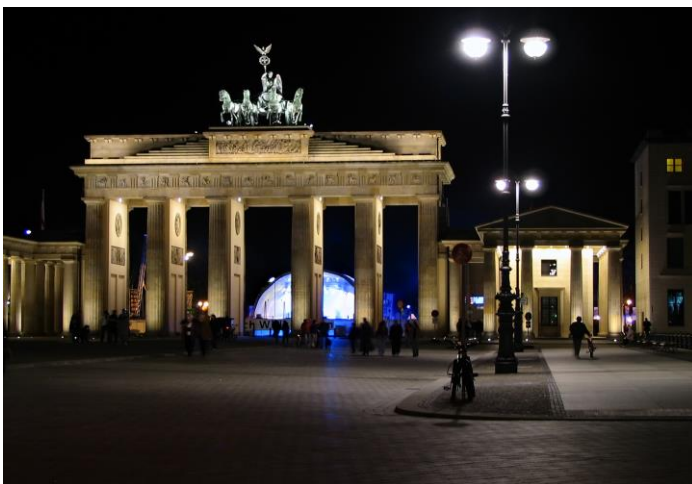
Dresden Day 17 Awake in Dresden, nicknamed “Florence on the Elbe,” and embark on a tour just after breakfast. Drive through the 19th-Century residential area to the Dresden Castle complex; enter the Green Vault to see a comprehensive collection of the Saxon monarchs’ crown jewels. Continue on foot to see Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) with its distinctive bell-shaped dome, which survived the World War II bombings but collapsed the following day and was later rebuilt. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore more of Dresden.



Meissen & Torgau Day 18 Arrive in Meissen in the morning. Visit the Meissenware factory, which has produced fine porcelain since the early 1700s. See firsthand how this trademarked porcelain is created and tour the museum. Proceed to Castle Hill for a walking tour through the Old Town. Return aboard for lunch and an afternoon departure. Later, arrive in Torgau with its wonderful Renaissance houses. Join your Program Director for an evening stroll to see fortified Hartenfels Castle, Market Square and the riverside monument commemorating the historic 1945 meeting between Russian and American troops. Your ship remains docked overnight.

Wittenberg Day 19 Cruise further down the Elbe and arrive after lunch in Wittenberg, birthplace of the Reformation. Follow in Martin Luther’s footsteps to view many of Wittenberg’s historic landmarks. Tour inside Luther’s House and St. Marien’s Church, where he preached. See the Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses.

Dessau & Magdeburg Day 20 Arrive in the morning in Dessau. Take a journey to Wörlitz Park, Germany’s first landscaped park with English-style gardens. Tour inside Wörlitz Castle, fashioned after an English country home, and walk the grounds. Return to your ship for lunch aboard and an afternoon departure. Dine aboard as you cruise to Magdeburg, where the ship docks for the night. In the evening join your ship’s Captain for a festive dinner on board.



Potsdam & Berlin Day 21 After breakfast, disembark and travel to Potsdam, historic capital of the German state of Brandenburg. Tour either Sanssouci Palace, a perfect example of German rococo architecture, or the nearby 200-room baroque New Palace—both built by Prussian King Frederick the Great in the 18th century. After lunch on your own, you will proceed to the dynamic German capital of Berlin. Check in to your hotel and take the rest of the day to explore the city on your own.

Berlin Day 22 After breakfast, check out of your hotel and proceed to the airport for your return flight. Or, extend your journey with additional nights in fascinating Berlin, giving you time to see more of the city’s highlights.

Inclusions River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Deluxe river-view stateroom
One night stay in Hilton Prague and Hilton Berlin or similar
All on-board meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
Complimentary beverages - wine, beer & soft drinks with on-board lunch and dinner
9 included guided tours as per itinerary
Port charges & shipboard gratuities

Inclusions Land Tour (excluding river cruise)

Accommodation

12 nights in first class, 4 and 5 star hotels

Travel

Airport transfer to hotel on arrival
Touring coach ticket and seat reservation between Venice and South Austria
Transport from train station to hotel on arrival and back to train station on departure in Bad Hofgastein
Shared shuttle transport to airport from hotel on departure

Meals

12 breakfasts
Dinner in Venice with spectacular views over Venice
Two 4-course meals in the Austrian Alps
Rustic Austrian meal in historic wine tavern in Vienna

Sightseeing and Excursions

Sightseeing with a double-decker 'hop-on-hop-off' bus in Rome or the '3 hour Classic Tour' instead
Sightseeing tours in Florence and Venice
'Changing of the Guards' at Buckingham Palace tour
Excursion from Florence to nearby Pisa to see the leaning tower or priority admission tickets to Uffizi gallery
2-day Venice canal boat pass
Canal boat excursion to Murano and visit to glass blowers
'Roma pass' - free transport for 3 days
Admission into the Colosseum (priority entry ticket), Roman Forum and the Galleria Borghese
Lift ticket to the 'Schlossalm' mountain in Austrian Alps. (Or admission ticket to the Thermal Spa complex)
Use of bicycles in Austrian Alps
'Sound of Music tour' or 'Lakes and Mountain tour'
Transport and admission to Hellbrunn Palace
3-day pass for all transport in Vienna
Priority admission tickets to Palace Schönbrunn in Vienna

Prices River Cruise (excluding land tour)

Prague to Berlin 10 days / 9 nights

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Rome to Prague 13 days/ 12 nights

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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 dining 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 comfortable places to stay at but will be features in themselves and enhance your European experience - the Parisian baroque-style boutique hotel, a lakeside hotel, a renovated 17th 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 - 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 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 at least 2 nights everywhere. Each of us has our own preferred way to explore a city, including 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 cobblestoned 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 or 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 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 absolutely 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.

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