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### EUROPEAN MAGIC

DAYS

This one gives you a taste of Europe's highlights for those tight on time. Think 7 countries, 9 days and a handful of the top hotspots - this is how you tick off Europe's essential travel destinations without hanging around. Visit the cute gable-houses of Amsterdam, indulge in some sausages and steins at a Bavarian beer hall, Glide through the canals of Venice, explore the glory of the Swiss Alps, and see the Eiffel Tower & Arc de Triomphe lit up by night - all in just over a week. Now that's magic.

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## DAY 1

### LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

#### London

Your 7-country, 9-day adventure begins here! You'll meet up with your Contiki crew in London and we'll all board our coach here, ready to set off for European soil.

#### Dover

Shortly before we find our ferry for Europe, we'll be taking in the English coastline beauty of the White Cliffs of Dover. They owe their gorgeousness to their composition of chalk - you're learning and we haven't even left the UK!

#### Calais

Off the ferry we arrive in the port town of Calais - French soil! Next we journey to Amsterdam!

#### Amsterdam

And here we are at our final stop for this evening: Amsterdam! We'll start our exploration of this city with a peek of canals, bicycles & 17th century gable houses lit up by night. Next on the agenda tonight, we have an optional evening cruise along the canals - the perfect way for our travel crew to get to know each other. Afterwards, there's plenty of nightlife to keep you going until the early hours.

#### Meals

Dinner

#### Hotel

Holiday Inn Express Amsterdam North Riverside (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- Marvel at the White Cliffs of Dover

See the iconic chalk-white coastline. So special that it's had songs dedicated to it.

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

##### ***Amsterdam Evening Canal Cruise -***

Floating down the canals by night is the perfect way to see the Amsterdam. Cruise past historic buildings & the eye-opening Red Light District. The cruise gives you a different take on one of Europe's hottest creative capitals!

Adult: 32.00 EUR

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## DAY 2

### AMSTERDAM TO RHINE VALLEY

#### Amsterdam

This morning is your chance to explore Amsterdam. Take a wander down a cobbled canal-lined street, step into a local 'Poffertjes' cafe for Dutch mini pancakes, or check out some of the cute bookshops lining the canal. Then say 'Vaarwel!' because this afternoon we're setting off for our next country, Germany.

#### Rhine Valley

From narrow canals to one sprawling river, with boats gliding to and fro. Welcome to the Rhine Valley, home of premium German wine... in a classic romantic setting. It's a treat for all the senses.

#### Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

#### Hotel

Hotel Montag Sankt Goar (or similar) Twin Rooms

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

##### ***Rhine Valley Wine Tasting -***

In the historic setting of an underground candle-lit cellar, get the low-down on the region's reputation as a leading white wine producer. Try out local wines as you sip on some Riesling & the exclusive ice wine, a speciality of the area.

Adult: 10.00 EUR

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## DAY 3

### RHINE VALLEY TO MUNICH

#### Rhine Valley

Saying goodbye to the Rhine Valley, we'll head on to Munich – where lederhosen, dirndls, steins of beer and gingerbread-style buildings await.

#### Munich

"Prost!". Here in the home of Oktoberfest we'll take a locally guided tour of the city, and amuse ourselves watching the antics of mechanical figurines in the city's famous Glockenspiel. Making the most of our time in Munich this evening, we'll get introduced to 800 years of history at a traditional Bavarian beer hall.

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Hotel

Holiday Inn Express Munich City West (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- Get to know Munich

This guided walking tour will take you around all the highlights of this Bavarian city, including Marienplatz and Rathaus Glockenspiel.

- Clink your steins at a beer hall

We'll make a stop at a traditional Bavarian 'Bier Halle'. Grab your Contiki crew and a beer. Prost!

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## DAY 4

### MUNICH TO VENICE

#### Munich

'Auf Wiedersehen' Munich, we're off to tick more countries off our list. This morning we'll climb aboard our coach ready for a scenic roll through the Bavarian Alps, past fairytale castles and rambling vineyards, en route to Austria.

#### Innsbruck

Drive through Austria without getting out to say hello? Never! We'll pull into Innsbruck for lunch, a laid-back student city made famous by a medieval old town, an old Olympic Ski Jump & a Royal Palace.

#### Venice

Ah, Venice! Fresh pasta, lilting accents & romantic architecture - we've arrived in one of Italy's most famous cities. Tonight we'll relax here, knowing we have all day tomorrow to cruise canals & explore picturesque cobbled streets.

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Hotel

Hotel Ambra Quarto Daltino (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- Get to know Innsbruck

Snow-capped peaks. Pristine air. Chocolate-box buildings. Innsbruck is the answer to all of your Alpine travel wishes.

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

##### ***Austria at Altitude -***

The mountain at the heart of Innsbruck. The Nordkette is part of Austria's largest nature park, the Karwendel Nature Park. The breathtaking 360° view leaves a lasting impression, with the capital of the Alps on one side and Tyrol's most extensive conservation area on the other. The Seegrube, at an altitude of 6,250 ft invites visitors and locals alike to relax, unwind and take in nature at its very best.

Adult: 34.00 EUR

##### ***Gooses T-Shirts -***

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Feeling creative? Make up a one-off design for a trip t-shirt with your group. They're perfect for keeping your travel memories fresh when you're back home.

Adult: 23.00 EUR

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## DAY 5

### VENICE

#### Venice

Buongiorno! Venice is ours for a full and glorious Italian day. We'll start exploring The Floating City by jumping aboard our own private motoscafo boat and cruising the canals en route to the historical heart of the city. Next, you have the chance to discover hidden Venice with a guided walking tour, take a traditional gondola ride, or just explore these cobbled streets on your own. Tonight, you can choose to sign up for an authentic Venetian 3-course feast.

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Hotel

Hotel Ambra Quarto Daltino (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- Cruise on a Motoscafo to Venice

Speed across the lagoon to the aqueous island of Venice. Get total James Bond vibes.

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

##### ***Gondolas -***

Sit back & watch the city open up from the canals in a gondola. From magnificent palazzi looming in the distance to the locals' laundry strung across the backwaters, Venice's charm gets you at every turn.

Adult: 27.00 EUR

##### ***Hidden Venice & Aperitivo -***

Get an in-depth look into Venice as you walk through the lanes & squares of the city's historic heart. Our Local Guide will show you the monuments & reveal the hidden secrets of the floating city before finishing with a drink & some cicchetti (Venetian style tapas) in true Venetian fashion.

Adult: 19.00 EUR

##### ***Venetian Dinner -***

Feast on some authentic Venetian food in a busy local eatery. Start your culinary journey with traditional antipasto before moving on to a huge variety of regional specialties. Sweeten the



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experience with something a little 'dolce' for dessert.

Adult: 43.00 EUR

## ***How to be a Gondolieri (MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience) -***

Learn the history & skills of one of Venice's most iconic professions with a gondolier training. During this unique experience discover the ancient history of gondoliering & learn the basics of manoeuvring the traditional wooden boats. Under the watchful eye of your professional gondolier instructor, practice standing up & paddling on a training 'gondoleto' through some of Venice's less-trafficked canals & out into the open Venetian Lagoon.

Adult: 40.00 EUR

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## DAY 6

### VENICE TO LUCERNE

#### Venice

With a few days left, it's time to say 'ciao' to our time in Venice. We'll never forget you, city of canals and beauty, but Switzerland is calling us. Back on our coach we'll pass Lake Como as we cruise out of Italy and head onwards and upwards toward the Swiss Alps.

#### Lucerne

With magical views unfolding outside our windows we'll find ourselves in Switzerland, pulling up in the fairytale town of Lucerne, famous for its wooden bridges, cobbled lanes and beautiful setting against the lake it's named after. Here we'll visit the wooden chapel bridge and lion monument, then you'll have the chance to take an optional lake cruise tonight, giving yourself a better look at the epic Swiss Alps reflected off the water. Our other recommendation for tonight? Swiss chocolate.

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Hotel

Ibis Budget Luzern City (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- See Cultural Gems in Lucerne

Check out the Wooden Chapel Bridge and the giant sandstone Lion Monument

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

##### ***Lucerne Lake Cruise -***

From the waters of Lake Lucerne, your jaw will drop at the endless panoramas. Take in the typically Swiss scenes – green pastures spotted with chalets & bell-wearing cows – surrounded by beautiful mountains.

Adult: 27.00 EUR

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## DAY 7

### LUCERNE TO PARIS

#### Lucerne

It's been sweet, but our time in Lucerne is up this morning. We're Paris-bound! Out with the altitude, in with the inner-city Parisian bliss. We'll jump back onto our coach to cross the border out of Switzerland and (back) into France.

#### Paris

After coasting through the pretty wine producing region of Burgundy, we'll arrive in the City of Lights. Lamp-lit bridges, a sparkling Eiffel Tower, & evening coffee haunts, this evening we'll fall in love with everything Paris on a dreamy night-time tour. Is it just us, or is love in the air? Once we've seen the most famous landmarks, we'll celebrate our first night in the city by heading up the Montparnasse Tower for the best panoramic views of the city.

#### Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

#### Hotel

Ibis Paris Porte D'Orleans Hotel (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- Take a Tour of Paris

Take a dreamy jaunt around the city of romance. Fall in love with landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Champs Élysées and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

- Enjoy the view from the Montparnasse Tower

Climb to the 56th floor of the Montparnasse Tower for an unbeatable vista of the 'City of Light'.

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## DAY 8

### PARIS

#### Paris

There's plenty of time to lust over designer haute couture or French vintage stores, admire the Notre Dame Cathedral, order coffee and crêpes, or get artsy at the many museums of the Louvre. Just don't wear yourself out, because tonight's your chance to get involved with VIP seats and dinner at the iconic Moulin Rouge cabaret show. With your last night looming, this is the perfect way to make it one to remember. Get ready to go out with a bang!

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Hotel

Ibis Paris Porte D'Orleans Hotel (or similar)

#### Included Experiences

- Visit a French perfumery

Your chance to learn the art of fragrance at a Parisian perfume house. You know it makes scents! (soz).

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

##### ***Moulin Rouge Dinner & Show -***

Dress up for a special night out at the world-famous cabaret, the Moulin Rouge. The exciting atmosphere of the evening show is the perfect way to toast your travels with the group over a three-course French meal. From your lamp-lit table, watch a succession of can-can girls, acrobats, comedians, feathers & sequins whirl by as you sip champagne.

Adult: 190.00 EUR

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## DAY 9

### PARIS TO LONDON

#### Paris

Rise, shine, and soak up your last dose of Paris this morning over a coffee and croissant together, as we marvel at how much we've seen on this magical journey. It may be over for now, but these friendships and memories will last a lifetime. Our last coach ride together will be a complimentary transfer to CDG airport this morning, or you can stay onboard for the full ride back to London. Plenty of time to start planning the next reunion...

#### Calais

#### Dover

#### London

What an adventure! Say a fond farewell to the group as you wrap up the trip on arrival in London.

#### Meals

Breakfast