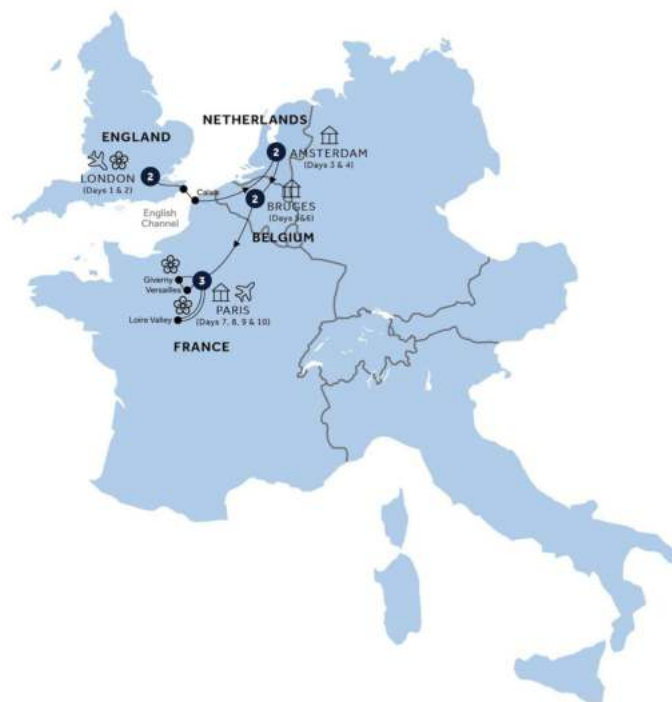



# INSIGHT VACATIONS


## *European Affair & The Chelsea Flower Show*








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Central  
Hotels + Nights
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Visited
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Trip Option
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Cruise
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Train
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Join/Leave Options
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Included Flights
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UNESCO  
Heritage Site

### Day 1 | Arrive London



On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore London. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a welcome drink and trip briefing before enjoying a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Thistle Marble Arch, London

### Day 2 | Chelsea Flower Show

Enjoy a full day to experience the famous Chelsea Flower Show – the ‘mecca’ of all garden shows. A transfer in the morning takes you to the famous show! The Chelsea Flower Show will bring together the very best show gardens, flowers, and gardening from around the world. You will see magnificent floral displays, model gardens, English garden tools and a host of garden structures and artefacts. This afternoon a transfer back to your hotel is provided.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Thistle Marble Arch, London

### Day 3 | London to Amsterdam



Departing London, we travel through the lush green Kent countryside to board our ferry in Dover, watching the impressive White Cliffs disappear into the distance as we cross to France. Our journey today ends in the Dutch capital of Amsterdam.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Apollo, Amsterdam



#### Day 4 | Monnickendam



Journey through the polder landscape to visit Monnickendam. Along the way, visit a rustic cheese workshop to learn the secrets of the dairy industry and witness the ancient art of clog making. The best way to see this remarkable city is from the water as you cruise through the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries, their facades reflect when trade flourished during Amsterdam's Golden Age. Relax as you pass stunning gables, beautiful churches and the iconic Magere Brug, better known as the Skinny Bridge, with a delicious meal onboard.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Apollo, Amsterdam

#### Day 5 | Aalsmeer and Bruges



Experience the excitement at the very epicentre of the international flower trade! Each day, over 19 million flowers are sold at 'Bloemenveiling Aalsmeer', the world's largest flower auction. Witness all the action from a specially designed viewing gallery as traders bid against the clock for a mind-blowing assortment of blooms. A unique experience you'll remember forever!

Meet your Local Expert from Bruges for a stroll along cobbled streets, lined with high-gabled houses from the 16th century. Visit the Market Square dominated by the 83-meter medieval bell tower, The Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel, followed by a relaxing canal cruise before finishing the day off at the local restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu Bruges / NH Collection Ghent

#### Day 6 | Bruges at Leisure



With your free day perhaps explore magical Bruges by Horse and Carriage? Don't forget to try some of the tempting chocolates or beers for which Belgium is renowned.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu Bruges / NH Collection Ghent

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Magical Bruges by Horse and Carriage*** - What could be more magical than a horse and carriage ride by the colourful canals and squares of the 'Venice of the North'? See the Lake of Love with its gliding swans, the ornate bridges, the steep gabled houses reflected in the canals, the bells of the carillon chiming – all of which conjure up a fascinating dream-like atmosphere. Photo stops included, of course.

Adult: 51.00 EUR

### Day 7 | Monets Giverny



Visit the house and famous gardens of the Impressionist painter Claude Monet. His passion was his garden, which is kept alive in the same tradition and is home to famous ponds with water lilies. You have time to explore the gardens before departing for Paris, the City of Light.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***La Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner*** - La Nouvelle Eve has been spotlighted by 'Emily in Paris' and has hosted events for high-fashion icons like Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin and Vivienne Westwood. An icon of Parisian elegance for 125 years, this chic revue theatre is your ticket to an unforgettable night. An à la carte meal and dazzling cabaret will bring the French can-can to life before your eyes. Performances run from April 20 to October 26.

Adult: 165.00 EUR

### Day 8 | Loire Valley Excursion



The stunning Loire Valley is world-famous for its magnificent Chateaux, as well as beautiful landscapes and delicious wine. Visit two of the most famous Chateaux and be transported back in time as you explore them and their gardens. Chenonceau Castle, known as the 'Ladies' Chateau' it perfectly embodies the elegance of 16th century design in the Loire Valley. Chateau de Chambord, an awe-inspiring Renaissance chateau inspired by Leonardo de Vinci. As evening descends, the City of Light lives up to its name as the monuments, buildings are lit up in all their glory. For that special touch of excitement and glamour don't miss the chance to join an Optional Experience to one of the world-famous cabaret shows.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

## Day 9 | Versailles and Paris



Visit the Château de Versailles, one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th-century French art. This former royal residence is world-renowned for its architecture, grandeur, and extravagant gardens.

With a Local Expert, explore the iconic sights and streets of Paris. See famous landmarks including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and the facades of the Louvre. Stroll the banks of the River Seine, admire romantic bridges, and enjoy a drive along the Champs Elysée's to the Arc de Triomphe.

You are in for a memorable evening starting with a delicious Celebration Dinner serving delicious French cuisine and wine. Perhaps this evening experience a Seine Cruise and Illuminations tour?

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Seine Cruise and Parisian Icons*** - Take in the city with a cruise along the Seine. Passing under historic bridges whilst discovering the charm of Île de la Cité and Île Saint-Louis, two of the river's famous islands. Then, journey through the heart of the city to admire celebrated landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, a memorial to those who died in the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars.  
Adult: 50.00 EUR

## Day 10 | Farewell Paris

Your memorable journey comes to an end as you bid your Travel Director farewell. Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08.00 and 11.00.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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